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Wartburg College in Waverly, IA awarded diplomas to 267 students during spring commencement on Sunday, May 28. The following area students received diplomas: Katie Sauerbrei, of Fairbank, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration.

Colin Schrader, of Fairbank, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in exercise science.

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Wapsie Valley 2023-24 School Year Set To Kick OFF On August 23



We are excited to be starting a new school year at Wapsie Valley in a few weeks! Last year was an extremely successful year with activities and academics and we look to continue to improve in the 23-24 school year.

LETRS

One of the ways we will look to improve our academics in Pk-6th grades is through a new initiative called LETRS. LETRS stands for Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling. LETRS is a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling, and related language skills. It provides educators with in-depth knowledge and tools that they can use with any reading program. LETRS professional learning is accredited by the International Dyslexia Association, and aligns with their Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. This program will help all of our teachers to better understand the issues children encounter with reading and how to help them through those issues.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Another research-based initiative that all staff have been doing for several years at Wapsie Valley

is called Professional Learning Communities, or PLC. A professional learning community is an organizational structure by design that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students. The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices are monitored through the PLC design to ensure teacher effectiveness and most importantly student learning.

Leader in Me (LIM)

Finally, Leader in Me is an evidence-based, social emotional learning process that helps schools proactively design a culture that reflects their vision of their ideal school. It also empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

As you can see, our staff and students will be working very hard, as they always do, to help the students of Wapsie Valley gain the necessary skills to be successful adults when they enter the workplace, college, or an apprenticeship.

Those families who have students that attend one of our schools should expect to see some upcoming emails with information in regards to the upcoming school year in the next few weeks. We are looking forward to another great year at WV! Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

Chris Hoover
Wapsie Valley Superintendent

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, August 23, 2023** - First Day for K – 12 Students, 1:18 PM Early Dismissal
- Thursday, August 24, 2023** - 1:18 PM Early Dismissal
- Thursday, September 1, 2023** - Preschool Students First Day
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023** - No Students - Big Wednesday PD for Teachers

Introducing new Elementary Principal

My name is Holly Myers and I am looking forward to serving Wapsie Valley and Fairbank Elementary as the Pk-6 Principal. I graduated from Sumner High School, went to Coe College for my Bachelors Degree and continued my education at Kaplan University where I received my Masters in Education. I received my Administrative license through the Iowa Principal Leadership Academy in 2019. I have 7 years of teaching experience-3 at Center Point-Urbana and 4 at Sumner-Fredericksburg, ranging from K-12. I have spent my last 4 years at Sumner-Fredericksburg doing instructional coaching, professional development and testing coordination, and curriculum coordination. I am very excited to join the Warrior family!

My husband and I live in Sumner, and have 3 children. My husband currently serves the Sumner-Fredericksburg School district as the Transportation Director. We keep busy doing numerous sports, 4-H, scouts, home improvements, camping, fishing, hunting and shooting sports. dreaming of living



on an acreage, and spending time with our friends and extended

families.

I look forward to meeting the students, staff and families of Fairbank Elementary and Wapsie Valley and look forward to seeing each and every student grow to their potential! I am also eager to make a positive impact on anyone whom I meet whether it be in the school, community or within the district.

Back to school night is set for August 22nd from 5-6 pm. Stop up and say hi!





Wasn't it Yesterday?

by J.D. Francis

Sticks and stones will break your bones, but words will never hurt me.

I learned that old saying young, and it was likely through ill measures, I'm sure, but I'm struggling to believe that saying is true.

If you consider the fact that broken bones will eventually mend but angry words spoken in haste, could very well hurt for a lifetime. I may be diving into the deep end here, but as I think about it, it's hard to find anything as powerful, or carry as much weight, as something as simple as the spoken word.

The words you say may be meaningless to you but could very well stay with someone for a lifetime, whether in a positive or negative way.

There are words to alter reality, words to give praise, or words to mourn a lost loved one. Words in a court-

room will set an innocent man free or convict a guilty man to prison. If not for colorful words, how else for a blind person to see the beautiful butterfly, raising its wings in the palm of a sure and steady hand.

Words can mean the world to someone, like, "will you marry me?" They can also mean despair, "I'd like a divorce." How about the young man who fell madly, and passionately in love with someone, and hears the sweetest words he never wants to hear, "can't we just be friends?" That kind of answer reminds me of a saying he might be feeling, "though his voice was silent, his heart had a thousand tongues." I imagine his tongues were speechless.

The written word can be a subliminal map to a hidden treasure. The buried treasure, nothing more than a dream within, that may never come true. Words can

form songs, prayers, poems, and promises. There are words of faith, compromise, love, hate, and inspiration. Words can scar, and words can heal. There are words of the past and words of tomorrow. There are words to suppress, words to regain, words to push and words to pull.

Tonight, as I write these words on Christmas eve, I find myself reaching. I wish I could find the words to explain, that of all the words we have ever spoken, or all that we've ever heard, none equate to the power of just one single word. An unspoken word, that not one living soul has ever heard or witnessed. That one word, so absolute, so transcendent, and so divine, is the Word of God. You need only believe in Him, and you shall have everlasting life. On that you can believe and depend, for, as the creator of all, He gave us His Word.

Wapsie Valley's Ladeburg, Schoer named all-district

By GIDAL KAISER

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Both expect to do better.

For now, they're also happy with what transpired.

