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Guided bus tour on Sept. 18



Join us on Thursday, September 18, for a guided bus tour. The itinerary includes visits to Saint Peter and Paul Church in Petersburg, the Cathedral of Raphael in Dubuque, lunch at Breitbach's in Balltown, and Promised Land Winery in Millville. All this is

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Wapsie Valley kicks off a new school year

August 25, 2025, It was the first day of school, and the weather couldn't have been more perfect—75 degrees, a gentle breeze, and a clear blue sky, promising a day filled with new beginnings. Children darted through the neighborhoods, their backpacks bouncing with every excited step.

A bright yellow school bus pulled up at the school ready to take a group of kids to the high school, its doors swinging open with a welcoming whoosh. The bus driver, Mr. Tracy Gruetzmacher, greeted each kid with a warm smile, having known many of

See SCHOOL, A8



Wapsie Valley welcomes new staff for the 2025-26 School Year



This year Wapsie Valley welcomes 9 new staff members to the team. The new staff and their positions (L to R) are: Kim Williamson-Fairbank Elementary Associate, Cindy Shupe-Study Hall/Spanish Room Supervisor, Morgan Reinking-Fairbank Elementary Associate, Andrea Rademacher-JH/HS Associate, Jenna Platte-Readlyn Elementary Custodian, Jaylyn Gibbs -5-12 Band,

See STAFF, A3

A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER

RAGBRAI® was a great success! Preliminary reports indicate the net revenue to businesses and non-profits to be \$90,500. RAGBRAI® officials were overwhelmed by our organization, cleanliness, and amenities. They indicated Fairbank will be a stop again in 3 to 5 years.

By now, I am sure most of you have seen the new sidewalk extending from Rhonda Rd. to Cedar Dr. This was a vision of the late Mayor Mike Harter, then worked continued under Mayor Bill Cowell, and finally completed this summer. The project faced a few setbacks, as well as some bureaucratic red tape associated with receiving state and federal funding. However, we were persistent and got it completed. Mayor Harter's vision was to

have an interconnected sidewalk/trail system around the city, and this sidewalk is a vital piece of that goal. City Clerk Brittany Fuller worked diligently on authoring an Iowa DOT grant to fund the lion share of the project, and I believe this project is a fitting remembrance to Mayor Mike Harter.

In late August and early September we will be completing city road projects including resurfacing 4th Street, installing drainage tile and resurfacing the 700 block of Christian's Trail, and regular seal coating as preventative maintenance on our streets. Please be patient with road crews as they complete their work.

A big thank you to the Fairbank Community Club who once again hosted the Music in the Park series. The weather was uncooperative for a number of the days, however the events were still a great time. The Community Club is always looking for new members, and more importantly, new/fresh ideas! If you are interested, please contact Tammy Erickson at 319-215-7693

Fairbank Elementary welcomes new staff

Fairbank Elementary is proud to introduce our new staff this 25-26 school year!! Ms. Balvanz is our new 3rd Grade teacher and Mrs. Reinking is an Instructional Associate. Mrs.

Williamson is an Instructional Associate in Preschool. Mr. Kleitsch is returning to Fairbank Elementary as our shared P.E. Teacher with Readlyn Elementary and Mrs. Downs is

our shared Guidance Counselor with Readlyn Elementary. Ms. Gibbs is our 5th and 6th Grade Band Teacher! We are lucky to have these professionals join our WV Family!!



Corynn Downs



Jaylyn Gibbs



John Kleitsch



Kim Williamson



Morgan Reinking



Reese Balvanz

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Marlene Franzen-JH/HS Science, Corynn Downs-Elementary Counselor, Reese Balvanz-3rd Grade Teacher Fair-

bank Elementary

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2025-26 school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your building and speak with your child's teacher or build-

ing principal. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your building and speak with your child's teacher or building principal. Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!



COURTESY PHOTO

My name is Corynn Downs, and I'm so excited to join Wapsie Valley as the elementary school counselor. I'm passionate about helping kids build confidence and resilience and I can't wait to get to know the students, family and community. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling and reading.



COURTESY PHOTO

My name is Jaylyn Gibbs and I will be teaching 5-12 band. I grew up in New Hartford, Iowa and I am excited to be at Wapsie Valley this year.



COURTESY PHOTO

I am Ms. Franzen. I will be teaching 7th grade science and high school Biology this year. I graduated from Upper Iowa University last December and I am very excited to become a Wapsie Valley Warrior this year!



COURTESY PHOTO

Hello Wapsie Valley Community! My name is Ms. Balvanz and I will be teaching 3rd grade at Fairbank Elementary. I am so excited to be a part of this district and get to know all of you.

Meyer on Central College Dean's List

PELLA — Gunner Meyer, Fairbank, has been named to Central College's Spring 2025 Dean's List. Meyer, Class of 2026, is among the 410 students named to the dean's list.

To qualify for this honor, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours

for the semester.

Congratulations, Gunner.

Central College of Pella is a private college founded in 1853 and shaped by its Christian heritage. The college of 1,100 students participates in NCAA Division III athletics and is a member of the American Rivers Conference.

