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Help needed with Fairbank Cemetery Project

The Fairbank Community Club is asking for volunteers to assist Benny Reuhs with a Cemetery Project that he has been working on the past couple of years.

Benny has been repairing and straightening tombstones at the local cemeteries. He has finished his work at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery and is now starting to do the same at the Fairbank Cemetery here in town.

Due to some recent health issues, he could really use some help. Several Community Club members have offered their time, but we would like to find some more people. Benny mentioned that some of the tools needed would be a truck load of gravel, shovels, pry bars, and a few jacks, so if anyone could help with these items, it would be appreciated.

The plan is to get a group of 12 or more people together for one or two Saturdays for a few hours. Benny would like to get this project going yet this fall, but that will depend on the weather.

This is a wonderful project that he has started, so let's help him out. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kenny Little at 319-238-2828 for more information.



(Photos taken 9/22/22)

Flowers on Main still looking great!

The beautiful basket arrangements were created this spring by Beck's Greenhouse which is located southeast of Fairbank. Thanks to all the Fairbank residents that donated to the project, and to the City of Fairbank who made up the difference. But that's just the start . . . these plants take a lot of loving care to stay this nice all summer, and thanks go to Ted Vorwald and his helper Bob Bellis for taking on this job. The plants get watered every other day (approx. 3-4 gallons) and are fertilized once a week, which isn't an easy job when they're up high on a light pole. We appreciate your hard work.

Many thanks to everyone involved with this project!

Balanced Nutrition is a family affair

By Elsie VanDaele

"Balanced Nutrition" started very quickly! My family and I had visited Herbalife nutrition clubs in the Coralville/North Liberty area and really enjoyed the products. My great aunt, Lori Hoskyn, owns and runs Power Nutrition located in Coralville, IA (I actually work there twice a week now). She brought the idea to our minds saying how badly the Northeast Iowa area needed one, and it was the perfect time to bring it to life.

Because we had a perfect location, my dad quickly jumped on the opportunity. At the time I had no idea what I was getting into, but I am so incredibly grateful everything worked out the way it did.

I am only in my third year at the University of Iowa, and we knew it would be difficult to manage everything. However, we knew we had each other and we felt it was a great thing for our family! The renovation

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Elsie VanDaele, owner of
Balanced Nutrition in Fairbank.





This is an ad that was printed in
The Fairbank View, 1891

Submitted by Betty Passick

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Hello to all the people of Fairbank,

Activities are in full swing and fall temperatures are approaching quickly! Our Main Street looks beautiful with all the fall decorations. Thank you to all of the volunteers who took their time to do that for the community. It is greatly

appreciated! And the last "Music in the Park" of the year was a success.

Homecoming Week was eventful, to say the least. It's fair to say school was put on pause! It was nice having a week full of activities to help break up the monotony of school work! This year a parade was held where each class and team made their own floats and displayed them around the track. This was, hopefully, the start to a new tradition. It was nice seeing all the elementary and high school

kids come together!

I would like to give a shout-out to the volleyball team for being conference champs as well as to the new Homecoming Queen (Hannah Knight) and King (Cannon Jo-erger). It feels like September flew by.

There's lots to look forward to in October. If you get a chance, there are lots of competitions to watch, with all of our fall sports in action! You definitely will not get bored!

Brylee Bellis

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process and start up moved very quickly, and I can't thank everyone enough who helped with the process.

Everyone worked really hard to get it up and running before I headed back down to Iowa City. We wanted to get it somewhat established before I left to make sure everything was good to go. I recruited some employees and everything moved on from there.

At Balanced Nutrition we sell Herbalife Nutrition products. Our two main products are the meal replacement shakes and tea-bombs. The meal replacement shakes keep the average person full for 2-4 hours just like a normal meal would. They have 24 grams of protein and 21 essential vitamins that make everything in them completely healthy. Unlike most protein shakes, they taste so good!! Some would even compare them to an ice cream shake :).

Although we do sell drinks that taste like tea, our tea-bombs do not taste like tea at all. They are a completely healthy energy source and contain B6 & B12 vitamins. They also boost metabolism and burn fat, which are wonderful bonuses!

I am extremely lucky to get to



**Elsie VanDaele, owner of
Balanced Nutrition**



**Employee Ava VanDaele -
Junior at Wapsie Valley High School**



**Employee Jake Schoer -
Junior at Wapsie Valley
High School**



**Employee Payten Seehase -
Senior at Sumner F'burg
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endure such an amazing life opportunity. Being only 20 years old and owning my own business while still being a full time college student sounds absolutely crazy, but with the support of my family...everything is going great! Obviously things can get stressful at times, but it is all worth it to see the difference I am making in the Fair-

bank community and surrounding areas.

Without the massive amount of support I received/am still receiving from Fairbank and the surrounding communities, I would be nowhere near as successful as I am, so I want to send a huge thank you to everyone who has come to visit us at Balanced Nutrition.

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The Atom Bombers 4-H Club meeting starts with annual hayride

The Atom Bombers 4-H club gathered on September 11th at the Kleitsch farm for their annual hayride prior to their September meeting. Vice President Brock Kleitsch called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kennly Happel. Roll call was, "what was your favorite thing you saw on the hayride?" The Secretary's report was not given. The

Treasurer's report was given by Brody Kleitsch.

We have no club members with September birthdays. Important dates to remember are September 30th when record books are due, the Intermediate Trip to the Omaha Zoo on October 1st-2nd and National 4-H week October 3rd-7th.

The 4-H Pledge was led by Clayton Hershey. Brody gave a presen-

tation on the Buchanan County Goat Getters program and club members had drinks and made smores. The next meeting will be October 9th at the IC Hall where we will have officer elections.

4-H enrollment for the 2022-2023 year is open. If you know of someone who is interested in joining 4-H, email the County Youth Coordinator, Emily, at emartins@iastate.edu.



Get local help with your Medicare Questions

by Amy Rechkemmer
VanDaele Insurance Agent

I'm Amy Rechkemmer, a licensed sales agent in Fairbank, Iowa. To give you a little of my background, I live in Oelwein with husband Jake Rechkemmer and my three children Owen, Lane, and Aubree. I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 2002.

Since 2002, I have been working with Medicare plans, health plans, life insurance, and home and auto insurance. I have worked for VanDaele Insurance since 2011 serving our local community with your insurance needs.

When it comes to Medicare, it's important to consider all your options. Medicare is such a personal conversation and what you expect out of Medicare might be different than what your neighbor expects to get out of Medicare. With 20 plus years' experience in the Medicare market please give me a call to take the confusion out of Medicare, get help comparing your options, and take the hassle out of applying.

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IRENE AUDREY KREMER

August 25, 1942 ~ September 10, 2022

Irene Audrey (Strempe) Kremer, 80, of Fairbank, IA, passed away Saturday evening, September 10, 2022 at Oelwein MercyOne Hospital with her husband and her children at her side. Irene was born August 25, 1942, the daughter of Carl and Margaret (Hults) Strempe in Brandon, IA. They later moved to Independence. Irene married Dorrence Kremer on November 9, 1959 in Lamont. Irene and Dorrence farmed and raised their family in rural Fairbank.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters: Chuck, Elaine, Betty Ann, Jayne, Clint, Clair, Clifford, Clyde, Carl and Cleo. Irene was also preceded in death by a grandson, Jordan Thomas Kremer.

