

WarEagles add two more conference wins over the Postville Pirates

By Willis Patenaude

The Clayton Ridge WarEagles won two out of five games last week, with two dominating wins over conference opponent Postville, before dropping the remaining games on the schedule for the week. Sitting at 7-6 in the conference, the WarEagles find themselves in fourth place close behind South Winneshiek for third, but trailing both Kee High and conference leader MFL MarMac by multiple games as the season nears its conclusion.

On June 16, the WarEagles had a double-header on the road against the winless Postville Pirates. In game one, Clayton Ridge jumped out to a 6-0 lead after the first inning and continued to pile on runs in the second, third, and fourth innings easily defeating the Pirates 13-0. The WarEagles offense compiled 14 hits, including four doubles and finished with a .500 batting average with several players contributing to the victory.

Leading the way was Carson Ruegnitz with three hits, including a double and two RBIs, along with Owen Hammersland with two hits, two runs scored, and two RBIs. Mason Loan finished with two hits, two runs scored, and one RBI, while Kahn Bolsinger had two hits, two runs scored, four stolen bases, and two RBIs. Griffen Hammersland also had two hits with one run scored and one RBI, with Max Nuehring collecting one hit, one run scored, and one RBI and Kasten Oberbreckling coming up with one hit, two runs scored, and one RBI.

Pitching duties went to Griffen Hammersland, Brock Dudley, and Tate Armstrong, who combined to go five innings allowing four hits and two walks while striking out five.

The second game was an even bigger offensive explosion for the WarEagles, who pounced early, driving in 11 runs in the first two innings and adding five more over the third and fourth inning dispatching the Pirates by the score of 16-1 on the strength of 12 hits, including three doubles and a .500 batting average.

Seth Kregel was a team leader with three hits, three RBIs, and two runs scored, followed by Ruegnitz with one hit, two runs scored, and four RBIs and Jack Scherf with one hit and three RBIs. Loan finished with two hits, two RBIs, and one run scored

and Oberbreckling scored three runs with two hits, two stolen bases, and one RBI. Owen Hammersland went 3.2 innings allowing two hits, two walks, and one earned run with three strikeouts and Brody McGuine pitched a perfect third of an inning.

Clayton Ridge was back on the road Tuesday night for one game against the Maquoketa Valley Wildcats. The WarEagles were leading 3-2 entering the fourth inning, but a three run bottom of the fourth by the Wildcats, who added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, put the game out of reach for the WarEagles who lost the game 8-4.

The WarEagles offense put up eight hits, with five walks, and a batting average of .333, but a combination of errors and walks spoiled the quality effort. Dominique Mast finished with two hits, two RBIs, while Mason Loan, and Nuehring combined for two hits, two runs scored, and two RBIs. Mason Loan also had two stolen based, with Owen Hammersland and Isaac Loan nabbing three each. Scherf pitched all six innings, allowing eight hits, five earned runs, three walks, and a .286 batting average. He finished with one strikeout and a 5.83 ERA.

On Wednesday night, the WarEagles welcomed the South Winneshiek Warriors to town and unable to mount any offense, Clayton Ridge was soundly defeated 12-0. The offense collected just five hits with eight strikeouts. Mason Loan had two hits, and Bolsinger, Mast, and Kaden Nehl each had one hit.

The WarEagles used four pitchers in the game, including Nuehring who went 3.2 innings allowing seven hits, five earned runs, and four walks, Griffen Hammersland pitched a third of an inning giving up three hits and one earned run, Colton Hoeger completed 1.2 innings allowing four hits and two earned runs, and McGuine pitched a third of an inning. Combined the group allowed a .438 batting average with a 9.33 ERA.

The final game of the week was on Thursday night versus the Kee Kee Hawks. The WarEagles battled throughout the game and held a 9-5 lead heading into the seventh inning when the Hawks scored four runs before adding another ten runs in the top of the eight inning, handing the WarEagles a 19-9 loss.

The offense put up 11

hits, including one double and one homerun, a solo shot by Bolsinger and finished with a .324 batting average. Ruegnitz finished with two hits and two RBIs and Griffen Hammersland had three hits, with one run scored, one stolen base, and two RBIs. The defense finished with five errors, which led to four runs for the Hawks and the pitching staff accumulated 13.12 ERA and allowed the Hawks to hit .342.

In total, Clayton Ridge sent five players to the mound, with Kregel pitching the bulk of the game at four innings in which he allowed four hits, five walks, and one earned run. Owen Hammersland went 2.2 inning giving up five hits, seven earned runs, and six walks, Mason Loan pitched two thirds of an inning allowing three hits, and five earned runs, while Armstrong pitched a shutout in two thirds of an inning. Ruegnitz was also on the mound, giving up one hit, one walk, and

two earned runs.