Please send us your celebrations. Celebrations are free to submit. fairbankislander@gmail.com

BIRTHDAY



Happy 8th Birthday Ivy! We love you so much! Love Dad, Mom, Jett, Remi

BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Tom Buzynski on Sept. 22 Scott Buzynski on Sept. 15

BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Wishing these 2 beautiful people a happy birthday! Celebrate Big! Patty Klenzman on Sept. 2 Melissa Klenzman on Sept. 15

City of Fairbank City Council Opportunity

The City of Fairbank will be holding a municipal election this November. The position of Mayor and three council seats will be on the ballot. The mayor's position has a two-year term, and the council seats have four-year terms. Jason Kayser is the current mayor. Tammy Erickson, Tyler Woods, and Michael Gruetzmacher are the council seats that will be on the ballot.

The people elected will begin to serve as of January 1, 2026.

If you have any interest in running, there are two forms that need to be turned into Buchanan County no later than September 18th.

The two forms are an Affidavit of Candidacy, which must be completed by the candidate and signed in the presence of a notary, and a Nomination Petition, which must contain the signatures of at least 10 eligible voters. Candidates should collect and file more than the minimum number of signatures.

These forms are available at City Hall from the City Clerk, from the courthouse, or from the Secretary of State website at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html>.

The election will be held on November 4, 2025.



MAKING A *Difference*

Lemonade stand gives back to the community



Every dollar counts and these four kids were excited to share some of their profits from the RAGBRI® lemonade stand.

Caden & Lauren Matthias, Sophia Hesse, Nora Levendusky donated \$100.00 to Fairbank Elementary **Every Child Plays** inclusive playground fundraiser.

A fun fact is that the Matthias kids have worked hard selling lemonade the past 2 years and now have donated a total of \$1100 to the playground fundraiser. Great job kids on making a difference in your community one dollar at a time.



Do you know someone that is making a difference in our neighborhood?

Please submit a photo with a short story describing what they have accomplished.

Top: Sophia Hesse, Nora Levendusky and Lauren Matthias get their lemonade stand set up.
Left: The lemonade stand serves RAGBRI® riders when they came through Fairbank on July 25, 2025.
Above: Caden Matthais gives a thumbs up to another successful fundraising project.

MELAINE BUZYNSKI PHOTOS



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Wapsie Valley High School Class of 1975 celebrates 50 year reunion



Oran, IA – August 20, 2025 – The Wapsie Valley High School Class of 1975 celebrated their 50th high school reunion with a memorable gathering at the Oran Community Hall. Held on August 16, 2025, the event brought together forty-four classmates, (plus spouses), who reminisced about their high school days and celebrated five decades of friendship and shared experiences.

The reunion weekend featured a golf outing at the Maple Hills Country Club in Tripoli, a social

evening at The Outpost in Oran, and a catered lunch at the Oran Community Hall. A slideshow of high school photos and past reunions was followed by a short musical performance honoring classmates who have passed, and our military. Classmates reconnected, shared updates, and told stories from their time at Wapsie Valley High School.

The organizing committee was thrilled to have had such a wonderful turnout for our 50th reunion. It was a special time to reflect on our

journey since graduation and to celebrate the enduring bonds that have kept us connected over the years.

The Wapsie Valley High School Class of 1975 extends their gratitude to the Oran Community Hall for hosting the event and to all the classmates who attended, making the reunion a resounding success.

For more information about the reunion or to stay connected with the Wapsie Valley High School Class of 1975, please contact WapsieValleyHS1975@gmail.com



Wasn't It Yesterday? The "Old Spice" of life



COLUMN BY
JD FRANCIS

We were total strangers in a hardware store. Nonetheless, we each nodded to one another in a silent gesture of "hello," as we crossed paths.

I was headstrong to the automotive department, so I never gave him a second thought. It happened that I walked through the aftermath of his cologne, and it blanketed over me like the morning sun. I instantly revisited that old familiar scent of "Old Spice," and to the degree of walking backwards into yesterday.

Most every morning, I was awakened in the early morning darkness to a soft, faint light creeping under my bedroom door, like a friendly ghost crawling across the carpet. That gave me the sign that my dad was in the bathroom getting ready for another workday. Like the "Energizer Bunny," I'd turn back the sheets, scamper down the hallway and reach up to open the bathroom door handle to let myself in. My presence was no surprise, and looking back now, I think Dad accepted this as time to share before he went to work for the day.

I was always in time, and on time, to watch him shave his face. The sink was half-filled with boiling hot water. I watched the steam vapors rise up like witchcraft, so hot they steamed his mirror. It didn't seem to matter, though. He would simply swipe the mirror with a dry,

white towel kept close at hand, on the towel bar.

To a youngster, the shaving cream on his face could have easily been freshly fallen snow on a snow-capped mountain. His razor, a toboggan gliding down the hills and valleys. I remember giggling at all the different faces he made while guiding his razor over uncharted whisker territory. Each pass was followed by a swish or two in the sink water, to clean off the razor for another pass.

Occasionally, dad put a little shaving cream on my face, held me up to the mirror, and with a plastic credit card, I'd shave my own face. I was always careful not to make those funny faces and my sink swishes were a little less dramatic.

After dad finished his shave routine came the best part ... the "face spank." He'd grab the bottle with the ship on it, shake a few drops into his hands, rub them together, and spank his face and neck with the Old Spice cologne. Occasionally, I'd get a few "pats" to the face myself, after a "close" credit-card shave, that is. That scent would stay with me all day long.

Someone bumped my shopping cart, and I was startled from my "yesterday's shave" daydream. I remember coming to the store for a car battery, but I found myself pushing a shopping cart with everything from drills to diapers. I must have subconsciously selected while off in my daydreams. A car battery was all I needed, so I aborted mission, parked the full cart and went and located an empty one. It didn't take long to finish my one-item shopping list.