Wapsie Valley junior all-everything Tucker Ladeburg and junior outfielder Jacob Schoer were named to the Class 1A Northeast District first and second team, respectively, at their positions by Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Ladeburg, who played four positions this season — pitcher, catcher, third base and first base — was named to the first team. Schoer, who also spent time behind the plate as a catcher, was named to the second team after being a first-teamer last season.

The pair helped Wapsie Valley (24-7) win 20-plus games for the first and reach the district championship game for the first time since that 2019 season.

"It's great. Great for them," head coach Tom Joecken said. "They both deserve it, a lot. And Tucker is now eligible for an All-State selection, which is great for him."

Schoer batted .363 (45 for 124) with 42 runs, 27 RBI, 16 steals and 12 walks.

"Second team all-district is a great accomplishment," Schoer said. "I had my eyes on bigger goals, but I am still proud of my performance in my junior season. My teammates, coaches, parents, and Jesus are the reason I get to enjoy doing the thing I love the most."

Ladeburg was a first-time honoree. He went 7-4 with a 1.90 earned-run average, a 1.41 WHIP (walks/hits per innings pitched) and 75 strikeouts in 51 2/3 innings.

"That meant a lot to me," he said of the selection. "Just felt good ... it means I improved a lot, and I hope it leads to getting an All-State honor. And it pushed me to go all-out next year, keep improving this offseason going into my senior year."

He also led the North Iowa Cedar League East in league in batting average (.437), hits (52), and runs batted in (30).

The pair were two of three to be named Northeast Iowa Cedar League East first teamers, along with senior Justus Kelley.

He tied with Ladeburg for team and NICL East leader



in hits and was second in conference for batting average (.409). He scored 35 runs, drove in 23, walked 21 times and stole 15 bases.

"I can't thank my coaches and teammates enough for pushing me for my final year," Kelley said. "I'm proud to say that my last year of baseball was the greatest of my career. All-conference was a cherry on top of the sundae of a fantastic year and career for myself."

Blake Hesse (third base) and Jaxson Kuhlmann (utility) were named second-team all conference; Kuhlmann had 39 hits while Kuhlmann and Hesse drove in 29 and 27 RBI, respectively.

Bryar Bellis was named to the second team as a pitcher. He was 2-0 with a 1.72 ERA.



Wapsie Valley's Matthias ends career as all-state, all-district

By GIDAL KAISER

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Sydney Matthias couldn't believe her eyes.

"NO WAY," she texted back. "I'm in physical shock."

Matthias just won the Market swine show at the ? County Fair on Wednesday. Then the Wapsie Valley graduate found out she was selected to the Iowa Girls Softball Coaches Association's Class 2A All-State second team.

"I literally JUST saw that sitting here watching her win," her mother, Mis-

cha, texted.

She was also selected first-team 2A Northeast District after hitting .379 (36 for 95) with 33 runs batted in, 17 runs scored, 13 walks, nine doubles and a triple. She stole four bases.

Matthias' production, along with her teammates, helped the Warriors' complete a history-making season. It closed with 22 wins, a home playoff victory and Matthias' postseason accolades.

She was also named to the North Iowa Cedar League East first team, while pitcher Taylor Buhr and out-

fielder Hailey Wehling were selected to the second team.

Buhr was 10-5 with two saves and a 2.06 earned-run average in 95 innings. She struck out 78. She also batted a team-best .414 (41 for 99) with 36 RBI, 31 runs and 20 steals.

Wehling batted .303 (27 for 89) with 15 runs, 12 RBI, 11 walks and nine doubles.

Anna Curley was selected honorable mention as a pitcher for the second straight season. She was 10-5 with a 2.06 ERA in 91 2/3 innings. She struck out 122.



A Favorite Place to 'Ramble'

By Betty Brandt Passick,
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(I recently posted an invitation on the "I Grew up in Fairbank, Iowa" Facebook group page, asking people from the Fairbank area to write a few paragraphs about a favorite place they like to ramble. Anyone wishing to contribute, please send your submission to the above email address.)

Linda Lehmkuhl Kastner (WVHS, 1962)

I worked at Springbrook State Park located north of Guthrie Center in Guthrie County near my home for 16 years. Since I've retired, I still enjoy rambling at the park that largely encompasses 930 acres of rolling hills and timber.

There is a nice trail around the 17-acre lake that is always in bloom, spring to fall, with wildflowers. The deer in the park have grown used to humans, and I spot them often. Even in winter, birds are easy to spot in the treetops.

Other well-maintained trails also exist in other areas; plus, a beach shelter house, and an original Civilian Conservation Corps shelter, built in the 1930s, where my friends and I gather every few weeks for a picnic get-together.

I do some volunteer work at Springbrook when I'm not rambling the trails.

Before I was employed at the park, I was a lifeguard at the lake for two summers and a summer park aide for three summers. It has a special place in my heart—I've spent so much of my life there!

The photo was taken in 2020 at the 'First Day Hike' when the Iowa's state park system, founded in 1917, celebrated its 100th anniversary. (The park's birthday party was delayed due to covid-19.) The hike is held every year on January 1st.

I hope everyone has a place to ramble as lovely as mine!

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*We may live without friends;
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This first recipe is delicious, low-carb, and a one pan recipe. It doesn't get much better than that. It's also budget friendly – cabbage is cheap, and you'll probably have leftovers.