Irene leaves behind her husband, Dorrence; their five children: Guy Kremer, RoxAnn (Todd) Scott, SuzAnn (Dirk) Conner, Patricia (Fredrick) Carson and Jeffrey (Kim) Kremer; eight grandchildren: Jessica Marrah, Patrick (Krista) Marrah, Anthony Marrah, Luke (Beth) Conner, Ethan (Hannah Werner) Conner, Audrey Carson, Michael Carson and Alexis Kremer; two step-grandchildren: Cody Aiello and Gabrielle; and six great grandchildren: Maddex Marrah, Kylie Marrah, Reilly Marrah, Mason Marrah, Chelsea Conner and Kailee Conner; along with two sisters: Joann and Ruth.

Irene's wishes were for her body to be cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank is assisting the family.



VIRGIL JAMES MATTHIAS

January 29, 1936 ~ September 30, 2022

Virgil (VJ) James Matthias passed away peacefully at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, from complications of COVID. Virgil's strong religious faith prepared him for his journey to his Lord and Savior in eternal rest.

Virgil was born on Jan. 29, 1936, on the family farm near Klinger, Iowa, to Vernon and Ethel (Diercks) Matthias. He married Carol Nolte on Sept. 2, 1956. She died on June 23, 1966. He married Mary Mills on June 14, 1969 and they celebrated 53 years of marriage this year.

Virgil had numerous jobs in his life, including carpentry, Readlyn Felco, Readlyn Savings Bank and finally retiring from Farm Bureau. Virgil was always known to "walk" to all of his jobs in Readlyn and could out-walk anyone up to the challenge.

Virgil had a deep faith and was a loyal member of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He served on many boards and committees as well as church council. Virgil shared his love of music by participating in the church choir with Mary for many years. He believed heavily in supporting his church and its missions, which included helping St. Paul's Lutheran/Community Lutheran School thrive.

He loved playing hymns on the piano in his home, where many were able to listen and enjoy. He also shared his vocal talents by participating in the Spring Swing Variety Show in Shell Rock and the Readlyn '75 Alive Show.

Virgil contributed to his community in many ways by being active in the Readlyn Community and Lions clubs. He selflessly served many years as an active member of the Readlyn Fire Department. He enjoyed helping organize and contributing to the annual Easter egg hunt, pancake and rinderwurst breakfasts, Readlyn Grump Days, and the annual Fireman's Picnic, which always included a competitive game of softball.

Virgil's upbringing on a farm led to many stories of mischievous adventures and also produced his passion for maintaining bountiful gardens for his family and friends. His love for the outdoors as a kid continued as he actively fished, hunted, and trapped for many years. He repeated often that trapping was just like Christmas, you never knew what you were going to get.

He excelled at many sports and proudly spoke of participating in



the State High School basketball tournament, as well as playing third base when he was enlisted in the Army. He was physically fit into his 80's, still enjoying fishing, playing cards, and a good round of golf (including "hunting" for lost golf balls to meet his quota for the year).

One of his hunting adventures resulted in a deer mount being displayed in the family room and decorated at Christmas until "Rudolph" got relocated to the basement.

Virgil is survived by his wife Mary; three sons and two daughters: Greg (Kris) Matthias of Readlyn, Julie (Greg) Froning of Dike, IA, Annette (Darin) Trim-

ble of Bennington, NE, Eric (Andrea) Matthias of Gilbert, AZ, and Brett (Justina) Matthias of Gardner, KS; ten grandchildren: Chelsey (Cole) Pederson, Mikel (Josh) Wooden, Kira (JD) Stover, Tyler Matthias, Kaitlin Trimble, Owen Matthias, Ethan Matthias, Miah Matthias, Emily Matthias and Kimm Froning; great grandchildren: Kalei, Grace and Bo Pederson, Amella Niebuhr, and Addy and Brandon Stover, brother Gary (Betty) Matthias of Readlyn, sister Susan (Roger) Garbes of Nashua, IA; brothers-in-law David (Glenda) Mills of Independence, WV, and Elton Schutte of Denver, IA, sisters-in-law Jill Matthias of Norwalk, IA, and Nancy Erhardt of Readlyn.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Carol; in-laws Kenneth and Edith Mills; brother Chuck Matthias; grandsons Brock Niebuhr and Jared Trimble; in-laws Fred and Erna Nolte; brother-in-law Bob Erhardt; and sister-in-law Shirley Schutte.

Virgil cherished the time he was able to spend with his family and friends and will be deeply missed by all that knew him. He would love everyone to remember him by his favorite saying, "Jesus loves you and so do I."

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Phil Girardin officiating. The service will be livestreamed on St. Paul's Lutheran Churches Facebook page. Burial will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn. Military rites at the grave will be conducted by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 of Denver. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or to Community Lutheran School. Online condolences may be left at www.kaiercorson.com.



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“I WAS GOB SMACKED”

by Betty Brandt Passick

I attended Bouchercon 2022 – Minneapolis, a World Mystery Convention, on September 8-11. Bouchercon, named in honor of writer, reviewer, and editor Anthony Boucher (Bough•chur), is a place where authors have connected with readers, writers, publishers, editors, and agents of crime fiction for fifty-three years.

Norway's Jo Nesbo was the featured international author; S. A. Cosby from Virginia was named a rising star; and Ellen Hart of the Twin Cities was recipient of a lifetime achievement award. But there were other guests of honor.

My participation included being a panel member of “Tools of the Trade: Researching Historical Mysteries.” Fellow panel members were Elizabeth Kerri Mahon, Sujata Massey, Anne Da Vigo, and Jess Montgomery – each an accomplished author in her own right. I felt honored to be a part of this group.

Panel moderator and best-selling author Gary R. Bush would later tell me he was pleasantly surprised our double-conference room filled by about two-thirds, as convention attendees could choose between many panel discussions hourly. I wasn't sure what to expect, having never attended Bouchercon, but a room full of bodies always adds a lot of good energy, so I was extremely happy watching the room fill up.

Gary distributed a list of questions to panel members prior to the event. Below were my responses:

What sources do you use to research your book(s)?

I have used interviews, newspapers, FBI/police reports, books, and sundry other documents – plus spent more hours than I care to count reading obituaries and wandering through cemeteries.

My debut novel, *Gangster in Our Midst*, Lieutenant, Bookkeeper, and Sometimes Hitman for Al Capone (2017), obviously incorporated the character of Chicago Kingpin Al Capone – a name that is iconic, and about whom much has been written. Al Capone: The Biography of a Self-Made Man, by Fred D. Paisley, was published in 1930, just as Capone was about to begin serving an eleven-years sentence for tax evasion. The biography alone provides a wealth of information about Capone and his outfit.

Still, Paisley provided me with little help proving that Louie La Cava, the Italian American man who had come to my small hometown of Fairbank, Iowa (population: about eight hundred) – who repeatedly bragged he was bookkeeper for Capone – was part of Capone's inner circle. That took a lot more digging.

Why did you pick the era you set your book(s) in?

The era (Prohibition) for my first novel picked me, instead of the other way around. I was 9 years old when my primary family moved into Fairbank, called “Oxbow” in my books, a town similar to Fairbank. One of the first



things I heard a neighbor say was: “The town has a gangster.” I didn't know at the time the term “gangster” was a hold-over term from Prohibition.

Over the years, I heard more bits and pieces of stories about La Cava. When I retired a decade ago from 3M Company in St. Paul, Minn., my thoughts were focused on beginning a new career as an author (which I had planned to do since a young girl), and researching the gangster was at the top of my list of book ideas. I was eager to finally know whether the stories locals had told me were myth or fact. What a story I found!

What has surprised you in your research?

By this time I thought I already knew quite a bit about Prohibition, but I was surprised to learn how much of the general population across America was willing to break the law after passage of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. The Amendment, supported by the temperance movement and Anti-Saloon League, which attributed to alcohol virtually all of society's ills, was opposed overwhelmingly by Americans. Even those considered good, tea-toting Christians set up stills in their backyards.

