



## 10 Years Ago (07/16/2015 - 07/22/2015)

Aplington-Parkesburg head football coach Alex Pollock was chosen by the Iowa High School Football Coached Association to be a coach in the 2015 Iowa Shrine All-Star Football Classic.

The Parkersburg Chamber of commerce completed their “banner” project last week with installation of new banners along Highway 57.

## 20 Years Ago (07/16/2005 - 07/22/2005)

The Parkersburg Lions Club is putting the finishing touches on a new stage at the Rotary Park located on Bethel Street.

Dominic Arcuri, son of Michael and Barbra Arcuri of New Hartford, recently completed a term as an intern in the office of Senator Chuck Grassley.

## 30 Years Ago (07/16/1995 - 07/22/1995)

Brad Meester is selected to play in the 1995 Shriner All-Star Classic.

Stout Reformed Church morning service will focus on “A Nation In Need of Healing.”

Representing Butler County at the Iowa State Fair doing presentations are Jon Behrends Jared Willis and Teri Cornelius. JoAnn Huisinga will participate in state Clothing Revue

## 40 Years Ago (07/16/1985 - 07/22/1985)

DeWayne and Darlene Johnson or Parkesburg were invited to be in the “Great Circus Parade” in Wisconsin. They had the only Iowa pony hitch in the 5-mile parade and pulled a circus wagon with 2 leopards aboard.

Champion Senior Showman in sheep is Heidi Oldenburger at the Butler County Fair.

## 50 Years Ago (07/16/1975 - 07/22/1975)

For the first time, the Grundy County Fair will feature a lamb cookout contest.

Christ’s Mission, Thrift Store at 902 Main and One-dia, New Hartford Iowa, will open Wednesday July 15.

The Aplington Panthers went undefeated in Big Marsh competition to claim the Big Marsh Conference Title.





### Butler County Commission of Veteran's Affairs

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# Kothe Memorial Library

**Change in hours:** Due to RAGBRAI coming through Parkersburg on Thursday, July 24 our hours will be 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Upcoming Programs/Events/Reminders:

Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m. in the Parkersburg Civic Center we will be having a Dragon Training Academy Program.

Wednesday, July 16 at 10 a.m. will be Storytime at Miracle Park. Dress for Mess!

Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. will be Dinosaur Time at the Vet's Building. Following the program the Lion's Club will provide a free hot dog meal!

Friday, July 18 & Saturday, July 19 is the Escape Room in Aplington. Sign up is required.

Saturday, July 19 the Teen Scavenger Hunt program starts. Grab a copy of the rules at the Library.

Monday, July 21 AP Robotics/STEM Fair with PBS will be at the Parkersburg Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. This program is for all ages.


Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parkersburg Civic Center you can design your own roller coaster with ISU Extension.

Wednesday, July 23 at 10 a.m. will be Storytime at Miracle Park. Dress for Mess!

**Library Hours:**  
Monday 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Wednesday 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

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### Aplington & Parkersburg Library Book Group



12 years ago, 8 friends ran an exclusive group at university: The Masquerade Murder Society. The mysteries they solved may have been grisly, but they were always fictional—until their final Masquerade, when one of the group disappeared, never to be seen again. Now our past of university friends are summoned for a Christmas-themed party. When they arrive each is assigned a new identity themed around the “Twelve Days of Christmas.” The game begins, and it feels just like old times. Until the next morning, when Lady Partridge is found dead. It quickly becomes clear that in this game the murder will be all too real, and the story is bringing long-hidden secrets to the surface.

### UP ALL NIGHT

Meets Wednesday,  
July 30, 2025  
at 7:00 pm  
Parkersburg Library

to discuss *The Twelve Days of Murder* by Andreina Cordani

Up All Night will meet next on Wednesday, July 30 in Parkersburg at 7 p.m. The group will discuss *The Twelve Days of Murder* by Andreina Cordani. Stop by and grab a copy and join the discuss. Even if can't make it, just grab a copy to enjoy.