Egg Roll In a Bowl

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| 1 lb. ground country sausage | 1 tsp. rice vinegar |
| ½ head cabbage, shredded | 5 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1 c. shredded carrots | 1 tsp. ginger |
| 1 tsp. sesame seed oil | Sliced green onion |
| ½ c. soy sauce (low sodium) | Sesame seeds (optional) |



In a skillet, brown the sausage. Meanwhile, combine sesame seed oil, rice vinegar, garlic, soy sauce and ginger in a small bowl and set aside. Add the cabbage and carrot to the skillet and toss to combine. Stir in the soy sauce mixture. Cover and cook until the vegetable are soft, about 15 minutes. Garnish with green onion and sesame seeds.

Best Ham Sliders



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| 2 pkgs. Sweet Hawaiian Rolls | 1 tsp. garlic powder |
| 1 ½ lb. shaved ham | 1 tsp. onion powder |
| 12 slices Swiss cheese | 1 tsp. poppy seeds |
| 1 stick real butter | |
| 2 tps. Worcester sauce | |

You will need two 9x13 pans. Separate the rolls and place the bottoms of 12 rolls in each pan. Place ham (2 shaved slices or so) on the rolls. Fold ham to fit. Cut the cheese slices into 4 parts and place 2 small pieces on each sandwich. Put the dinner roll tops on. In a sauce pan, mix butter, Worcester, onion powder, garlic powder and poppy seeds. Heat on low until all butter is melted and then brush the melted mixture over the ham sandwiches. Cover with foil and let sit in fridge for 1 hour or over night. Preheat oven to 375 and bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve. They are great hot and even at room temperature. Great for parties. Enjoy!

Simple Cherry Cheesecake

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| 1 – 8 oz. Cream Cheese (room temperature) | 1 – 8 oz. Cool Whip (thawed) |
| ½ cup sugar | 1 can cherry pie filling |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 1 graham cracker pie crust |
| | 1 tsp. Almond extract |



Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until sugar is dissolved. Add Cool Whip. Spoon cream cheese mixture into a graham cracker pie crust. Add almond extract to pie filling and pour over cream cheese mixture. Chill until ready to serve.

We need recipes to publish. If you would like to share your favorite recipes, you can drop them off at the Fairbank Library or email them to: Fairbankislander@gmail.com



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“Ahh...it’s fair time!”

By Betty Brandt Passick,
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I have found during my thirteen years as an author that many residents rarely grace the door of their local library or bookstore. Even fewer after the covid-19 pandemic. People’s habits have changed.

For this reason, I dedicated much of summer 2023 to attending county fairs and festivals. To meet people where they are.

If you stopped by my booth at the Buchanan County Fair on July 5-9 at the fairgrounds in Independence – thank you.

Elizabeth Rawson, fair coordinator, directed me to my booth in the air-conditioned 4-H project building. I was surrounded by 4-H projects, from raising rabbits, goats, and cattle, refurbishing a snowplow engine, garment-making, food and nutrition, photography to genealogy.

It wasn’t long before droves of youth – a few clad in cowboy boots, denim jeans and a wide belt with oversized buckle, and long-sleeved white shirt (apparently, showing an animal that day) – and their families, neighbors, and friends meandered through the building. They came to check out hundreds of 4-H projects, plus usually there was a long line at the booth selling freeze dried candy.

One attractive, poised young lady wearing jeans, a t-shirt, and tiara introduced herself as the 2023 Buchanan County fair queen, Addison Gericke. At the coronation she was awarded a \$500 scholarship, and in the coming year will represent Buchanan County at the Iowa State Fair in August as well as other area events promoting the county and agriculture, she said. She will represent the county well, I’m certain.

After only a few hours had passed, a memory of the years I was in 4-H surfaced. Initially, as a young girl I wondered ‘why’ I needed to be in 4-H. Why invest the time in going to monthly meetings, generating projects for the fair, etc.?



Now an adult, the confidence displayed by Buchanan County 4-H’ers was palpable. Head, heart, hands, and health are the core of the 4-H organization – a combination that develops citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and life skills in youth.

During lulls in the foot traffic, I walked around to examine the dozen or so 4-H club displays, glimpsing surnames of individuals that I recognized; many more were new to me. Astonishingly, one group (sorry, I didn’t write down the name of the club) had almost all purple ribbons, meaning excellent quality; outstanding in all respects and needs no improvement.

I spoke with myriad older adults who said they had supported this fair their whole lives, though it had dwindled significantly from what it was twenty years ago. The size of the fair correlates with the number of family-owned farms. But it’s still a good fair.

The bulk of those who passed by my booth – well, we met for the first time, and they learned about my historical crime novels set in northeast Iowa, which had its share of

gangsterism. These stories were inspired by factual events. *Gangster in Our Midst* (2017) focuses largely on Fairbank, Oelwein, and Independence. *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* (2021) begins in Delhi, moves to Strawberry Point, then to Fairbank.

Knowing the history of Iowa’s people and places is just as important as learning life skills.

A few relatives, former classmates, old friends, and neighbors looked me up at the fair, too. I always appreciate seeing familiar faces in the crowd and the opportunity to catch up. (You know who you are – thank you.)

Unfortunately, I missed the bulk of activities happening beyond the walls of the 4-H building. They began early every morning: 4-H & FFA shows and judging, pie bake-off & auction, and garden and flower show.

Special events throughout the day included aerial and acrobatics thrill shows, wood carvings, and carnival midway.

The grandstand events were just beginning by the time I was leaving the fairgrounds every evening: auto races, demolition derby, and live concerts. Each was a hit from everything I heard the next day.