Additionally, a lot of people came to idolize Al Capone as a “Robin Hood” type figure – not as a colossal murderer on his way to amassing a fortune of \$20 million. Allegedly, in the front window of one of Capone's gambling houses, disguised as a furniture store, he prominently displayed his family's Bible – seemingly, to keep up a public persona of being a good Christian man.

New industry always brings new jobs. Those who didn't have the guts to kill fellow gangland members found jobs as new rackets sprung up of hijacking and booze running.



Others with a penchant for “counting beans” became accountants, as was the case with La Cava. Archived newspaper articles reported that, when, then as Capone's lieutenant, La Cava failed to secure Capone's candidate in a Cicero, Illinois public election, Capone had him run out of Chicago with threat of imminent death if he ever returned. At some point Capone softened, thanks to an intervention with mob boss, Johnny Torrio, and he was welcomed back into Capone's good graces. La Cava became Capone's bookkeeper, and for other mobsters, as well.

I call research “going down the rabbit hole.” Searching for one thing, finding another and another.

Have you experienced this? Any examples?

While researching the Civil War to write *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*, *Murder on the Prairie* (2021), I discovered America's opiate epidemic had really begun during the war. Myriad returning soldiers – those carried from the battlefield with injuries and in excruciating pain, to those suffering from shellshock – returned home addicted to laudanum (opiate).

But even before the Civil War, pioneer women, for example, complaining to their physician or midwife of bouts of melancholy or of difficulty getting over the death of a child, were readily given laudanum. Essentially, the drug was presented – legally, by prescription and over the counter, in liquid form or tablet, to men, women, children (babies, too) – for a wide array of ailments. By the end of my research, I felt I could have written a whole book on this topic alone.

Can a reader really learn about history from reading

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historical novels?

Absolutely! It's one of the reasons "historical mystery" is one of the top two genres of books sold in terms of book sales in the world. "Romance" is number one.

Gangster in Our Midst tells the factual story of an Italian American gangster who came to a modest Iowa town during Prohibition. Passage of the 18th Amendment in 1919 had put the whole nation in a tailspin. Overnight, the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcohol were moved from legal distilleries into the hands of strongmen like Capone, who fought for control. The sub-machine gun, used as a "trench sweeper" weapon during WWI, and capable of firing 50-100 rounds a minute, became the preferred weapon of gangsters. Hundreds of innocents subsequently lost their lives in their crossfire. La Cava's presence in "Oxbow" puts the whole town on edge.

Fictionalized stories within a historical mystery novel must provide true historical scenarios. Woven into Gangster in Our Midst is the story of a town marshal who finds himself dealing with the dramatic social changes brought about by Prohibition, followed by the Great Depression; A love story between a farmer and his wife, Walter and Emma Bierkoff—a Catholic and a Lutheran, during a time when Catholics and Protestants were also at war; and the story of one common man's ardent search to find an answer to the universal question: How does a just, loving God appropriate forgiveness for the most heinous and calamitous sins? Each story represented societal issue during the 1920s and beyond.

The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse tells a factual

story from an earlier era, when Dr. Alexander Wiltse, a French Canadian, immigrates to America with his family seeking economic opportunity. Europeans and Canadians were the first immigrants to settle in northeastern Iowa. The period provoked other forms of gangsterism: cattle rustling, horse thievery, and robbing stores, post offices and banks. Dr. Wiltse soon finds himself in the middle of a horrific murder. He is still establishing himself as a medical practitioner when Civil War breaks out – sanctioned murder, when the unsavory used the opportunity of war to do the unthinkable.

Throughout the challenges and chaos, I told the fictionalized story of what happens in a good marriage when the unimaginable happens. Finding one's way back to love and acceptance isn't always a guarantee. Life on the prairie was difficult in every way imaginable. Essential in historical mystery books is connecting the stories with readers and speaking to their own experience as a human being.

What did you find in your research that left you absolutely gob smacked?

Then, there was the poster I came across, published in The Fairbank View (reprinted in the Oelwein Register):

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This is the definition of "bound out" child, according to one source: "Someone who was often taken from an orphanage to become a servant to 'more respectable'

families. This meant that the child had to work for their master for a certain number of years (usually until they were twenty-one) in exchange for food, shelter, and some sort of education. Bound children were essentially indentured servants."

I had no idea this form of slavery existed in my hometown. I was gob smacked. Even so, if the practice happened in Fairbank, it happened elsewhere in the state.

Total attendance at Bouchercon was 1,311, including 488 attending authors. We authors were encouraged to make donations to raise money for the designated Minnesota Women's Prison Book Project. Examples were...a social event with an author (late-night Saturday drinks or Sunday breakfast), or an interview or guest host spot on a blog, or a signed draft of a novel.

I donated a themed "Gangster" basket (pictured) for the silent auction, containing my two novels: Gangster in our Midst (2017), with a 15-ounce commemorative mug picturing La Cava with Capone; and

The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse (2021), with a black crow, apothecary jar, candle, and box of mints.

The live and silent auctions raised \$12,000 for the project.

Below are upcoming books events in northeast Iowa – opportunities to meet-up. I hope to see many of you again soon!

•Sat., Oct. 15, 1-2:30 pm, "Writing a Memoir" Workshop, Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave.

•Mon., Oct. 17, 6:30 pm, Author Talk, Aplington Legion Memorial Library (in coordination with the Parkersburg library), 929 Parriott St.


•Tues, Oct. 18, 6:30 pm, Author Talk, Lawler Public Library, 412 E Grove St

•Sat., Nov. 5, 9 am-3 pm, Booksigning, "Holiday Open House," Barn Happy, 11310 Univ. Ave., Cedar Falls

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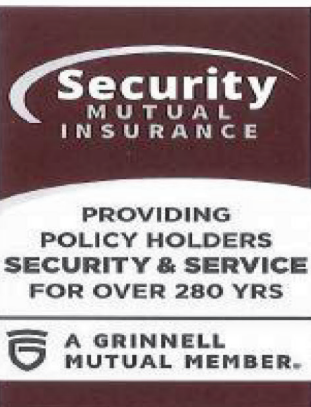
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The Annual Fairbank Fall Market



Several shoppers showed up for the annual Fairbank Fall Market that was held Saturday, October 1st at the IC Church Hall. There were approximately 20 area vendors and artisans offering a variety of items some great Christmas gifts!



What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

Grocery store shelves provide a wide variety of mixes to simplify food preparation. If you are like me, I find some mixes convenient and have good results with them. One of my favorites is Bisquick mix. Originally for pancakes and biscuits, it is now used in many different recipes and Cheesburger Pie made with Bisquick has become a classic and so has Betty Crocker's Bisquick Pizza.

CHEESEBURGER PIE

1 lb. ground beef	1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
1 c. onions, chopped	1 c. milk
¼ tsp. chili powder	2 tbsp. onion soup mix
¼ tsp. black pepper	¾ c. Bisquick mix
½ tsp. salt	2 eggs, slightly beaten



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown meat and onion, drain. Add chili powder, pepper, and salt to the meat mixture. Put in two-quart greased casserole or 10" glass pie dish. Put the shredded cheddar cheese on top of the meat. In a small bowl, mix milk, onion soup mix, Bisquick and eggs until blended. Pour on top of the meat mixture. Bake 25 minutes. You may want to sprinkle a bit more cheese on top during the last 5 minutes of baking. Let set 5 minutes before serving.