The WarEagles have a five game slate this week, starting on Monday with a double-header against the South Winneshiek War-

riors, followed by a game on Wednesday, June 25th against the Crestwood Cadets with first pitch at 7:00pm. They wrap the week up at home with a

double-header on Thursday, June 26th versus the Turkey Valley Trojans with game one scheduled for 4:00pm and game two set for 6:00pm.

Clayton County Fair Commodity Meal

“The 171st Clayton County Fair kicks off Wednesday, July 30; come join our festivities and let us cook you dinner! The annual commodity meal starts at 5pm, North of the grandstands. This event is a

free will donation meal and put on by Clayton County’s five commodity groups; Cattleman, Dairy, Pork, Fair Board, Corn and Soybean. This year’s menu is pork loin sandwiches and hotdogs, fresh sweet corn, baked

beans, chips, ice cream sandwiches, milk and lemonade; come join us for a delicious meal and a fun filled night. All donations received will be put towards the Clayton County Fair Well project!”



PUBLIC NOTICE	
CITY OF MCGREGOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.	
The McGregor City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the McGregor City Hall with Mayor Crawmer presiding. The meeting was called to order followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Council members in attendance: Echard, Hallberg-Becker, Wild, Schneider, & Carroll.	
Motion by Schneider, second by Carroll to approve the consent agenda items: a) agenda, b) minutes of 5/21/2025 meeting, c) bill & claims 5/22/2025 – June 18, 2025, d) financial/treasurer’s reports for May 2025, e) Business Enhancement Grant reimbursement – Bickel Insurance (\$5,000.00), f) Liquor license for Pocket City Post & Nauti Shak, g) Tobacco license for Kwik Star. All ayes – all. Motion carried.	
Hearing of Delegations – None.	
The public hearing for the Old Lumber Yard LLC Rezoning Request was opened. Comments were heard. The public hearing was closed. Motion by Wild, second by Carroll to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 6-1-2025, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 165 to Rezone Lots 3 & 4 of Block 10 in the James McGregor Jr’s Addition to McGregor from C-1 Highway Commercial to R-2 Single Family Residential. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Wild, second by Hallberg to waive additional readings of Ordinance No. 6-1-2025. Roll call: Ayes, Carroll, Wild, Hallberg, & Schneider. Nay: Echard. Motion carried. No additional motions were made for this ordinance.	
Joey Cother was not present for his nuisance abatement hearing. He contacted Denise and requested to move the hearing to the July city council meeting. The council discussed the letter sent to Mr. Cother regarding his nuisance and dangerous building issues. The council stands behind the city attorney’s letter and the 60-day deadline to abate the nuisance issues.	
Discussion was held on the Plate Reader Device Installation. Motion by Wild, second by Schneider to approve installation of the law enforcement Flock plate reader device on the Walton Street ROW. All ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on the Business Enhancement Grant extension request from MMCA. Motion by Hallberg, second by Echard to approve MMCA’s request for a 2-month extension on their MMCA Business Enhancement Grant. All ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on the Funds Transfer Resolution. Motion by Carroll, second by Wild to approve Resolution No. 2025-09, A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on the paving bids. Motion by Echard, second by Schneider to approve paving bids from Kluesner Construction for the Determination Park parking area (\$13,950), Turner Park parking area (\$6,820), Turner Park concession/splash pad area surface (\$8,421.75), and a dumpster pad (\$3,255). All ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on the Determination Park parking area core out, re-shape, and base material prep prior to paving. Motion by Hallberg, second by Wild to approve giving the public works director and city administrator authority to obtain bids and award contract on this work not to exceed \$9,000.00. All ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on the Fireworks Ordinance. Motion by Hallberg, second by Schneider to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 6-2-2025, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of McGregor, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fireworks. Roll