I arrived at the checkout counter, paid the attendant and headed for home, with my one bottle of Old Spice.

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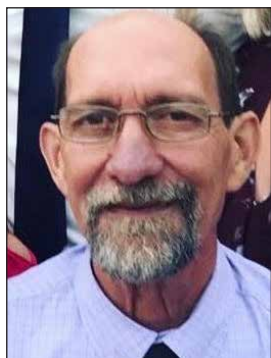
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Celebration of Life

Jim E. Schneider

January 31, 1959 -
August 19, 2025

James "Jim" Edward Schneider, age 66, of Readlyn passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Jim was born January 31, 1959 in Waterloo, the son of Carl and Lori (Mangrich) Schneider. Jim attended Wapsie Valley Community Schools and graduated with the class of 1977. On October 6, 1984, he married Jody Otto at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Klinger. Jim began his career in agriculture at Readlyn Farm Center. He worked in the feed mill and hauled feed for local farmers in the area. After the closing of Readlyn Farm Center, he continued the work he loved at Dunkerton Co-Op Elevator. Jim continued serving in the agricultural industry until he retired within the last few years. When he wasn't working his day job, he could be found doing handyman chores and fixing up things around the house. Jim loved the outdoors, whether it was hunting or farming, it was for him. Most recently, his favorite hobby was spending time with his five grandkids that he loved so much.



Survived by: His wife of 40 years, Jody, a daughter, Jenna Schneider of Jesup; a son, Justin (Abbie) Schneider of Jesup; another daughter Jacee (Travis) Kvach of Cedar Rapids; five grandkids Bo, Ava, Kylie, Jack Schneider, and Madden Kvach; one sister, Linda (Norm) Delagardelle; one brother, Bob (Jackie) Schneider; mother-in-law, Bev Otto; brother-in-law, Gary Weber.

Preceded in death by: His parents Carl and Lori Schneider; sister, Joyce Weber; father-in-law, Darwin Otto

Visitation took place on Monday, August 25, 2025 at Woods Funeral Home

Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at Immaculate Conception Fairbank.

Interment: Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Lunch was served at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Fairbank following the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.



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Fairbank PTO partners with Erickson to offer art to students

Our Fairbank PTO is partnering with Mrs. Tammy Erickson again this year to offer Art to our students at Fairbank Elementary. Our PTO also provides the opportunity for our students to attend the Gallagher Bluedorn for performances that address content knowledge, traditional curriculum and emotional intelligence. Some of the shows we will be attending include: Mister C Live Volume 2: The World in Mo-

tion, Maddi's Fridge, Stuntboy: In the Meantime, and Curious George: The Golden Meatball. PTO's major fundraiser will be kicked off on September 11. Last year they made over \$11,000 with this fundraiser. Please consider contributing to this fundraiser by purchasing an item or making a donation by cash or check. All students benefit from the support of the Fairbank PTO.



Guided bus tour on Sept. 18

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available for \$24 per person, including transportation and lunch. Spaces are limited, so please contact Michelle Weepie at 319-215-0778 to reserve your seat.

COURTESY PHOTO

During the guided bus tour there will be a stop for lunch at Breitbach's Country Dining in Balltown.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Tuesday, September 9:
Fairbank Elementary
Wednesday, September 10:
Readlyn Elementary
Thursday, September 11:
WV Jr. Sr. High School

School pictures will be provided by Doese Photography.

Welcome Pastor Daniel Search

Join us in welcoming Pastor Dan to our community. Pastor Dan has recently begun serving at Fairbank United Methodist Church. Most recently Dan served at Callahan Methodist Church in Florida where he retired. Before he was called to ministry Dan worked in the service department in the automotive industry, starting in Michigan then moving to Florida. Through his life Dan has learned that God will call us and prepare us to serve regardless of where we are in our life.

In ministry Dan has learned that strong churches make strong communities. Churches can't stand strong alone and every denomination are stronger working together. Dan has a passion for preaching and teaching God's Word bringing the teaching to life through discipleship and service.

Through his life Dan has served with mission teams and organizations in Michigan, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Elue-



thera Bahamas, Nicaragua, and Cuba. He believes serving doesn't win our salvation, rather because of our faith in Jesus Christ

we can't resist loving and serving his people. Dan looks forward to meeting you, worshiping, learning and serving together.

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Pastor Grant Tapken
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Father Ray Atwood

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



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Saturday Night 7:00 PM
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them since they started kindergarten. Parents lingered nearby, snapping pictures of their little ones as they stepped onto the pavement, all dressed in their best for the big day—new shoes, crisp outfits, and bright smiles. Today was just the beginning, but it promised to be a day full of promise, excitement, and laughter—a perfect way to start the school year.

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Right: Elementary Secretary Tara Sullivan and WV student Rowdy.





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BCHT donates first aid kits to Fairbank Elementary



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Mark Collett, a board member of the BCHT, delivered First Aid kits to Fairbank Elementary on the first day of school! The kits are provided by the Buchanan County Health Trust in Independence. Over the last 35 years the Health Trust has invested more than \$1 million in medical equipment, health initiatives, training, and education, benefiting nonprofits throughout Buchanan County Iowa. Fairbank Elementary is appreciative of their generosity!