Congratulations to the 2023 Buchanan County Fair Board for putting on a successful, entertaining fair.

A special shout-out to my husband Clay who snapped a photo of me. He manned the booth from time to time so I could take in goat judging (two nephews used to show goats) and walk through the cattle barn and midway – all of which were exceptionally clean and sanitary. Plus, I enjoyed my share of fair food.

I came away feeling I’d connected with my Iowa roots, and with people, young and old, from every walk of life.

Unfortunately, the following weekend I had to cancel my appearance at the Delaware County Fair. Delhi Daze on July 29th was another fun event (my second year). Next stop: the Clayton County Fair August 3-6 in Garnaville. The remainder of August I’ll attend Minnesota events.

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by J.D. Francis

A BIG WIG

A big wig is considered an important person in a particular place, business, or sphere. In the 18th Century, the most important political figures would wear the biggest, highest wigs. This is the reason influential people are called “Big Wigs” today. Personally, I too, will become a ‘big wig’ sooner than later. Not because I am important or influential, but because I am on a steady pace of going bald. If I lose too much more hair, you’ll be able to see what I’m thinking.

RAINING CATS AND DOGS

Raining cats and dogs means to rain very hard. Its meaning was derived from 16th Century England. In those days, houses had thatched roofs. In order to keep warm and comfortable, cats and dogs would lay on the roofs. In the event of a heavy storm, the roofs would become very slippery. Eventually, the cats and dogs would slide off, creating the illusion it was raining cats and dogs.

I can easily relate to this happening. Sometimes in the early morning hours, after a night of partying, I wake up to watch it raining Budweiser Clydesdales.

DON'T LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH

This is a saying about looking for, or finding fault in a gift. When buying a horse, the horse’s age and condition can be determined by its teeth. After examining its teeth, you then decide if you want to purchase the horse or not. This is the reason why people say “don’t look a gift horse in the mouth,” or, in other words, don’t look for flaws in a gift.

Now, you see, I have nipped that problem in the bud, (hmm, possibly another saying here.) Myself, I accept S and H green stamps, Gold Bond Stamps, or the preferred gift, cash on the drumhead! Just leave the horse out of this!

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The Every Child Plays Committee recently served lunch in Jesup on July 20th. It was a huge success with all of the food donated and 100% of the profits from the meals going to our Playground at Fairbank Elementary. We raised \$1145 to donate from all the lunches served.

We have so many wonderful people to thank. Our servers: Ms. Kempf, Mrs. James, Mrs. Stessman, Mrs. Foelske, Alexis & Madilynn Rausch, and Steve and Donna Neverman.

All of our wonderful donors:
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Katie & Austin Foelske (Chips)
Jessica & Chad Brown (Chips)
Jessie Studebaker (Condiments & Cash for Salads)
Angie James (Cash to participate in this lunch)

And thank you so much to the people of Jesup for stopping in for lunch but especially all of our wonderful families from Fairbank who made the drive over to support us today. We loved seeing each of you and wish we had time to talk to each one of you!!



BUS TRIP!

Come, join us on a 1 day bus trip Tuesday September 12th to the "Shrine of the Grotto of the redemption" in West Bend along with a stop to Camp Algona POW museum featuring a life size nativity.

Bus leaving at IC Hall in Fairbank 8:00 AM and will return by 8:00 PM.
Cost is \$87.00 per person.
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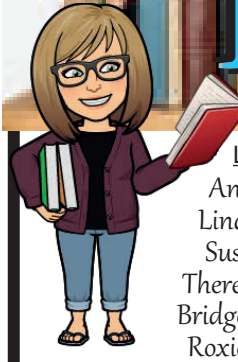
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STORY HOUR



Wednesday Mornings

Aug. 5th:
 Creature Feature @ Library
10:00am

Aug. 19th:
 Story Hour @ Library
10:00am

Teachers, Parents & Students
 We are working on getting organized for the upcoming school year! If there are books that you are interested in, please let us know and we will check into it!



On Wednesday, July 12th from 9-3, we held a
CANDY MAKING DAY CAMP
 presented by the Iowa State Extension Office.
 Children got to learn how to make many different types of sweets to take home!



GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT

We are excited to announce that we renewed the Grout Museum Pass!

This will allow you to visit the Grout Museum attraction and will allow you free entry for you and your family.
 Please contact or stop by the Library to check it out!
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In Loving Memory

Barb Gipper
 The Heart's Choice
 from Mary Ann & Ralph Blessing
 The Planet We Call Home
from Randy, Jodi & Carson Woods
 Wherever You Are .
from Doyle & Rachel Pettit
 Dear Earth
 from Ed & Sue Gipper

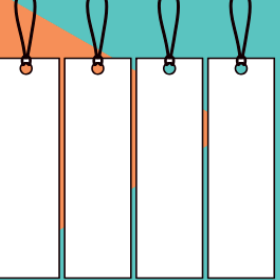
Roger Seehase
 Weapons of Opportunity
 from Gary Fink

We are enjoying having animals this Summer at the Library!

We currently have a turtle named Franklin! He will be staying with us during the Month of July. August we will get a new creature!



BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST




Lily Wierck is showing the airplane that she made!

Summer Reading Program
 for July 20, 2023

NOW THRU AUGUST 15TH

Design a Bookmark and Enter Our Contest!