BETTY CROCKER'S BISQUICK PIZZA

1½ c. Bisquick mix	Add toppings of your choice:
1/3 c. very hot water	
1 8 oz. can pizza sauce	½ c. sliced fresh mushrooms
1½ c. shredded mozzarella cheese	½ c. chopped bell pepper
1 pkg. (3 ½ oz.) sliced pepperoni (may use ground beef with onion or sausage, browned and drained)	½ c. sliced ripe olives
	¼ c. chopped green onions



Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Stir together the Bisquick mix and very hot water for 20 strokes until soft dough is formed. Press dough in 12" pizza pan. Spread pizza sauce over dough. Add meat, toppings, and cheese. Bake 12-15 minutes until crusty and browned and cheese is bubbly.

Now, here is a "quick mix sweet!"

CHOCOLATE CAKE MIX COOKIES

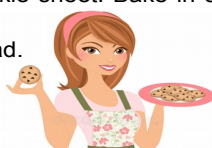
1 (15½ oz.) chocolate fudge cake mix
2 eggs
1/3 c. butter, melted
1 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips



Mix butter, eggs, and cake mix until well blended. Stir in the chocolate chips. Form into 1" balls or use a cookie scoop and put on parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake in 350 degree pre-heated oven, for 8-10 minutes.

Note: If using an 18½ oz. cake mix, use ½ c. melted butter instead.

Easy does it, they say, if you have a mix
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ATTENTION: RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Need help with your heating bill?

The 2022-2023 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing.

If you are not sure where to apply, Dial 2-1-1, or visit <http://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> to contact your local community action agency, or write to: LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- * **Elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled:** October 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023
- * **All other households:** November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

WHAT TO TAKE:

- * **Proof of Income** (for all household members age 18 and over). Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you.
- * **Proof of Social Security Numbers for all household members** (documentation required.)
- * **Most recent heat bill**
- * **Most recent electric bill**

WAGE EARNERS: Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIXED INCOME: This income may include: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veteran's Assistance, Unemployment Insurance, and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS: Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

If you receive alimony or child support, it will also need to be verified. Additional income not listed here may be required.

INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260

For households with more than eight members, add \$9,440 for each additional member.

Add a "PS"

**To help a neighbor**

"PS" is Project Share – a program that assists needy households in paying their winter energy bills. You can help this effort by adding a regular **Project Share** contribution to your utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds are distributed to your neighbors in need.

A local social service agency carefully identifies those residents who qualify, and a local committee oversees Project Share to guarantee that all contributions are handled equitably and efficiently.

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PS | Project Share

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If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and Fairbank Municipal Utilities does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board at 1375 E. Court Ave. Room 69, Des Moines, IA, 50319-0069, 1-877-565-4450 or email at customer@iub.iowa.gov



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COLLEGE NEWS

HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Area students are among the summer graduates from Hawkeye Community College.

DUNKERTON: Susanna Gentz, AAS, physical therapist assistant; Riley Moulds, diploma, basic collision repair; Tyler Moulds, diploma, landscape and turf management.

FAIRBANK: Kobe Risse, AA, liberal arts.

JESUP: Jordyn Ruroden, AA, liberal arts; Jonathan Sigwarth, diploma, basic collision repair; Brady Wilson, diploma, landscape and turf management.

READLYN: Branden Cox, AAS, ag business management; Jared Galyean, diploma, electronics technician; Ethan Oltrogge, diploma, CNC machining technology.

Why Are My Natural Gas Bills So High?



Natural gas prices are much higher than normal compared to the last several years of very low, stable natural gas prices. What's behind these higher prices? Several factors are at work. Below is an explanation and what you as a consumer can do to help reduce these prices.

A Quick Look at Your Natural Gas Rate

Your gas rate has two key components:

1. The wholesale cost or market cost of natural gas plus interstate pipeline costs to deliver natural gas to your city.
2. The distribution cost or what your city charges to deliver natural gas to your home/business.

- Wholesale cost or market cost of natural gas fluctuates and has realized drastic increases
- The market price for natural gas has increased 150% over the last 12 months
- No increase in the distribution cost, or what your city charges, to deliver natural gas to your home/business

Why the Increase in the Market Price of Natural Gas?

Market price follows supply and demand. Current demand for natural gas is greatly exceeding current supplies.

Reason #1 - Increased demand for electric power generation

- Increased market demand coming from electric power generators as they move away from coal to natural gas to lower emissions because natural gas is a clean energy.
- Electric power generators also use natural gas to support wind and solar electric generation since there are reliability issues with renewable energy.

Reason #2 - Increased demand for liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

- Increased demand for LNG in European and Asian markets.
- Gas prices in international markets are even higher than prices in the U.S. prompting natural gas producers to export natural gas to these markets

Reason #3 - Federal regulations and policies.

- Several new Pipeline projects designed to bring natural gas to the U.S. marketplace have been canceled due to policies and regulations opposing this necessary infrastructure.
- The Mountain Valley Pipeline project which began over 7 years ago and designed to bring natural gas out of the Marcellus/Utica Shale formation continues to be stalled due to regulatory legal battles.
- Federal policies standing in the way of projects like these create obstacles for producers creating unneeded shortages in natural gas supplies and adversely impacts our energy affordability, security and energy reliability.

Important Facts

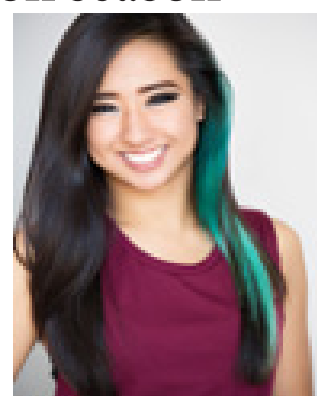
- The U.S. has over 100 years of clean-burning natural gas supply currently available with potential for more supplies beyond these estimates.
- There are 2.6 million miles of safe, reliable pipelines working to deliver natural gas where it's needed every day.
- The efficient natural gas energy delivery system has provided the most affordable energy for households for decades according to the Department of Energy.
- The gas industry has the ability to construct the necessary pipelines to bring natural gas to U.S. markets.
- High natural gas prices harm American households through higher heating, water heating, and cooking costs.
- Because natural gas is used to generate a large portion of our electricity, electricity rates are headed for unprecedented high levels.

What Can I Do?

There is no reason natural gas prices should be inflated to their current levels. Reach out to your State and U.S. Representatives and express your concern over policies that limit natural gas production and expanding the pipeline network.

Guest Choreographer designs pieces for NIDA's competition season

OELWEIN: The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy is accepting new student registrations for the 2022/2023 dance session and the NIDA Competition & Performance Team is preparing for their competition season as well. Guest Choreographer Katherine "Kat" Cheng arrived on August 26th with her assistant Emily Jo Jordan to begin choreography for the NIDA competition team. She choreographed 6 solo pieces as well as 3 group numbers including routines in Large Group Senior Contemporary, Small Group Senior Lyrical and Large Group Teen Contemporary/Lyrical, before leaving again on August 29.



The NIDA dancers appreciated the skilled training Kat provided and the opportunity to rehearse the new routines under her guidance. The dancers will continue to clean and perfect their routines under the guidance of Anna Kerns on Sundays throughout the competition season.