Once upon a homecoming

Homecoming Community Pep Rally
Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the main gym.

Homecoming Game
Friday, Sept. 19 VS Midland at 7 p.m.

Homecoming Dance
Saturday, Sept. 20. Time: TBD



Once Upon A Time....

In a land not so far away — actually, right here in the halls of Wapsie Valley - something magical was stirring.

Whispers have been heard near the lockers...
Footsteps echo down the hallways like galloping steeds...
And some say they've seen glass slippers and pumpkins rolling through the parking lot.

This fall, a legendary celebration is returning.
But not just any celebration — this one is full of mystery, magic, and maybe even a little bit of mischief.

Heroes will rise... Villains might show up...And everyone — yes, even YOU — will have a role to play in this epic tale.

So get ready to trade your textbooks for tiaras, and your sneakers for storybooks, Because on Friday, September 19th, 2025, under the stadium lights, a game will be played not just for victory — But for the glory of the kingdom!

The spell will reach its peak...the moment will arrive...
and the ballroom doors will swing wide on Saturday, September 20th, 2025.

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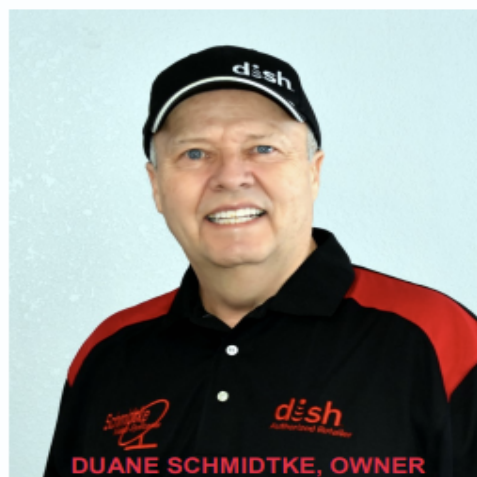
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FALL SPORTS



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The 2025 Wapsie Valley Football team (In alphabetical order: Cooper Adair, Jordyn Bates, Bryar Bellis, Kayden Bentley, Brock Berg, Brayden Berinobis, Ethan Biretz, Zach Boevers, Wesley Bram, Griffin Brown, Gabe Chase, Hunter Curley, Cadyn Dana, Dayton Etringer, Gabe Fischels, Reece Hagenow, Gavin Henry, Blake Hess, Caleb Hogan, Carter Kaufman, Wally Kaufman, Brecken Mangrich, Greyson Miller, Landen Moulds, Ryker Oberle, Luke Riordan, Hayden Ryherd, Carver Schares, James Seemann, Lane Shores, Andrew Tiedt, Evan Wedemeier, Krayton Zimmerman. The 2025 Wapsie Valley cheerleaders are, in alphabetical order: Ela Adamson, co-captain Ava Auel, Callie Collins, Addilyn Fuller, Allie Happel, Delana Johnsonston, Maren Jones, Landry Kane, Oakley Kaufman, captain Norah



COLE NEGEN | WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS

The 2025 Wapsie Valley volleyball team (In alphabetical order: Tessa Brunscheon, Sawyer Buhr, Taylor Buhr, Espyn Decker, Maddie Ladeburg, Bailey Murphy, Claire O'Donnell, Kiley Schmitz, Taylor Schneider, Emry Shannon, Kalle Voy).

FALL SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY



COLE NEGEN | WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS

The 2025 Wapsie Valley boys cross-country team (In alphabetical order: Aiden Brady, Jack Brodigan, Eric Bryan, Elijah Eike, Jace Heasley-Eike, Hayden Hilsenbeck, Madden Kane, Daniel Matthias, Finn Schaefer, Bailey Szurley, Cameron Szurley, Marshall Weepie).

CROSS COUNTRY



COLE NEGEN | WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS

The 2025 Wapsie Valley girls cross-country team (In alphabetical order: Maya Barnes, Brinley Boehme, Alyssa Davie, Bella Farley, Kinsley Farley, Austin Franck, Adalynn Kane, Ava Meyer, Eliza Meyer, Miriam Rulapaugh, Maleena Sander, Amy Schutte, Reagan Szurley, Adelynn Wierck).

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Darlene Hogan

Austen at Sea

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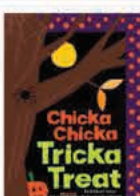
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WAPSIE VALLEY VOLLEYBALL

ROSTER		SCHEDULE					
Name	Year	9/9	Sumner-Fredericksburg	7:30 PM	10/7	NICL Tournament Day 1	5 PM
Tessa Brunscheon	JR	9/13	Aplington-Parkersburg tournament		10/9	NICL Tournament Day 2	5 PM
Sawyer Buhr	SO			9 AM	10/14	at Grundy Center	7:30 PM
Taylor Buhr	SR	9/16	at Jesup	7:30 PM	10/16	Sumner-Fred quadrangular	5 PM
Espyn Decker	FR	9/23	Union Community	7:30 PM	Class 1A postseason		
Maddie Ladeburg	SR	9/25	at Janesville	5 PM	10/20	First round	7 PM
Bailey Murphy	JR	9/25	Saint Ansgar (Janesville)	6 PM	10/22	Second round	7 PM
Claire O'Donnell	SR	9/25	Central Springs (Janesville)	7 PM	10/27	Third round	7 PM
Kiley Schmitz	SR	9/27	Nevada tournament	8:30 AM	10/29	Regional championship	7 PM
Taylor Schneider	JR	9/30	at Oelwein	7:30 PM	11/3-6	State (XStream Arena, Coralville)	
Emry Shannon	FR	10/4	Bobcat tournament (Western				TBA
Kalle Voy	SR	Dubuque)		8:30 AM			