### APLINGTON & PARKERSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

## All Ages

### STEM Fair with AP Robotics Club

Two Program Opportunities

June 12 @ 1:30 pm  
Aplington Community Center

July 21 @ 10:30 am  
Parkersburg

### DRIVE THE TEAM'S ROBOT & PLAY WITH SOME STEM ACTIVITIES IN STATIONS

CHECK OUT THE SUMMER READING SCHEDULE ON FACEBOOK OR THE LIBRARIES' WEBSITES!

AP Robotics will be in Parkersburg on Monday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Get an opportunity to drive the team's robot and also enjoy the many STEM activities that have been borrowed from PBS. This program is for All Ages and sign up is not required.

Website: <https://www.parkersburgia.com/community-residential/public-library/>  
Email: [li-brary.pburl@netins.net](mailto:li-brary.pburl@netins.net)

### APLINGTON & PARKERSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

## Kindergarten & Up

### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Extension and Outreach

## Roller Coaster Time

TWO OPPORTUNITIES!

Thursday, July 10th @ 10:30 am  
Aplington Community Center

Tuesday, July 22 @ 10:30 am  
Parkersburg Civic Center

Design a roller coaster with foam noodles!

CHECK OUT THE SUMMER READING SCHEDULE ON FACEBOOK OR THE LIBRARIES' WEBSITES!

ISU Extension will be providing a program in Parkersburg. Join us and design a roller coaster with foam noodles on Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Parkersburg Civic Center. This is for ages Kindergarten and Up.

### APLINGTON & PARKERSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

## 13+ and Adults

### "A GAME OF CLUES" ESCAPE ROOM at Aplington Legion Memorial Library

On April 5, 1925, investor Mr. Reginald Body hosted a dinner party at his mansion in Washington DC. By 7:45 p.m., he will be dead. Play detective. Solve the mystery and escape the mansion before you end up next!

Choose Your Time:

- July 18 (Friday)
  - 5:00 p.m.
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - 8:00 p.m.
- July 19 (Saturday)
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - 11:30 a.m.
  - 1:00 p.m.
  - 2:30 p.m.

We may add times on Sunday if fully booked.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your time and wait by the library's front door.

Register your team by calling Aplington Library at 319-347-2432. Adults and families welcome.

Can you escape before you're next?

CHECK OUT THE SUMMER READING SCHEDULE ON FACEBOOK OR THE LIBRARIES' WEBSITES!

Aplington and Public Libraries are hosting its first ever escape room, “A Game of Clues,” on July 18 & 19 at the Aplington Public Library. Play detective, solve the mystery and escape the mansion before you end up next! Sign up is required and you can register your team by calling the Aplington Library at 319-347-2432.

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## SHOP FROM PAGE 1

I feel that a lot of these consignment shops and places like thrift stores only do name brand stuff and I do a little bit of everything,” she said.

That attitude is reflected directly in the store's slogan – “A lil bit of everything.”

The shop currently has none of its own merchandise – only that which is on consignment from others. Johnson said they could look into selling their own merchandise in the future.

The consignment contract is a 50-50 split for what the merchandise sells for, as well as a \$5 fee to help with promotion.

“The first time, they have to make an appointment. After that they can bring one tote a week,” she said.

So far she said sales have been an uphill battle.

“Nobody really knows that we're here yet, so I'm hoping to get that changed with marketing and stuff,”

Johnson said.

FabFinds has a growing presence on Facebook that includes both charity donations and giveaways.

“I just hired somebody to help out with that,” Johnson said. “We will be getting a Web site going in a little bit and I also have a lady that comes and does all my displays. I couldn't have asked for better employees.”

Merchandise includes a selection of lady's cloth-

ing as well as home décor.

There is also some men's clothing as well as kids' clothes, though Johnson said the later has not gone over well with customers. There area also shoes and purses.

FabFinds Shoppe is located at 501 Coates Street, just west of downtown Parkersburg. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



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