Kat has had the honor to work with many esteemed choreographers over the years. Kat Cheng is a professional dancer/choreographer based out of Los Angeles. She has been able to tour internationally with artists such as Mariah Carey, Sabrina Carpenter, in Danny Ezralow's show, Pearl, and in the MAC Industry Tour. Some of her television and commercial credits include: dancing with Ariana Grande, Jennifer Hudson, and Snoop Dog on Mariah Carey's Magical Christmas Special, on the VMAs with Olivia Rodrigo, the MTV Movie and TV Awards with Chloe & Halle, on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon and NBC's New Years Eve, performing with Doja Cat and Bebe Rexha, and with companies such as VOGUE Portugal, Vanity Fair, Athleta, J.Crew, Nikon, Shein, and Mott & Bow Jeans. She has also appeared on, The L Word: Generation Q on Showtime, and The Idol on HBO Max. Kat can also be seen in music videos for Avril Lavigne, Tinashe, Banks, Christina Aguilera, Michael Buble, Jackson Wang, Panic! at The Disco, Tiesto, Jacob Collier, and Lindsey Stirling, to name a few. She also had the honor of choreographing for Khalid and Mariah Carey's song, Fall in love at Christmas as well as Dillion Francis's music video, Don't Let Me Let Go.



God's grace and peace be unto you in Christ Jesus!

It seems that the Lord is blessing us with another October. God be praised! It is wonderful to see the leaves turn and feel the change in the air. We hear equipment in the fields and give thanks that the Lord has blessed another harvest. October is a beautiful month (along with the other eleven God has given us). October is also a month of holidays.

When I say that, you probably think first of Halloween. It's hard not to. We've been tempted by candy for a month and a half already. Halloween, however, is not the holiday I'm thinking of. Now, this will show my Lutheran leaning, but I suppose you should expect that from me. The holiday I have in mind is Reformation Day, also October 31st. Outside Lutheranism, this day is celebrated a little less, but also marked as the start of the Protestant Reformation. I know that some of you dear readers might stop here, but please bear with me. Bishop Robert Barron of the Winona-Rochester Diocese recently hosted a class on the Reformation and encouraged all Catholics in ways that they, too, can learn from it.

But what does Reformation Day mark? On October 31st, 1517, Martin Luther, then an Augustinian friar, priest, and professor of theology, published a document intended to be an invitation to a public debate. This document was called the 95 Theses. Although it touched on several topics, the main subject concerned the practice of indulgences. There's a long history here, but we'll shorten it to say that the popular understanding in Luther's time was that people could – for the exchange of money – purchase passage out of purgatory into heaven for themselves or their loved ones. This idea contradicts Scripture (and Tradition) in many ways. Martin Luther felt he had the responsibility, as a teacher of the Church, to draw the Church's attention to this misuse, that it might be corrected. In fact, the Theses were addressed to the Archbishop, Albert of Mainz.

What happened next changed the course of history (in both Church and state), no matter how you look at it. The debate Luther had hoped for did not happen. His concerns were not addressed. A papal bull was issued against him, and he was called upon to recant. When he refused, he was declared an outlaw and heretic, which he remains today – as far as some are concerned. Luther was not deterred, however, and continued to preach, teach, and care for souls for many years. He also translated the Bible into German for the common people to read for themselves the sweet words of Christ. By doing so, Luther became a big factor into how we can read the Bible today in our own language, English.

For what reason did Luther work so tirelessly? He wanted all Christians to know, take to heart, and believe these words: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes;" and, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works;" and, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 8:31-32)

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Nov. Book Club

The Guest Book

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Oct. 19 - Police Officer

Oct. 26 - Halloween

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Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser

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The fundraiser will run through Thursday, Dec. 8th

We will be collecting baskets now through Nov. 8th. Gift baskets, along with who donated the items, will be on display throughout the library and a silent auction will be held. We are looking for library patrons and local businesses to put together theme baskets or gift cards. If you wish to donate, please have the items dropped off at the library on or before Nov. 8th.

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August 2022 Report

Ambulance Calls: 5

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accidents: 1

Fire Calls: 1

Storm/Tornado Watch: 1

HazMat Fuel Spill: 1

EMS Training Hours: Rescheduled

Fire Training Hours: Approximately 60

~ EMS Training was scheduled to be a hands on learning simulator which was rescheduled

~ Fire Training was advancing hose line, offensive tactics and proper hose loads.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wapsie Valley CSD
Regular School Board Mtg
September 19, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

b. Administration: Chris Hoover, TJ Murphy, Jayme Hurley, Alyson Forsyth

c. Board Secretary: Kim Arndt, Others: Addisyn McElhose, Carmen Wille, Vaughn Gross, and virtual participants.

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

3. Public Comment - Addisyn presented information on National Convention trip, Sunday Chapter Meetings, fruit sales fundraiser & seed corn program/fundraiser. Ms. Wille, FFA Instructor, introduced herself to the board. Mr. Gross discussed fire ring fundraisers for Robotics, prom locations, Fairbank concrete, and trainings for Family Consumer Science students.

4. Consent Items - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the consent items including updating the approval of contracts on the August 15, 2022 minutes from Moved by Aiello to Moved by Van Daele, the bills being reviewed by Jerry Van Daele and Sunshine Larson requests to open enroll her 11th-grade son to WV from Independence for the 22-23 school year. FYI - Jazmin Snell request to open enroll her 2nd-grade daughter to Cedar Falls as presented. Motion carried 5-0

5. Board - Brent - make sure outside doors are shut in the multipurpose room. Angie - like the format of the newsletter but be careful where links are

positioned.

Superintendent - Report included 7-12 HVAC, baseball, & calendar updates. Also included a new platform for newsletter, safety audit, classroom visits, and spotlight on education presentations.

PK-6 Principal Hurley/Forsyth: Report included Leader in Me, Leader Academy, MAP growth testing, back-to-school night, and rural parent meetings.

7-12 Principal Murphy: Report included Leader in Me, Future Ready, and Activities update

6. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the following resignations as presented: Elizabeth Kempf - .5 PK Associate/.5 Special Ed Associate, Katelyn Gann - .5 PK Associate/.5 Special Ed Associate, Wendy Galyean- Cook, & Denise Youngblut - Nutrition Director-Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the following contracts as presented: Kevin McRae - Elementary SPED Teacher - \$57,533 + \$6,755 (TSS) = \$64,288, Addendum- Suzanne Connor, Carol Peine & Jen Matthias - \$500 additional wages for calling substitutes, Elizabeth Kempf-PK Associate-\$13.44 P/H & SPED Van Driver-\$25.18 per route, Katelyn Gann - PK Associate - \$12.67 P/H, Wendy Galyean - SPED Associate - \$13.04 P/H, Haley Tiedt - JH Cross Country Coach \$1,805, Nikki Shannon - BA+8 to BA+15 Step 5-\$44,102(base contract) + \$5,230 (TSS) = \$49,332, effective 9-1-2022-Addendum-Nicole Troyer - BA+8 to BA+15 Step 2 \$41,693(base contract) + \$4,885 (TSS) = \$46,578, effective 9-1-2022-Addendum-Beth Rochford - BA to BA+8 Step 1-\$39,141(base contract) + \$4,650(TSS) = \$43,791, effective 9-1-2022 Addendum-Chasity Jensen - Special Education Associate - \$12.67 P/H, Kaelyn Cusick - JH/HS Leader In Me Coordinator - \$750.00, Danielle Rulapaugh - Part-Time

Custodian - \$13.42 P/H, Alicia Hesse- LIM Lighthouse Team Coordinator-\$750.00, Heather Robinson- LIM Lighthouse Team Coordinator- \$750.00, Connie Sauerbrei - Substitute Cook -\$11.90. Motion carried 5-0

7. New Business - Will bring early retirement options for fiscal year 2023 to the meeting in October Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the Oelwein Online(O2) & Regional Education Center Tuitioned-In Agreement for 22-23 school year. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Cooperative Sponsorship agreement with Waverly CSD for Orchestra for the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Jerry discussed the purchase of safety equipment for football. WV currently pays for safety equipment for football players.

The board directed to send out specifications for bus bids.