WAPSIE VALLEY FOOTBALL

ROSTER

1	Bryar Bellis	JR	WR/DB	5'8"	140	28	Wally Kaufman	JR	TE/LB	5'10"	165
2	Reece Hagenow	SR	WR/DB	5'10"	175	30	Carter Kaufman	SR	TE/DE	6'1"	200
3	Dayton Etringer	SO	RB/DB	5'4"	145	32	Brayden Berinobis	JR	FB/LB	5'10"	170
5	Gavin Henry	JR	RB/DB	6'0"	170	33	Cadyn Dana	JR	RB/LB	5'10"	170
6	Gage Fischels	SO	WR/DB	5'7"	130	40	Andrew Tiedt	SR	FB/LB	5'8"	185
8	Brecken Mangrich	SO	WR/DB	5'9"	132	51	Lane Shores	JR	OL/DT	6'2"	195
9	Landen Moulds	JR	WR/DB	6'3"	170	52	Cooper Adair	JR	OL/DL	6'4"	205
10	Krayton Zimmerman	SR	WR/DB	5'11"	158	56	Jordyn Bates	SR	OL/DL	5'11"	200
11	Carver Schares	SR	WR/LB	6'4"	180	58	Ethan Biretz	JR	OL/DL	5'10"	209
14	Evan Wedemeier	SO	QB/DB	5'7"	131	59	Greysen Miller	JR	OL/DL	6'1"	207
16	Caleb Hogan	JR	QB/DB	5'11"	210	65	Gabe Chase	SO	OL/DL	5'5"	150
18	Griffin Brown	JR	WR/DB	6'4"	143	66	Ryker Oberle	SO	OL/DL	6'2"	210
20	Kayden Bentley	SO	RB/LB	5'9"	152	70	James Seemann	JR	OL/DL	5'8"	238
22	Blake Hesse	SR	TE/LB	5'10"	190	72	Hayden Ryherd	JR	OL/DL	6'0"	205
23	Brock Berg	SO	TE/LB	5'8"	147	73	Zach Boevers	JR	OL/DL	6'0"	265
24	Hunter Curley	SR	RB/DE	6'1"	205	74	Wesley Bram	SO	OL/DL	5'7"	200
						79	Luke Riordan	SR	OL/DL	6'3"	285

FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE		
9/5	at East Buchanan	7 PM
9/12	at North Cedar	7 PM
9/19	Midland	7 PM
9/26	at Maquoketa Valley	7 PM
10/3	at South Winneshiek	7 PM
10/10	East Marshall	7 PM
10/17	North Linn	7 PM

WAPSIE VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY

SCHEDULE	
9/9	Dick Pollitt Go-Hawk Classic (Max Championship XC Course) 6:30 PM
9/16	Starmont Invitational (Arlington) 6:10 PM
9/22	Denver Invitational (Willow Run Country Club) 5 PM
9/25	Sam Iverson Invitational (Town & Country Golf Club) 5 PM
9/30	Jesup Invitational (Jesup Golf & Country Club) 5:15 PM
10/7	Wolverine Invitational (Fox Ridge Golf Course) 6:15 PM
10/9	New Hampton Invitational 4:30 PM
10/16	North Iowa Cedar League meet (Hickory Grove Golf Course) 3 PM
10/23	Class 1A state qualifier TBA
11/1	Class 1A state meet (Fort Dodge) TBA



REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday August 11, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Hunter Robinson, Police Chief; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to open the public hearing at 6:02 pm on the proposed expansion of the Fairbank Urban Renewal Area. Motion carried.

As discussed at the first meeting in July, this would amend the Fairbank Urban Renewal Plan by adding the property of 99 East Main Street. There were no comments received orally. The Fairbank Planning & Zoning Commission submitted a letter stating that the addition to the Fairbank Urban Renewal Plan would conform to the Fairbank Zoning Ordinance and is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. T. Woods/Gruetzmacher to close the public hearing at 6:03 pm. Motion carried.

Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2025-27 – Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Expanded Fairbank Urban Renewal Area. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 376 – An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the August, 2025 Addition to the Fairbank Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve waiving the second and third readings and to pass and approve Ordinance 376. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Gruetzmacher to approve Resolution 2025-28 – Resolution Authorizing Economic Development Grant Agreement with Garana, Inc. and Authorizing Internal Advance for Funding of Economic Development Grant Thereunder. The grant to Costa's Sports Bar and Grill was approved for \$30,000.00 and will be paid out of natural gas and electric but will then be reimbursed using TIF revenues. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams. Councilman Williams abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest, as he is employed by the financial institution utilized by Garana, Inc.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: July 28th Regular City Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report for July 2025, and the payment of bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The Treasurers Report for the Month of July 2025: Revenues - General, \$65,972.29; Special Revenue, \$29,931.54; TIF, \$350.37; Capital Projects, \$34.88; Permanent Funds, \$18.24; Proprietary, \$177,842.14; and Transfers In, \$28,055.00. Disbursements - General, \$89,803.01; Special Revenue, \$11,126.18; Proprietary, \$139,473.65; Capital Projects, \$3,292.50; and Transfers Out, \$28,055.00. Balance on hand at close of business on July 31, 2025 was \$5,787,316.89.