The winning Bookmarks will be printed and passed out to library patrons! Three winners will be chosen in the following age groups: 5 and under, 6-10, and 11 and up!

We can't wait to see what you come up with!



Fairbank Public Library RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

DES MOINES—The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Fairbank Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Fairbank Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status begins July 1, 2023, and is valid through June 30, 2026.

“The library director, Angela Berg and board of trustees of the Fairbank Public Library and the city of Fairbank are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community,” said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Of Iowa’s 543 public libraries, 414 – including the Fairbank Public Library – are accredited. Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Almost two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research legal information, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library’s Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chair Zachary Stier.

For more information on the State Library’s accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to <https://www.statelibraryofiowa.gov/index.php/libraries/search/accred-stand>.

About the Fairbank Public Library
Mission Statement: The Fairbank Public Library connects people, information, and ideas to promote lifelong learning, literacy development, and community involvement.

The Library Board is made up of the following: Sharon Miracle - President, Paula Farrington, Mariea Schnor, Pam Byersdorfer and Lori Jergens.

About the State Library of Iowa

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Summer is sadly coming to an end and school activities are starting to get rolling. My summer has been filled with working at Balanced Nutrition, helping on the farm, babysitting, and spending time with friends and family. I will be a senior at Wapsie Valley this year. I am participating in cross country this fall and practice will be starting soon. I hope everyone has a great rest of their summer.

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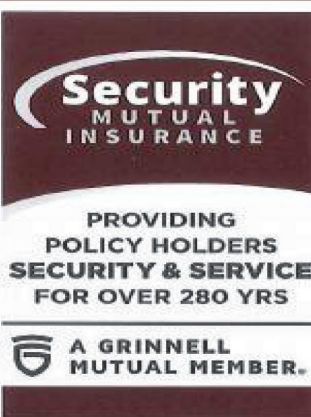
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KERRY LYNN WEGNER

November 21, 1961 - July 5, 2023

Kerry Lynn Wegner passed away after a 2 year battle with cancer at North Kansas City Hospital on July 5, 2023.

He was born November 21, 1961 to Ralph and Bernice Wegner. He lived at and enjoyed working on the family farm near Fair-

bank. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church. Kerry graduated from Wapsie Valley High School with the Class of 1980. He met and married Renee Perez Hanson and had 5 children.

Kerry took pride and enjoyed his work as an electrician and at problem solving to get large machines to work again. In his spare time, he loved hiking, camping, kayaking and playing disc golf. He loved music and sports and playing his guitar.

Several years ago, Kerry moved to Kansas City, MO, to be near his youngest daughter. He loved to spend time with his family and especially his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Rick and Rande and niece Rachelle. Kerry is greatly missed by brothers Dennis and Doyle and his sister Linda and children Justin, Joshua, Jamie, Jeremy, Jessica and 16 special grandchildren.

A Celebration of Kerry's Life will be held at the Main Shelter in Fontana Park, Hazelton, on September 23, noon to 3. This is to honor his love of all outdoor activities as is evidenced by his HUGE collection of hiking equipment.



DAVID TRIMBLE

June 18, 1945 - July 17, 2023

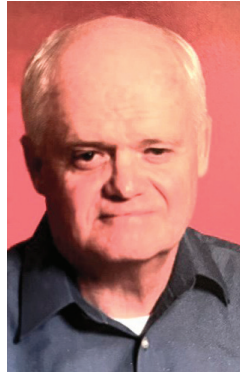
FAIRBANK - David Trimble, 78, of Fairbank passed away Monday July 17, 2023 at MercyOne Medical Center in Waterloo. Memorial Mass was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday July 22, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank with Fr. Ray Atwood officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to River Hills Schools in Cedar Falls, the SADS Foundation or the Iowa Donor Network. The Geilenfeld-Buehner Funeral Home in Oelwein is assisting the family. www.geilenfeld-fh.com.

David Joseph Trimble was born in Oelwein on June 18, 1945 to parents Arvid and Bernice (Michels) Trimble. He graduated from Oelwein High School with the class of 1963. Dave then attended and graduated with his degree in Autobody Repair from the Universal Trade Schools in Omaha, NE with the class of 1964. Dave served his country honorably in the National Guard from 1967-1973. On July 30, 1966 he was united in marriage with Donna Yeager at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Dave was employed with Red's Body Shop in Waterloo. He then owned and operated Trimble's Body Shop and Used Car Sales in Fairbank, as well as the Laundry Basket.

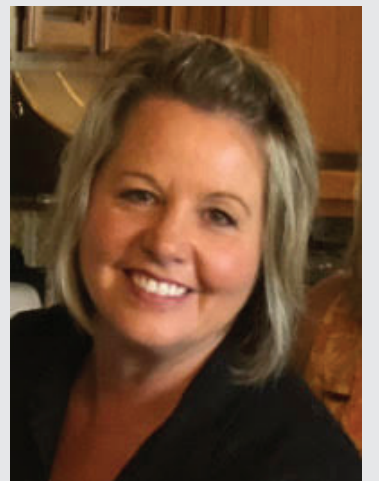
Dave enjoyed spending time with family, camping, classic cars, stock car racing with his son Danny, watching westerns, and cruising around with Donna in their classic truck.