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the early graduation for Amelia Meyers & Austin Klink as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve changing student contact days from 170 to 168 for the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to obtain suitable bids based on the one year estimate of expenditures from the SAVE (one cent sales tax fund) as presented. Motion carried 5-0

9. Board Talking Points - Community members wondered why they would have to donate for baseball lights, discussed multipurpose floor, check with coaches to make sure kids are leaving practices early enough to meet church commitments on Wednesdays

10. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Motion carried 5-0 Respectfully, Kim Arndt

Wapsie Valley CSD
Regular School Board Mtg
August 15, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. Directors: Sauerbrei, Wolfe, and Van Daele - Aiello & Auel excused

b. Superintendent Hoover, Principals Murphy, Hurley, Forsyth & Board Secretary Arndt.

c. Others: Jessica Studebaker, Vaughn Gross, & virtual participants

2. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the amended agenda adding a Platinum month-to-month TLC Contract with ACES for the 22-23 school year under New Business - H as presented. Motion carried 3-0

3. Public Forum - Jessica Studebaker spoke on updating the Fairbank playground and applying for grants to help with the cost. Vaughn Gross - Spoke on schedules, attendance policy, cell phone policy, backpacks, and hoping there was good input from staff in updating the 22-23 Student/Faculty Handbook.

4. Consent Items - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Jeannie Wolfe and the open enrollment as follows-Tracey & David Scurley request to open enroll their kindergarten son into the WV School District effective the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 3-0

5. Board - Board discussed Amish enrollment

Superintendent Hoover's report included HVAC & baseball field updates, welcome back dates, Leader In Me positions, SAI conference, and transitioning to the district.

PK-6 Fairbank Principal Hurley - report included Thank yous to all involved with getting WV back to school, preliminary enrollment, back-to-school night, Leader In Me, summer school updates, & BLT mtg.

7-12 Principal Murphy - report included Thanks to all at JH/HS getting things ready for this year, preliminary enrollment, Leader In Me, JH Science curriculum, Future Ready & Activities updates.

TLC/Rurals Principal Forsyth - report included behavioral room construction at Readlyn, BLT team, Leader In Me & Rural curriculum.

6. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the resignation of Heidi Moessner - P/T Custodian & Shae Kerns - Substitute Instructional Associate effective immediately as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the 22-23 contracts & volunteers as presented:

Carmen Willie - Mentee - \$1,000, Robert Reding - 22-23 Special Education Associate - \$13.67 P/H, Shae Kerns - 22-23 Special Education Associate - \$14.19 P/H, Heidi Moessner - 22-23 Instructional Associate - \$13.04, Vaughn Gross - 22-23 Robotics Coach Base 3/Year 11 - \$3,298, Kim Weepie - 22-23 Play/Musical Sponsor - Base 1/Year 0 - \$1,504, Courtney Schmitz - 22-23 JH Girls Basketball Coach - Base 1/Year 0 - \$1,955, Justin Davie - 22-23 JH Cross Country - Base 1/Year 3 \$1,805, Tim Kelly - 22-23 Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - Base 4/Year 15 - \$3,142, Alyson Forsyth - TLC/

Readlyn & Rural Principal - .5/General-.5/TLC - \$76,000 (includes \$3,438 from Teacher Salary Supplement funds) + .5 FTE Difference of single and family insurance - \$6,129.42 + 10 days TLC Extended - \$4,000 + \$300 - Cell = \$86,429.42 effective 8-1-2022 to 7-31-2023, Bill Shepherd - VB Volunteer Coach & Tony Foster - FB Volunteer Coach. Motion carried 3-0

7. New Business - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the following handbooks pending any changes brought to the board from the Administrative Team as presented. 22-23 Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, Faculty & Staff Handbook, Classified Staff Handbook, JR/SR High School Student/Parent Handbook, WV Technology Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook, WVHS Course Description Handbook

Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to approve baseball field turf work for the foul territory, home plate, and around the bases to improve safety (\$13,186.09) as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the 22-23 Platinum TLC month-to-month contract with ACES, \$7,367 per month as presented. Motion carried 3-0

8. Board Talking Points - Jeannie & Kim will work to get board policies updated and work with Vaughn to get them updated on the website by December 2022 tentatively.

9. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Motion carried 3-0 Respectfully, Kim Arndt

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem R. Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem R. Woods thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked if anyone had any comments during the public comment section. Vicki Kaufman and Randy Siems were present with a complaint about the project along West Main Street in front of their residence. They were questioning if the contractor was finished with the project and stated that they were not happy with the road in front of their driveway. Brett Cummings was also present concerning the same project but at the location of Grove Street and Second Street. Public Works explained that the project was not finished yet but that everyone would look at the areas of concern and get ahead of the city engineer to discuss the issues and the status of the completion date.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the August 8th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Coffin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of July were: General, \$26,001.47; Special Revenue, \$24,843.37; TIF, \$1,074.27; Capital Projects, \$21.48; Permanent Funds, \$11.05; Proprietary, \$152,749.69; and Transfers In, \$26,014.00. Disbursements for the month of July were: General, \$116,771.45; Special Revenue, \$8,175.33; Proprietary, \$126,852.88; and Transfers Out, \$26,014.00. Balance on hand at close of business on July 31, 2022, was \$4,962,338.11.

The council needed to make action regarding the procedure for the appointment of a mayor pursuant to IA Code 372.13. Attorney Prendergast started the conversation with an explanation of the council's options to fill the vacancy. She stated that either the council could choose to appoint to that vacancy, or the council could choose to hold a special election to fill that vacancy. Notice would need to be published if they chose to appoint. At that time a petition for a special election could be submitted by residents if they would rather see a special election held. Residents would also

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem R. Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Williams/Erickson to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no comments during the public comment section. Mayor Pro Tem R. Woods thanked everyone for attending.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the August 22nd Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Coffin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of August were: General, \$5,819.57; Special Revenue, \$22,353.40; Capital Projects, \$84,752.77; Permanent Funds, \$14.35; Proprietary, \$171,581.75; and Transfers In, \$212,469.63. Disbursements for the month of August were: General, \$73,231.15; Special Revenue, \$5,376.28; Proprietary, \$193,035.42; Capital Projects, \$52,338.50; and Transfers Out, \$212,469.63. Balance on hand at close of business on August 31, 2022, was \$4,922,878.60.

The FY22 City Street Finance Report was presented to the council. It is required that all cities submit the report to the DOT by December 1st of each year. Williams/Coffin to acknowledge the presentation of the documents for the city's FY22 City Street Finance Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion was held on an agreement with Buchanan County regarding V62 work. The County is redoing their portion of V62 South of town and have offered to bring the project North into town until the intersection of Fairbank Street at a 50/50 split with them. The project is estimated to total around \$300,000.00 with the City's share being half of that. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the agreement with Buchanan County on the work to be done on V62. This project will be done next year. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors voted on June 20th to give a tower owned by them to the City of Fairbank. E911 Director Chris Hare explained that the tower was decommissioned and was no longer needed by them. The tower site lease agreement that both parties entered in April of 2012 was terminated by the county. Williams/Coffin to terminate the lease agreement from 2012 and accept the tower from Buchanan County. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

At the last meeting it was discussed during the department reports that the DNR was in town on a citizen complaint about the City's burn pile and air quality. They issued a letter of non-compliance stating that the City has 60 days to find an alternative to burning at that location. Hauling away or grinding and then hauling away are about the only options for the city to be able to keep a yard waste area. Both those options come with hefty costs. Possibly adding a charge to the utility bills was discussed. For now, the council stated to draft a letter for approval at the next meeting that will be sent to DNR explaining that as of November 1, 2022, the yard waste site will be closed to anything except grass clippings and leaves. Compost would still be accepted but not trees and burnable debris since burning is prohibited and the costs are too high to haul away. The future of having a yard waste area for burnable items will be discussed at the next meeting.