There were no comments during the informal public comment section.

Maggie Burger with Speer Financial was present to discuss the bond sale from earlier in the day and she stated that three bids were received for the \$1 million of general obligation corporate purpose bonds. The best bid received was from UMB Bank out of Kansas City, MO for \$1,004,938.25 with a true interest rate of 3.9061%. UMB Bank was assisted in the bidding process by Northeast Security Bank. She also presented the updated final debt service schedule showing the first principal payment due June 1, 2027. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2025-29 – Resolution Awarding General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025. The bonds were awarded to UMB Bank. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams. Councilman Williams abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest, as he is employed by the financial institution involved in the awarded bid.

Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the third reading of Ordinance 375 – Electric Rates. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the passing of Ordinance 375 – Electric Rates. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The annual reports were received from Aegion/Corpro and the city engineer reviewed them. Jon Biederman mentioned that the interior to the water tower was in very good condition and that could be because the protection

Wapsie Valley CSD
Regular School Board Meeting
August 18, 2025
Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

B. Superintendent Hoover, Secretary Arndt & Principals Murphy, Forsyth, & Myers

C. Others: Vaughn Gross, & virtual participants.

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

3. Public Forum - Mr. Gross explained summer training for robotics with the STEM grant he received.

4. Consent Items - Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Adam Kaufman and the open enrollment as follows-Christine & Luke Taylor request to open enroll their 9th & 10th-grade daughters to WSR after a move from Missouri effective the 25-26 school year as presented. Motion carried-5-0 FYI-Patrick & Julie Lansing will be transferring their 10th grade daughter to Don Bosco

Steve & Kayla Belinsky will be transferring their 7th, 10th, & 11th-grade daughters to Don Bosco.

5. Board - None

6. Superintendent Hoover's report includes Thank yous, 7-12 HVAC project, Readlyn little warrior, before & after school program, preservice/welcome back, summer work, & Spanish program.

7. District, PK-6 & 7-12 Principals - report included learning opportunities, welcoming new & existing staff, warrior walkabout, & activities.

7. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the resignation of Kaleb Krall-

Assistant Wrestling Coach, Austin Jeanes-JH Girls Track Coach, & Brylee Bellis-Assistant Cross Country Coach

and thank them for their service to the students and staff at WV as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the 25-26 Contracts as presented: Jeni Nuss

\$1,066.00-Co-Student Ambassador-Base 1/Year 3, Zane Sittig-\$1,066.00-Co-Student Ambassador-Base 1/Year 3, Jennifer Merdinger-\$801.00-JH Student Ambassador-Base 2/Year 5, Fall, Tyler-\$3,116.00-7-12 Vocal Sponsor-Base 1/Year 1 & \$1,640.00-Musical Director-Base 1/Year 1, Gibbs, Jaylyn-\$3,346.00-HS Marching Band-Base 1/Year 0, Weepie, Kim-\$1,640.00-Play/Musical-Base 1/Year 3 & \$3,280.00-Speech-Base 1/Year 2, Bockholt, Amanda-\$1,457.00-Website & Facebook-Base 2/Year 7, Gross, Vaughn-\$728.50-Website-Base 2/Year 7, & \$3,570.00-Robotics-Base 3/Year 14,

that has been provided to us is working. He mentioned most water towers need re-coated after 15 years and that ours was still in very good condition. Williams/T. Woods to approve the contract again with Aegion/Corpro for the City's annual water tower maintenance. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The council discussed the next steps for the property at 506 Patterson Street. They would like to run a few things by Attorney Prendergast, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a pay estimate submitted to the city for the Fourth Street Sidewalk Project. The detailed payment report showed a payment of \$950.60 due to Midwest Concrete, Inc. for the work that had been completed up to August 4th. Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve Payment #1 for \$950.60 to Midwest Concrete, Inc. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

During the council/mayor comments, Councilwoman Erickson said that she had been getting quite a few complaints about the mowing at the Ball Diamond with one being grass blown into the volleyball courts. The council felt that maybe they could get Randy's Lawn Care to come to the next meeting to discuss some of the things that have been seen. Since nobody was able to attend the grant awards celebration with Buchanan County, Councilman Gruetzmacher wanted to thank the Buchanan County Community Foundation for the \$20,000.00 grant that was received for the Veteran's Park Shelter Upgrade Project. He also asked if Nick could get the scoreboards installed by the end of August.

During the department reports, Nick stated that he had attended an emergency training about natural gas and also Rod from IAMU was in town to do a leak survey that past week. The Outer Road natural gas project was getting closer to being done. He mentioned that the project has been a source of great training for both Lonnie and Ken. He also reported that the Fourth Street Sidewalk Project had been started earlier that day. Police Chief Robinson stated that he had been busy doing some office work and cleaning. He asked if the council was interested in holding on to the old AED and it was thought that maybe it could be used somewhere. The body camera that was ordered also needed to get a charger and docking station for it and he had been working on that. He also asked about firearms training and the council wanted him to gather some more information to see if they would be interested in him going to training to be able to train the city's officers with their firearms.