Left to celebrate Dave's life are his wife Donna; his children: Darin Trimble (Annette) of Bennington, Nebraska, Dodi Nissen (Jason) of Fairbank, Danny Trimble (Katie) of Fairbank, and Desiree Trimble of Waterloo; his grandchildren: Addie Nissen of Fairbank, Kaitlin Trimble (Stephen Church) of Waterloo, and Sam Nissen (Natalie Jones) of Fairbank; his sisters-in-law: Glenda Brandt, Dorothy Yeager and Susan Vilmain of Fairbank; and his brother-in-law Gordie Yeager of Fairbank.

He was preceded in death by his parents Arvid and Bernice Trimble; his grandson Jared Trimble (their angel in Heaven); his brothers Richard and Robert Trimble; his mother and father-in-law Glenn and Wilma Yeager; his sisters-in-law: Beatrice Thompson and Carol Wilson; and his brother-in-law Don Brandt.



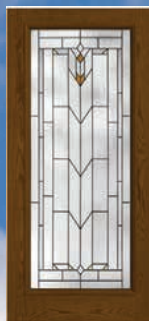
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2023. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Councilman Coffin arrived at 6:01 PM.

Dr. Jeff Nuss and Emily Kriens were both present during the public comment section to inform the council about a concern they have with the sound level of the music being played at the Fairbank Aquatic Center. They live just west of the pool. They mentioned that they thought it was too loud when it came to the lifeguards having to listen for issues with swimmers. Councilman R. Woods stated that he had noticed the music while mowing over by Casey's General Store. Pool Board Members, Heather Hansen and Heather Mangrich, were also in attendance. Heather Hansen explained that as soon as they heard the complaint they went to the pool and adjusted the music. The volume does need to be set at a certain level so that staff can communicate with the swimmers. Jeff Nuss thanked the council for the opportunity to talk and stated that he hoped that a change could be made. The pool board stated that they were going to work on spending more time there.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the minutes of the June 12th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with an update on what they have been doing and future events. Lisa also informed the council that Fairbank received the catalyst grant for the 1897 Café building. She stated that the project was the first ranked project and that everyone was very excited about this renovation. John Welsh has two years to complete the project and all finances for the project will be ran through the city budget. Jill Chemin was also present and was introduced as the new tourism director for Buchanan County.

Two bids were received from the request for proposals on auditor services for FY 2023. Attorney Prendergast opened them during the meeting. Keith Oltroggee out of Denver, Iowa for \$3,200.00 and Hogan and Hansen out of Waterloo, Iowa for \$6,000.00.

R. Woods/Williams to approve Keith Oltroggee to do the services for the FY 2023 required city annual exam. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A listing of end of the year transfers was presented in the form of a resolution. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2023-13 - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

An agreement was written up regarding reimbursing Hunter Robinson for law enforcement equipment costs. He needed to purchase all new equipment since he was not able to use the equipment that he wears for his county job. The city agreed to pay him up to \$1,500.00 to obtain the necessary pieces of equipment in exchange for 1,500 hours worked. Anything less than 1,500 hours worked he would need to reimburse the city. Williams/Coffin to approve Resolution 2023-14 - Resolution Approving the City of

Fairbank Entering into an Agreement with Hunter Robinson for the Reimbursement of Law Enforcement Equipment Costs. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

RTC Communications filled out an application for the use of highway right-of-way to install fiber optics out to the Poet Bioengineering office and it needed council approval. The application was previously reviewed by the city attorney. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the permit from the IA DOT for the right-of-way. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

An outlet was set up for food vendors etc. in Riverside Park in a location that was the most cost effective. Currently the Fairbank American Legion pays for the electricity for the Veteran's Memorial in Riverside Park and a decision needed to be made on how to handle the payment of the electricity being used at that location. The council felt that more information needed to be obtained before there was a decision made. R. Woods/Williams to table the discussion and decision. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Solutions were discussed again on the eliminated burn pile after many complaints about the current allowed operating hours. Currently, the key is allowed to be checked out at City Hall from 9 AM to 5 PM during the week. The council thought about allowing the area to be available for use sometime during the day on Saturdays. Commercial use would still only be allowed for the compost pile and the rule of nothing accepted by residents larger than four inches and longer than six feet would still be in effect. Erickson/Coffin to try opening the yard waste area on Saturdays, while still allowing the key to be checked out during the weekdays. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Coffin/T. Woods to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.	
AERO-MOD, Equipment	\$ 1,864.32
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Membership	\$ 89.50
BLACK HAWK HEALTH DEPARTMENT, License	\$ 150.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services	\$ 1,018.69
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 615.76
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, Supplies	\$ 1,971.40
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Clothing Allowance Reimbursement	\$ 131.42
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Reimbursement	\$ 197.91
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 5,188.92
FEHR GRAHAM, Services	\$ 18,212.75
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 5,066.51
JETCO, INC., Equipment	\$ 6,183.50
JQ CONSTRUCTION LLC, Services	\$ 13,150.00
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Addresses	\$ 20.00
MANATT'S, Supplies	\$ 317.25
MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES LLC, Firefighter Physicals	\$ 3,070.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 84.58
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$ 625.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 140.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/1/23	\$ 10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/15/23	\$ 8.67
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Monthly Pest Control	\$ 140.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$ 45.38
RACOM CORPORATION, Equipment	\$ 4,297.50
LEANNE SIGGELKOV, Annual Rent	\$ 975.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, State Withholding Tax	\$ 2,557.20