Call: all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hallberg, second by Wild to waive additional readings of Ordinance No. 6-2-2025. Roll Call: all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Hallberg, second by Wild to approve the final reading and passage of Ordinance No. 6-2-2025. Roll Call: all ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on a role realignment and new job description for the current ED Lead/Deputy Clerk position. Motion by Hallberg, second by Echard to approve the presented job description for an Economic Development/Public Relations & Administrative Specialist position and appoint Brandi Crozier to that position. All ayes, motion carried.	
Discussion was held on a wage resolution. Motion by Hallberg, second by Wild to approve Resolution No. 2025-10, A Resolution Setting Wages for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of McGregor, Iowa, with amendment to Brandi Crozier’s job title. Roll Call: all ayes, motion carried.	
Department reports were discussed. With business concluded, Echard moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Seconded by Schneider. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.	
BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR May 22, 2025-June 18, 2025	
TOTAL NET PAYROLL MAY 2025.....	\$ 22,904.15
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, EQUIPMENT REPAIR/FD BATTERIES.....	\$11.10
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	\$ 282.52
BAKER & TAYLOR, LIBRARY BOOKS.....	\$ 351.53
BRUMMEL, MARIA, RF/TRIANGLE PARK FLOWERS & SOIL.....	\$ 217.81
BUD’S REPAIR, MOWER REPAIR/SS BRACKET REPAIR	\$ 150.00
COMPUTER SUPPORT PLUS, LIBRARY COMPUTER	\$1,694.99
COOLEY, DANIEL, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$250.00
DAVY ENGINEERING, PROJECT ENGINEERING	\$11,820.82
DAVY LABORATORIES, TESTING.....	\$550.00
DEMCO, LIBRARY SUPPLIES	\$287.56
DOHSE, KARI CORLETT, LIBRARY CLEANING	\$200.00
EFTPS, PAYROLL TAXES.....	\$6,513.84
ELAN, WEBSITE HOSTING FEE.....	\$476.80
FISK FARM & HOME, SUPPLIES	\$304.74
GORDON FLESH, COPIER CONTRACT	\$106.23
GRADY, ERIC, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....	\$250.00
GURITZ, MARY, TREASURER FEE	\$100.00
HARTFORD, ADD/LIFE INSURANCE	\$25.58
HAWKINS, WW CHEMICALS	\$413.98
IA DEPT REVENUE, EXCISE TAX.....	\$1.72
IA DEPT REVENUE, STATE W/H TAX REMIT.....	\$2,015.63
IA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SRF LOAN PAYMENTS	\$189,455.33
INSPIRED MEDIA, MARKETING AD.....	\$247.50
IOWA CODIFICATION, CITY CODE UPDATE	\$942.00
IPERS, JUNE REMIT.....	\$4,354.61
KWIK TRIP, FUEL/SUPPLIES.....	\$388.85
LIBRARY PETTY CASH,	
POSTAGE/SUMMER READING PROGRAM	\$56.66
MCGREGOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITY FEES	\$4,298.45
MCGREGOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES,	
TIFFANY & WELLER TAX CERT REIMB.....	\$3,330.00
MI-T-M EQUIP & SALES, MOWER BELTS.....	\$76.85
NELSON ACE HARDWARE, MAINT SUPPLIES	\$339.65
PAT’S ELECTRIC, WWTP WIRING REPAIR	\$593.25
PETTIT, MICHELLE, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT-FLOWERS	\$100.75
RAMP BUSINESS CORP,	
SUPPLIES/TECH/DOCK FLOATS/PARK EQUIP	\$9,894.73
RIVER CITY PAVING, COLD MIX	\$753.69
SCHUSTER & MICK, LEGAL FEES	\$802.50
SPAHN & ROSE, TURNER PARK BLDG DOORS,	\$1,408.84
SPORTS WORLD, RIVERFRONT SIGNS	\$1,175.98
UPPER EXPLORERLAND RPC, CDBG ADMIN FEES	\$1,332.75
WAGNER, JASON, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....	\$120.11
WASTE MANAGEMENT, SOLID WASTE CONTRACT PYMT	\$6,730.40
WELLMARK BC/BS, INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$2,552.32
WOLF MACHINE INC, WELD PARK PLANTER.....	\$138.19
TOTAL BILLS & CLAIMS	\$255,118.26
MAY REVENUES - 2025	
GENERAL FUND	62,188.30
LIBRARY	5,522.83
ROAD USE	9,290.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,412.48
LOST STREETS	4,470.40
LOST ED	5,059.09
TIF	4,142.02
CP WWTP	67,620.86
SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE	8,790.95
SEWER	24,685.88
GARBAGE	38.29
DOCKS	2,150.00
STORM WATER	9,218.43
GRAND TOTAL.....	211,590.03
MAY EXPENDITURES - 2025	
GENERAL FUND	97,363.94
PARK BOARD	6,124.60
TRAILS	8,630.00
LIBRARY	13,308.92
ROAD USE	8,003.66
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,593.06
LOCAL OPTION TAX ECON DEV	4,604.68
CP SEWER PROJ (304)	844.71
CP WWTP	74,325.13
BRICK ST PROJ	12,524.99
SEWER	26,078.24
DOCKS	5,975.00
STORM WATER	3,498.84
GRAND TOTAL.....	266,875.77
Russell Crawmer, Mayor	
Attest: Denise Schneider, City Administrator/Clerk Publish June 25, 2025	