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

Bills for the Month of August 2025

Aegion/Corpro, Annual Water Tower Inspection	\$1,080.00
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies/Equipment	\$451.11
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies	\$4.19
Black Hawk Health Department, Annual Inspection	\$418.00
Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers, Annual Backflow Testing	\$300.00
BMC Aggregates L.C., Volleyball Sand	\$2,201.69
Bodensteiner Implement Co., Services	\$186.38
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Ambulance Supplies	\$677.66
Lonnie Brewer, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Buchanan County Economic Development, FY26 Dues	\$2,363.50
Butler County Rec, Electric	\$79,940.98
Butler County Rec, Services	\$1,834.14
Carrico Aquatic Products, Supplies	\$256.06
Casey's General Store, Gas	\$789.00
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$2,120.61
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation Invoice	\$6,443.62
D & S Portables, Inc., Rentals	\$3,715.00
Davis Lawn Service, Services	\$1,770.00
Delta Dental of Iowa, August Premium	\$21.96
Don's Truck Sales, Services	\$1,469.60
Edmunds Govtech, Inc., Subscription	\$20,000.00
Electrical Engineering & Equip, Services	\$826.04
Emma Menzel, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bills Postage Aug 2025	\$170.80
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$7,535.29
Fehr Graham, Engineering Fees	\$4,177.94
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc., Copier/Printer Maintenance	\$176.34
Cory Hartmann, Services	\$240.00
IA Dept of Natural Resources, Permit Fee	\$210.00
IAMU, Leak Survey	\$1,558.50

INRCOG, FY 26 Dues \$599.94

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Training \$10.00

Iowa One Call, Locates \$122.50

Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water \$9,391.57

Iowa Sport Supply, Supplies \$191.50

Iowa Utilities Commission, Direct Assessment Charges \$1,151.25

John Deere Financial, Supplies \$185.05

Ken Schnor, Cell Phone Reimbursement \$75.00

Kluesner Sanitation, LLC., August Pick-Up Fees \$7,777.00

Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement \$75.00

Kwik Trip Inc., Gas \$80.23

Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement \$75.00

Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses \$64.06

MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center, Drug Testing \$30.00

Meyer's Custom Chevy, Services/Supplies \$1,250.00

Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing \$719.50

Midwest Concrete Inc., Fourth Street Sidewalk \$950.60

Modern Building Products, Supplies \$713.21

Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Services \$668.54

Myers-Cox Co., Concessions \$330.50

NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 7/1/25 \$10.00

NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 7/15/25 \$9.30

NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge \$10.00

NE Security Bank, Non-Sufficient Check Charge \$4.00

NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions \$100.00

NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions \$415.39

Oelwein Publishing, Publications \$22.44

City of Fairbank, Replenish Postage Fund \$187.90

Premier Technology, Services \$387.33

Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing \$3,125.00

Randy's Lawn Care & Snow Removal, Services \$1,235.00

Roberts, Stevens, Prendergast, Attorney Fees \$1,072.50

Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, Services \$728.73

Sam's Club Mc/Synco, Concessions \$5.00

Scott Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies \$422.76

Signs & More LLC, Banners \$423.55

Stan's Small Engine Repair, Services \$420.00

Steve Vine, Services \$543.97

Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Utility Bills/Supplies \$88.05

Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies \$2,893.43

Treasurer-State of Iowa, July 25 Sales Tax \$1,473.19

Treasurer State of Iowa, July 25 WT Excise Tax \$1,820.00

Turf & Landscape, Inc., Services \$6,543.12

U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes \$2,681.40

U.S. Bank, June PEFA Commodity \$42.00

UnityPoint Clinic-Occupational, Drug Testing \$170.18

Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones \$1,209.95

Visa, Microsoft/Conference/AVAYA Phone System \$3,025.28

Wellmark, August Premium \$1,130.43

Winlat, Inc., Equipment \$68.26

Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line \$160.00

The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on July 2, 2025: Amazon Capital Services, Books & Supplies \$301.77

Baker & Taylor Inc., Books \$559.91

Angela Berg, Mileage/Reimbursement \$76.34

Brock Berg, Services \$61.00

Davis Lawn Care, Services \$154.18

City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas \$566.64

Overdrive, Inc., EBooks \$45.00

Pratt's Pest Control, Services \$546.25

Premier Technology, Services \$0.70

NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 7/15/25 \$25.87

Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Supplies \$118.56

US Cellular, Hotspots \$52.71

Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday July 28, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Ken Schnor, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

R. Woods/Gruetzmacher to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: July 14th Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

During the informal public comment, Bill and Beth Dixon were present to inquire about removing the sidewalk in front of a home that they had purchased. They explained that the home was the only residence in the block where the sidewalk still existed. Attorney Prendergast stated that she would draft an email for everyone, and the council could act on the request at the next meeting if they wanted to. Mary Ann Hess was present to see about getting some garbage cans at Veteran's Park. She also wanted to ask why there was water collecting at the corner of Grove Street and Fifth Street South. Councilman Tyler Woods spoke up since he owns that piece of land and said he had been working on getting a contractor to that area.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with information regarding past accomplishments and on upcoming and active BCEDC Programs.

Jon Biederman was present to discuss project updates. He stated that the Fourth Street sidewalk project was scheduled to begin August 4th, and they were still working on the final details with that project. He also stated that any issues regarding the Main Street Project needed to be discussed with IA DOT. Attorney Prendergast asked Jon Biederman to review the entrance and access to the Farmer's Kitchen and provide an opinion on its compliance and design.