U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 4,433.38
U.S. BANK, PEFA Commodity	\$ 1,264.80
VAN WERT, INC, Equipment	\$ 1,310.06
VISA, Supplies	\$ 373.83
WELLMARK, July Premium	\$ 3,976.87
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on June 21, 2023:	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Programming & Membership	\$ 323.34
ANGELA BERG, Mileage	\$ 32.75
FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Postage Cash	\$ 47.53
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 158.44
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 223.45
KANE KLEANING SERVICES, Services	\$ 450.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/15/23	\$ 1.33
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Monthly Pest Control	\$ 45.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$ 460.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 181.08
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$ 120.00

During the department reports, Chief Drish told the council that the police department had continued to enforce the rules in Fairbank regarding the issues with jake breaking and speeding. He listed off some of the most recent citations and stated that Hunter Robinson is set to start patrolling on July 4th. He also stated that Fairbank Days only had a few issues. Brian told the council that City Limit signs were ordered and that the Main Street project was switching to the next phase in the project tomorrow which would be getting rid of the stop lights. The area at the intersection of Grove and 2nd Street would be fixed up by the city employees if the council approved to fix up the area that the contractor did not finish properly. The council agreed to get that done. Nick said that the new autofill sensor at the pool was installed.

T. Woods/Williams to enter into closed session at 7:05 PM pursuant to 21.5 (1)(c) - to discuss strategy with council in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to come out of closed session at 7:10 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Coffin/T. Woods to direct the city clerk to do the recommendation that the attorney suggested under closed session. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to enter into closed session at 7:12 PM pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (j) - to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Coffin to come out of closed session at 7:34 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. There was no action taken by the council after the closed session.

R. Woods/Coffin to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Bill Cowell, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023. Mayor Bill Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Erickson, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Absent: Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Mike Pint was present to discuss a safety issue he had been observing and had previously mentioned to City Hall staff. At the intersection of South Fourth Street and South Street there is a line of trees that blocks the line of vision for someone sitting at the stop sign. Mike encouraged the mayor and council to look at it and mentioned the fact that there will eventually be more traffic there due to upcoming construction work. There were no other comments.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the June 26th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/Williams to table approval of the Treasurer's Report for June 2023 until the next meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2023-15 - Resolution Naming Depositories. Ayes: Three. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None.

John Woods, Ted Vorwald, and Russ Meyers, members of the TIF Committee, were all present to submit a TIF request to the council from Blue Sebetka for the purchase of Don's Truck Sales located in town. Blue is looking to secure funding in July/August of this year and is requesting \$50,000-\$100,000 from the city from TIF. Russ explained the importance of this business being in town and stated that the committee believed that it was in line with other requests from the past. Councilman Coffin arrived at 6:05 PM. It was brought up that the amount assigned to the Main Street project needs to be kept in mind when considering another TIF project. Councilman R. Woods explained that the council had spent the last few years cleaning up the TIF debts to help fund the Main Street Project and hopefully in return keep taxes from going up. Russ reminded the council that projects like this had been approved in the past and Ted explained that as part of the TIF committee all they can do is submit this application for the council to consider. There needs to be more information obtained to find out if TIF dollars could even be an option and this topic can be discussed more at the next meeting on July 24th.

The agreement that was received from Fehr Graham for the professional services needed for the Fourth Street sidewalk project was discussed. Since Attorney Prendergast was not able to attend the meeting, she discussed with the mayor before the meeting how she believed the liability coverage needed to be raised. Mayor Cowell said he would reach out to John Beiederman with Fehr Graham about this issue and see if there are other options. Williams/T. Woods to table approval of the agreement until the next meeting on July 24th. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

During the Main Street project discussions and updates, Brian stated that they were just finishing up the water main work in the new section and

moving on to the storm sewer work. Councilman R. Woods brought up the possibility of putting signage up for the businesses that can be reached by going down the alleys so that people know how to get to them during this construction. Brian stated that he would work on getting some made with arrows and how he thought that Ben would be able to do it.

The Riverside Park electricity decision was tabled at the last council meeting, and it needed to be tabled again. The Fairbank American Legion was having their meeting to discuss the topic later that week and then they would get back to the city after that. Williams/T. Woods to table the Riverside Park Electricity and the Veterans Memorial until the next meeting on July 24th. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/ T. Woods to approve the contract (Plan C) again with Aegion/Corpro for the City's annual water tower maintenance. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.	
ACCESS SYSTEMS, Services	\$ 151.62
ALEX SMITH, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies	\$ 49.20
APPARATUS TESTING SERV. LLC., Testing	\$ 620.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 111.10
ATLANTIC BOTTLING CO., Concessions	\$ 144.37
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, June Pick-Up Fees	\$ 5,830.68
BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Supplies	\$ 326.33
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies	\$ 443.00
BRYCE KLEITSCH, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY, Dispatching Fees	\$ 7,640.50
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 64,930.92
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 2,400.05
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 924.28
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 5,544.54
D & S PORTABLES, INC., Rentals	\$ 380.00
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$ 114.00
DEBORAH WHITACRE, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Reimbursement & Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 128.10
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
ECHO GROUP, INC., Supplies	\$ 348.64
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT, Supplies	\$ 260.71
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$ 67.08
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposits Applied	\$ 600.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Water Supply Fee	\$ 122.24
IAMU, Safety Training	\$ 558.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, FY24 Member Dues	\$ 999.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$ 68.40
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, Supplies	\$ 250.14
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 21,287.86
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 413.60
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$ 480.00