Estimates were received to change the city's tractor front PTO from 540 to 1000 RPM to accommodate the snow blower. One was from Bodenstein-er for \$9,500.00 and one from Titan Machinery for \$9,510 plus additional costs for transportation if needed. The council had this in the budget and wanted to get it purchased before this upcoming winter season. Coffin/T. Woods to purchase the pto gearbox and controller from Bodenstein-er Implement Co. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

After the last meeting, Councilman R. Woods went to the Ball Diamond Park to look at the shed and see about adding a bigger opening for a roll up door for the four-wheeler. He stated that he does believe that the roll up door would work great. The exact door size would be determined once the opening was made. The quote for a 48" wide steel roll up door was \$1,447.50 and for a 6' door was \$1,652.50. Williams/T. Woods to approve Fairbanks Construction to put the roll up door in the shed at the Ball Diamond Park and to put the biggest size allowable in. Ayes: Four. Abstain: R. Woods. Nays: None.

City Clerk Brittany Fuller, Deputy Clerk Michelle Laube, and Councilwoman Erickson were all able to register for the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and Exhibit being held in Waterloo at the end of September. City Hall will have limited open hours during the days of September 28th, 29th, and 30th to allow for this training.

Writing an ordinance and adding it to the City's code book has been discussed at the last few meetings regarding allowing chickens within the city limits. After learning the Council's stipulations, an ordinance was drafted and presented to the council. Coffin/Erickson to approve the wording in the draft ordinance allowing chickens within city limits. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. This was just the first step in the process to getting it passed and adopted.

have fourteen days after an appointment to submit a petition for a special election. Prendergast stated that most councils choose to appoint whenever possible to avoid the high costs associated with a special election. Councilman Coffin stated that he would like to see the appointment route and Councilwoman Erickson agreed. All appointment discussions would need to be held in a public meeting. Coffin/Erickson to choose appointment as the procedure to fill the vacancy in the mayoral seat. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

At the last meeting there was a discussion held on the position of the council about a proposed CO2 pipeline trying to come in just north and east of town. A resolution was drafted regarding the City's opposition to the project. T. Woods/Coffin to approve Resolution 2022-27 - A Resolution Regarding the City of Fairbank's Position Pertaining to the Proposed CO2 Pipeline North and East of Town. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Iowa DOT had two permits for the future Main Street Project that needed council approval. They were both applications for performing work in the right-of-ways. They had previously been looked at by our city engineer. Williams/T. Woods to approve the two permits from the IA DOT for the Main Street Project. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Blake Gallery was present at the last meeting inquiring about getting chickens in town. The council received a letter of request from him and put a discussion on an ordinance allowing chickens within the city limits on the agenda. The council received sample ordinances from surrounding towns and liked the verbiage that Hudson uses. If there were rules to follow and abide by the council thought maybe it would be worth looking into allowing chickens. Williams/T. Woods to approve the drafting of an ordinance for the City of Fairbank to allow chickens within the city limits and to then discuss at the next meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Three quotes for concrete work at the city storage shed were received. Kite Custom Construction for \$14,716.00, Trueg Custom Concrete for \$15,120.00, and Fairbank Excavating for \$21,650.00. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Kite Concrete Construction to do the work and to also give permission to check into the price difference of the 6" option. If it was only \$1,000.00 or so they would approve the 6". The council wanted Public Works to see what Kite says about the difference and then public works could decide what was better the 5 or 6". Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Big Iron Auction brought in \$1,600.00 for the 2021 truck box that was

The drafted chicken ordinance will be sent in to have it included in the final code update passing procedures.

The council discussed adding an ordinance about the demolition of a building. They were given surrounding towns samples and were requested to review for the next meeting.

A draft copy of the City of Fairbank's updated Code of Ordinances was reviewed by the council. There was a section that needed deleted about the city having a permitting process for UTV's otherwise everything else looked good. Just waiting on the building demolition information and getting them the new chicken ordinance then the steps needed to finalize and adopt the updated code of ordinances will be done.

Coffin/Williams to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

ABIGAIL JONES, UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$200.00
AMG TECHNOLOGY INVEST GRP, UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$200.00
AMY VAN BROCKLIN, SWIM LESSON REFUND	\$35.00
APPARATUS TESTING SERV, LLC., ANNUAL TESTING	\$620.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, SUPPLIES	\$62.79
BEN DELAGARDELLE, CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$75.00
BENNY RUEHS, SERVICES	\$75.00
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, SERVICES	\$5,817.90
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., SUPPLIES	\$329.88
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE/CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$380.43
BUCHANAN CO CLERK OF COURT, COURT FEES	\$95.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF, SERVICES	\$700.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, ELECTRIC	\$71,983.25
BUTLER COUNTY REC, SERVICES	\$3,008.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, GAS	\$603.77
CHRISTOPHERSON & SONS, SUPPLIES	\$91.11
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CITY OF FAIRBANK, REPLENISH POSTAGE FUND	\$22.24
CITY OF FAIRBANK, UTILITY DEPOSITS APPLIED	\$600.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, NATURAL GAS	\$5,203.90
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, RESERVATION	\$4,321.57
CORN BELT POWER COOPERATION, SERVICES	\$1,071.25
D & D TIRE INC., TIRES	\$4,030.00
D & S PORTABLES, INC., RENTALS	\$380.00
DAKOTA DRISH, MILEAGE/SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	\$275.78
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, SERVICES	\$953.00
ELIZABETH MATTHIAS, SWIM LESSON REFUND	\$35.00
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, SUPPLIES	\$15.65
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, BOX RENT	\$148.00
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, UTILITY BILLS POSTAGE SEPT 2022	\$171.60
FARM WIN CO-OP, DIESEL	\$1,070.00
FAYETTE CO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMA DUES	\$504.86
GRAINGER, INC., SUPPLIES	\$371.41
IMAGE TREND, INC., ANNUAL LICENSE	\$400.00
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC., CODIFICATION DRAFT	\$1,500.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, TRAINING	\$180.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, DUES	\$948.00
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES	\$67.50
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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, M. LAUBE TRAINING	\$224.00
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, INSPECTION	\$1,026.84
IPERS, BENEFITS	\$5,049.12
JENNIFER KEMPS, POOL PASS REIMBURSEMENT	\$25.00
JETCO, INC., EQUIPMENT	\$7,189.45
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPPLIES	\$58.29
KATIE NEIL, UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$200.00
KENNETH KLEITSCH, UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS, INC., SUPPLIES	\$226.00
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, STATIC IP ADDRESSES	\$20.00
MANATT'S, SUPPLIES	\$216.00
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MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, DRUG TESTING	\$24.00
MICHAEL GRUETZMACHER, 2022 REC DIRECTOR FEES	\$750.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC., TESTING	\$712.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES	\$2,813.60
NE SECURITY BANK, ACH SERVICE CHARGE	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, PAYROLL PROCESSING FEE 8/1/2022	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, PAYROLL PROCESSING FEE 8/15/2022	\$9.40
NE SECURITY BANK, RETURNED CHECK FEE	\$4.00
NICK CURLEY, 2022 REC DIRECTOR FEES	\$750.00
NICK KUKER, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE/CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$320.00
NSB/HS-A - H S A CONTRIBUTIONS	\$500.00
NSB/HS-A - PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$270.00
OAK TREE PROPERTIES, UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$200.00

listed for the city. After their eight percent profit the city received a check for \$1,472.00. Public Works asked the council about selling some of the other items that are sitting around. Williams/Coffin to get the other truck box (the 2022) listed to sell and the 2008 chevy pick-up truck. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Installing a bigger opening at the shed at the Ball Diamond Park was discussed. It's been mentioned for years that when getting the four-wheeler in and out, it would be easier if the opening was bigger. A quote from Woods Construction showed a 4' wide steel roll-up door or an option for a 6' wide steel roll-up door. Councilman R. Woods said he would look at the pricing on a 5' opening and have it for the next meeting. Williams/Coffin to table until the next meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the payment to the summer recreation directors, Nick Curley and Michael Gruetzmacher, for the summer 2022 season at \$750.00 each. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and Exhibit is being held in Waterloo, Iowa this fall at the end of September. Councilman R. Woods said that it would be nice if a couple of council members could attend given that it is so close to home. More information will be investigated and see who all could attend.