The water tower and cathodic protection was discussed regarding whether or not to keep renewing the annual contract. Cathodic protection helps with corrosion inside of a water tower and if the inside coating is good then not much protection would be used but even with the smallest of holes exposing steel the protection would be very beneficial. The last inspection showed that the inside was doing great and that could be because the cathodic protection is doing its job. Williams/T. Woods to approve tabling until the next meeting and in the meantime contacting Aegion/Corpro to see about getting some of the annual reports that they have gotten from inspections over the years to help make the decision on whether to keep the cathodic protection or not. Motion carried.

Attorney Prendergast explained that the property at 506 Patterson Street was officially owned by the city. This property was acquired by using Iowa Code Chapter 657A. The council felt that the house needed to be removed. The asbestos would need to be checked before any removal could happen and then the plans for the property could be discussed at future meetings. Williams/T. Woods to approve reaching out to Advanced Environmental Testing out of Waterloo to look into the asbestos and table for a future meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the second reading of Ordinance 375 – Electric Rates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2025-26 – Resolution Setting the Date for Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 and Authorizing the use of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection Therewith. The city is prepared to enter into a general obligation loan agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for the purpose of paying for the Main Street Project. The date was set for August 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm and the sealed bids for the purchase of the bonds shall be received and canvased on behalf of the city until 11:00 am on August 11, 2025. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The council was informed that Fayette County is getting ready to do road maintenance on V68 north of town and there was a quote acquired from the contractor that is doing the work to do the maintenance and repairs needed to the portion of that road that lies within the city limits. The quote from River City Paving was \$87,967.32 and included the area of Fourth Street North from the city limits to the intersection of East Main Street where the new concrete from the Main Street project ends. R. Woods/Williams to approve the street maintenance and repairs quote with River City Paving and to use money from RUT funds. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The city was approached by the Jeanne Hermens family as they were wanting to donate a bench to Riverside Park. They provided bench examples and would like it placed by a light pole from another family member donation. Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the brown and black bench donation so that it matches the others in the park. Motion carried. The city guys will form and make the concrete base for the bench.

During the council/mayor reports, Councilman Gruetzmacher wanted to thank everyone for their support during the Ragbrai event. It all went very well for the community, and they discussed maybe having Fairbank as an overnight someday.

During the department reports, Ken stated that four of the eight condos had been ran and depending on the weather they had planned to finish the others up soon. The Christian's Trail project was set to start the first week of September starting with the tiling company.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

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People inherently love solving problems.

Earlier this month, I was at the Bremer County fair at the Figure 8 Races. If you’ve never been to one, there are 6-10 cars on a dirt track in the shape of an “8” where the drivers are navigating, trying to maximize speed while slicing through oncoming traffic at the intersection of each lap. It’s loud, it’s fast, there are bound to be collisions, and fun had for all.

Every time there was smoke or steam or some sort of noise coming from one of the cars, the men in the audience would start saying things like “gasket”, “transmission”, “serpentine belt”, etc. It made me giggle to listen to them diagnose the problems from so far away in the stands. There is no doubt in my mind that their guesses were accurate - everyone sitting around me was guys that have tons of experience with equipment of all sizes and the problems that can come with it.

It just made me realize that I am not alone in being someone who enjoys the challenge of solving a problem. We all know people who hop right in to help someone in need... sometimes as a friendly neighbor... sometimes because that little itch of wanting to solve the puzzle first gets the best of them!

I think we all have inside of us some need to be challenged. Some challenges we are willing to take on ourselves, some just have too much risk involved to go at it alone, so we ask or hire someone more versed in that area.

This is where professionals come in.

At my house, there are a lot of small things that Cody and I are comfortable with trying to figure out ourselves, knowing we can’t hurt much if we screw up, however, if it is electricity related I am not touching it! It scares me to know what can happen if we do something wrong so I (still) call *my dad first :)*, then Etringer’s if it is a bigger project. I am happy to pay them what they’re worth to sleep well knowing it was done right.

This concept is the same as being a Financial Advisor. Some investors are DIYers and do a fine job of accepting and managing the risk of a bad decision. Others would rather pay a knowledgeable professional, lowering the risk of something going awry. To each their own.

Ashlea Jones doesn’t know how electricity works beyond changing a lightbulb. Ashlea Jones doesn’t know how to fix a transmission (or what a transmission looks like). But if you have cash or investments that are old, new, tax-deferred, tax-free, complex, not complex, whatever! And you need a second set of eyes on it, we can bring value and enhance your ambitions with our team and client-centric approach.

I **LOVE** the journey of helping people find solutions to their financial obstacles. Sometimes it is just a matter of helping them believe in what we can help them achieve. Sometimes it’s plugging in a private investment you don’t have access to on the street.

Other times it can be much more complex like a total rebuild... but when someone walks in with ambitions on their mind, nothing brings us more fulfillment than being able to say with confidence, **“We’ve got this!”**

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Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones

A stylized, handwritten signature of Ashlea Jones in black ink.

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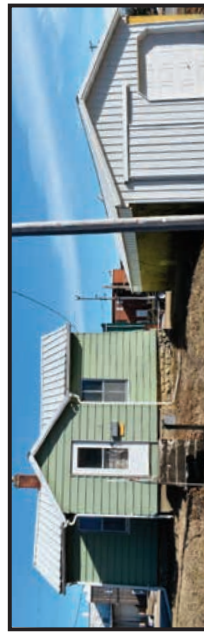
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