NICK KUKER, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
LUMBER RIDGE HOME SOURCE, Supplies	\$ 105.27
MARTIN BROS. DIST. CO., Concessions	\$ 379.04
MAXWELL KAYSER, Food Safety Reimbursement	\$ 74.00
MEDIACOM, SW Plant Phone Line	\$ 46.62
MICHAEL GRUTZMACHER, Umpire Fee Reimbursement	\$ 600.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$ 657.75
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 1,835.15
MYERS-COX CO., Concessions	\$ 588.40
NSB/HSA - H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 140.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$ 276.16
PRAIRIE ROAD BUILDERS, INC., Supplies	\$ 577.50
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$ 197.50
Q.C. NETWORKS INC., Equipment & Supplies	\$ 1,565.00
RANDY'S LAWN CARE & SNOW, Services	\$ 1,850.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 1,387.50
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB, Concessions	\$ 944.86
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Annual Services	\$ 1,148.75
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Equipment	\$ 96,015.26
SCOTT PHARMACY, Ambulance Supplies	\$ 321.42
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
SIGNS & MORE LLC, Supplies	\$ 608.25
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMP Life Policies	\$ 82.70
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies	\$ 718.50
THOMAS ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, Services	\$ 84.95
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, June Sales Tax	\$ 3,375.47
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, June Water Excise Tax	\$ 1,363.87
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 6,841.67
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies	\$ 478.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$ 142.64
VISA, Avaya Phone System/Email Accounts/Supplies	\$ 578.29
WBC MECHANICAL, Services	\$ 2,169.61
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$ 120.00
WHITE CAP, L/P, Supplies	\$ 17.26
BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$ 225.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$ 67.13
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION, Maintenance	\$ 310.00
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on July 6, 2023:	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies	\$ 65.17
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$ 1,063.50
BIBLIONEX, FY24 Subscription	\$ 880.00
VISA, Avaya Phone System	\$ 40.38

Police Chief Drish stated that Hunter Robinson was completely on board and had been out patrolling for a few shifts already. Brian stated that the electrical reclosures should be finished up withing the next couple of weeks. Nick said that the lift chair at the pool was running again.

Coffin/Erickson to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Bill Cowell, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

WAPSIE VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Wapsie Valley CSD Work Session & Regular Board Meeting Board Minutes July 17, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order @ 5:46 PM.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, Van Daele, & Wolfe. Declared a quorum

B. Administration - Supt. Hoover & Board Secretary Kim Arndt
C. Others Present: Brian Stark, Joshua Sieglaff, & Jonathan La Croix,
D. Virtual: Travis Squires & Vaughn Gross

2. HVAC Updates/Financial-Brian Stark, Joshua Sieglaff, & Jonathan La Croix discussed remaining HVAC projects, main gym/locker room upgrades, pressbox, new track, crowning of football field, well/drainage, & lighting at the elementaries. Discussion was held on completing these projects in phases or completing them all at once. Travis Squires discussed funding options for several scenarios. Will work closely with Travis to get concrete numbers and decide which option will work best for WV.

3. Board Policies - Discussed updated language for Board Policy Series 500 & 700.

4. Adjourned at 6:55 PM.

1. President Wolfecalled the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:55 P.M.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, Van Daele, & Wolfe. Declared a quorum

B. Administration - Supt. Hoover & Board Secretary: Kim Arndt

C. Virtual: Vaughn Gross

2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public Comment: None

4. Consent Items: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Sauerbrei and a transfer from the Interest Activity account to the Yearbook account (\$1,439.57) and Softball (\$29.38) to bring the balances to \$0.00 for fiscal year-end. There were no open enrollments. Motion carried 5-0

5. Communication & Reports: Board: Discussion was held on parents vocalizing negative comments to officials, coaches, & kids at sporting events. Looking at a parent conduct form to be signed for sportsmanship. Superintendent: Report included worksession presentations, softball lighting, BLT meeting, AEA technology, & school events attended.

6. Personnel-Resignations: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the resignations of Chastity Jensen, Para-Professional, & Liz Bergman - JH Basketball as presented and thank them for their service to WV. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the following contracts as presented. Motion carried

5-0 Peyton Parker - 23-24-Assistant Volleyball Coach - Base 1/Year

0-\$2,045, Danny Adams, Andrea Buehler,

Melanie Curley, Justin Davie, Dave Dennler, Wendy Galyean, Ethan Kleitsch, Paula Schares, & Brian Weepie,

Substitute Transportation-\$26.10 per route, \$15.35 per shuttle, \$26.10 per Special Education route, and \$15.54 per hour activity, Amanda Bonjour-

23-24 District Librarian - 20 Days - \$4,964-MA+15/1, Jenny Maynard- JH/HS

Custodian - \$16.21 P/H, & Serie Welcher- JH/HS Head Cook - \$12.35 P/H

7. New Business: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve Board Policy Series 500 (Students) & 700 (Non Instructional Operations & Business Services) with updated changes including negative lunch balance of \$-100 and waiving the second reading as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the 23-24 Memorandum of Understanding between WV &

Grumpy's Event Center for CAPS as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the quote from Musco Sports/KCL Engineering (\$246,675) for the implementation of Softball lights as presented. Motion carried 5-0

8. Board Talking Points - None

9. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to adjourn at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried 5-0



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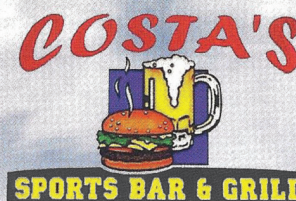


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