The rough draft to the City's code update was presented to the council. The council was asked to review the changes and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Police Chief Drish was present to give a report during the department reports. He also mentioned that if the council ever got any complaints to please let him know via email. Public Works stated they had been working hard on removing the dead trees in town and that they were able to install the new cross walk signs before school started. They had no updates on the brush pile at that time but were looking into the city's options. Jason Kayser was present to give an update on behalf of the Fire Department. They planned a community health day for that upcoming Saturday and were hoping for a good turnout.

Coffin/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Ron Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

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ROXANNE WENNER, SERVICES	\$120.00
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SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, SUPPLIES	\$231.00
SHELBE WASON/BRADLEY BURNELL, SWIM LESSON REIMBURSEMENT	\$20.00
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP., SOFTWARE	\$450.00
STETSON BUILDING PRODUCTS, LLC, SUPPLIES	\$150.41
SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS, SUBSCRIPTION	\$721.13
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO.	\$30.61
SYNCR/AMAZON, SUPPLIES	\$101.11
TAMI MILLER, SWIM LESSON REFUND	\$35.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP, SUPPLIES	\$668.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, AUG. WT EXCISE TAX	\$1,136.88
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, AUG. SALES TAX	\$2,427.27
U. S. TREASURY, 941 TAXES	\$9,134.96
U.S. BANK, AUG PEFA GAS	\$1,842.24
U.S. BANK, JULY PEFA GAS	\$1,842.24
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, DRUG TESTING	\$42.00
URBAN SERVICES, SERVICES	\$450.00
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VISA, MICROSFOT EMAIL ACCOUNTS	\$12.50
ROXANNE WENNER, SERVICES	\$160.00

Discussion on the resolution needing passed to fill the Mayoral vacancy took place. Councilman R. Woods stated that nobody wanted to have to be in this position with the loss of Mayor Harter but that it was decided at the last meeting to make an appointment for the vacancy. Holding a special election would delay the process and that the term was just needing filled until January 1, 2024, which is only a year away. He stated that there were four interested parties: Jason Kayser, himself, Ron Miller, and Bill Cowell. The council felt grateful that they had so many interested parties and were appreciative of all the candidates as the mayor position is not an easy task. Ron Woods, Jason Kayser, and Bill Cowell all spoke. Ron Miller was not present. Councilman Coffin asked what the council thought was a more important skill to possess: Mayor experience or Council experience. Bill Cowell held the mayor seat and Jason Kayser was on the council in the past. Councilwoman Erickson stated that she appreciated Ron Woods putting his name in but stated she liked the council as it stood that day and would like to see him continue serving with the council and not as Mayor and Councilman Williams agreed. Councilman R. Woods explained that he thought the mayor experience was more important than council experience and Councilman T. Woods agreed. T. Woods explained that he was impressed with Bill Cowell's experience. T. Woods/R. Woods to appoint Bill Cowell and to Approve Resolution - 2022-28 - Resolution Making an Appointment to Fill Mayoral Vacancy. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Coffin/Williams to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

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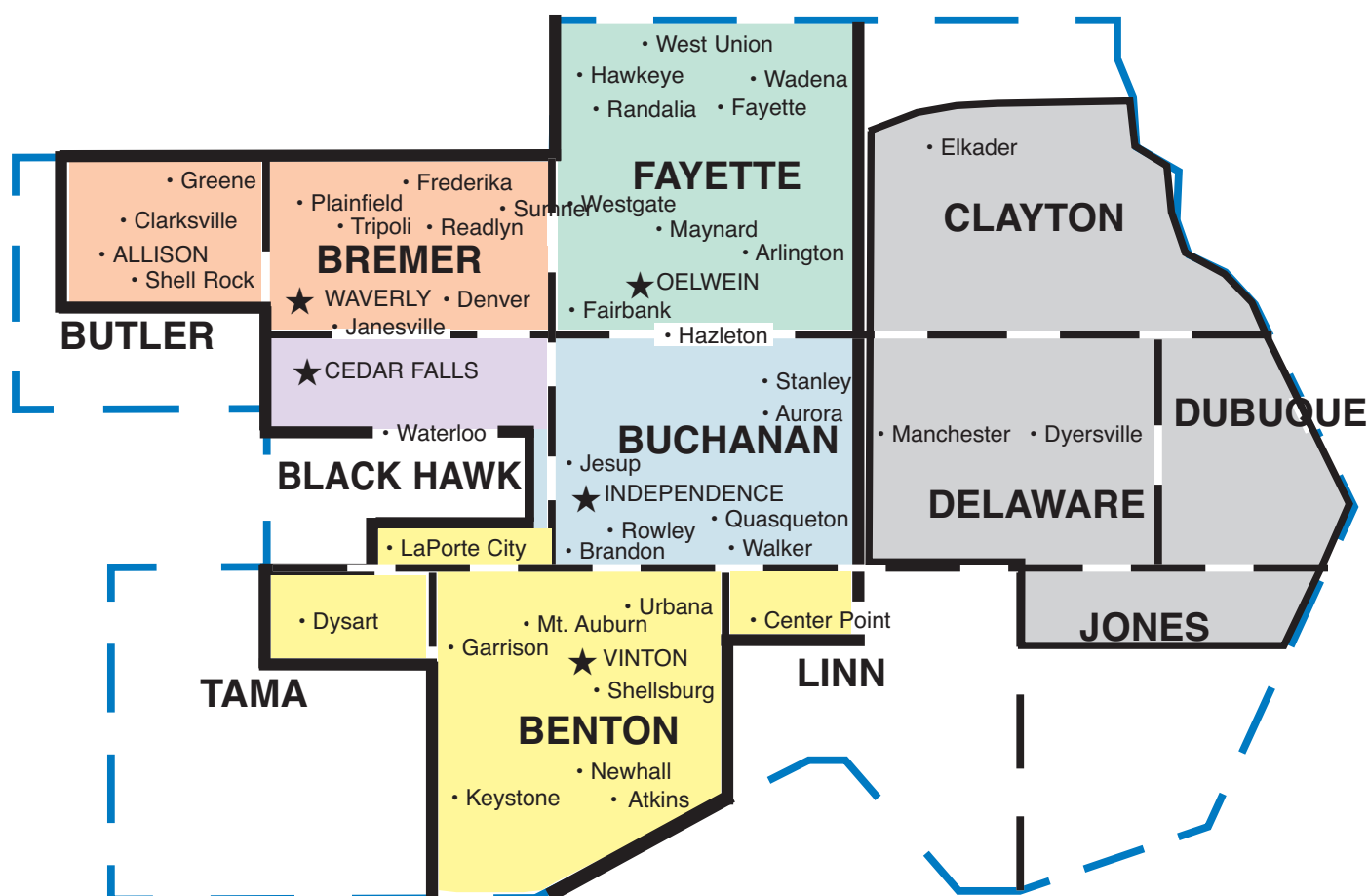


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