

Fairbank ISLANDER

44 DAYS
TILL SPRING!

SERVING FAIRBANK AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025 Compiled by Fairbank Community Club - Designed by Waverly Newspapers and Printed by Oelwein Publishing Co. VOLUME 6, NO. 2

Fairbank Council talks employee health insurance, skid loader issues

BY TAYLOR NOHRENBURG
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

The Fairbank City Council met Monday, Dec. 9, at City Hall in Fairbank to discuss both health insurance renewals and increases and an extended warranty option for the skid loader purchased in August.

After only eight hours of use by the city from removal of snow and other daily tasks, the new \$64,604.29

See COUNCIL, A5

3rd Annual Hearts for Aurora Celebration



Quilt Drawing tickets now available for The 3rd Annual Hearts for Aurora Celebration, quilt size 62 x 82.

Tickets are as follows:

- 1 - \$5.00
- 3 - \$10.00
- 7 - \$20.00

Please contact Alexis or Ryan Rausch for purchase of tickets. Thanks to the many who have already supported this cause! Tickets will also be available day of event.

Country legend Sammy Kershaw is coming to Fairbank Island Days



SAMMY KERSHAW FACEBOOK/NOT QUITE BROTHERS FACEBOOK PHOTOS

Top: Grammy nominated performer Sammy Kershaw will headline Fairbank Island Days June 28. Above: Not Quite Brothers returns to Fairbank to headline festival June 27.

Committee announces headlining acts for town's annual festival in June including the return of Not Quite Brothers

BY CARRIE WRIGHT
waverlynewspapersdesign@gmail.com

On Jan. 2 Fairbank Island Days committee announced the weekend musical acts for Friday and Saturday of the town's festival taking place June 27 - 28, 2025.

Country star, Sammy Kershaw, has amassed three platinum and six gold albums, over 5 million record sales and nearly 100 million combined songs sold. The Grammy nominated performer has helped shape and make most of the '90s country music scene. Some of his biggest hits include "She Don't Know She's Beautiful," Queen of My Double-wide Trailer" and "I Can't Reach Her Anymore" to just name a few. To this day he continues to tour and make new albums. Kershaw will be headlining the Saturday, June 28 stage at Island Park.

Town favorite Not Quite Brothers will return to Fairbank, headlining on Friday, June 27 bringing their high energy rock music to the stage.

Ticket information and weekend passes can be found on Fairbank Island Days website www.fairbankislanddays.com.

Fairbank Fire, EMS sees donations in New Year

BY TAYLOR NOHRENBURG
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

The Fairbank Fire Department and Emergency Management Service (EMS) has received more local support in the New Year.

Thanks to Pioneer Hi-Bred International of Northeast Iowa, the R3 project (Rural Rescue Response) has received a \$2,500 donation, presented by Larry Gaul and Michael Tierney. The recent of many donations, rural agriculture companies are furthering the project via donations.

Janice Martins, Fairbank Fire and EMS and R3 Committee member, has

See DONATIONS, A5



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured are Fairbank Fire and EMS R3 Committee members Dick Chapman and Janice Martins with Pioneer Hi-Bred International of NE Iowa's Larry Gaul and Michael Tierney.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE
3rd Annual
HEARTS FOR AURORA CELEBRATION

HEARTS

FEBRUARY 16
11:00-1:00

FREE WILL DONATION
SOUP LUNCH AND
SILENT AUCTION

FAIRBANK AMERICAN LEGION
109 MAIN STREET EAST-FAIRBANK

THIS YEARS DONATIONS WILL
GO TOWARDS COMMUNITY
CARDIAC PREVENTION,
SPECIFICALLY AUTOMATED
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS

A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER

Late January and early February are busy times for the Mayor and City Council. This is the time of year when the Council works diligently on a very difficult budget process. Your city is in a unique position where we are one of very few cities who own and operate all our utilities except for telephone and data. This makes the budget process that even more important and challenging. However, you have an intelligent and diligent Council and City Staff that will develop a fair budget package with your tax and utility dollars in mind, while continuing to maintain the outstanding community and infrastructure you have come to expect. I have also been busy this month as Mayors typically sit on a number of county and regional committees such as Landfill Commission, 911, Emergency Management, Assessor Conference Committee, Development and on and on. These group's main budget and officer nominations are typically held in January so it is important to attend as many of those meetings as possible. Sitting in two counties makes it doubly enjoyable!



COURTESY PHOTO

Ken Schnor

Finally, I would like to announce the city has hired Ken Schnor as our newest utility worker. Ken and wife Mariea are long time Fairbank residents and have 3 grown daughters who graduated at Wapsie. Ken brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team. Please join the city staff, City Council, and myself in welcoming Ken to your team!

Fairbank Island Days March Meeting & Membership Drive Tuesday, March 25th at 6:15 p.m. at Costa's - Back Room

Looking for a way to give back to the community? Fairbank Island Days wouldn't be possible without the dedication and hard work of many community volunteers! We are always working to improve our town celebration and brainstorming new ideas to make Fairbank Island Days an even bigger success, but we need help! Join us at our March meeting to learn more about our committee, and help answer any questions you may have. See you then!

Bite Size Delights

Favorite after school snack

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN MATTHIAS

Blueberry Spinach Smoothie

- 1 cup Blueberries
(frozen or fresh)
- 1 small container of vanilla yogurt.
- 1/2 cup fresh spinach.
- 1/2 cup ice cubes.

Put in blender and process until smooth.
Pour in glass and top with whip cream & enjoy.



Do you have a little cook in your family?

Feature them in our new Bite Size Delights column. Submit photo and recipe to fairbankislander@gmail.com



Sponsored by:

Fairbank Community Club
Fairbank, Iowa 50629

Mailed free of charge to everyone with a Fairbank or Oran zipcode.

E-mail News & Advertising to:

fairbankislander@gmail.com

or drop off at:

Fairbank Public Library
P.O. Box 426, Fairbank, IA 50629

For information, call:

Melaine Buzynski 319-404-7116
or the Fairbank Library 319-635-2487

Deadline for the March publication is February 25. Please contact Melaine at 319-404-7116 or email fairbankislander@gmail.com

It's your future. Let's protect it.



Chris Boehme
Crop and Farm Specialist
The Osborne Agency

1400 First St West
Independence, IA
319.334.9274 Office
319.231.2415 Cell

FARM BUREAU
FINANCIAL SERVICES

Auto - Home - Life - Annuities - Business - Farm & Ranch - Crop

Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company/West Des Moines, IA. Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services, PB-GB-C (3-22)

Gingerich Roofing Solutions, LLC

Specialize in Commercial
Roof Coatings
Roof Restoration

Don't Replace Your Roof -
Restore It!

CONCRETE
40
YEARS
OF
ROOFING
SYSTEMS

Call 319-505-3938 Free Estimates
Bonded & Insured

B & K AUTOMOTIVE

Complete Auto Repair

(319) 635-2058

101 6th Street
P.O. Box 252
Fairbank, IA 50629

Serving the Community for 26+ Years!

WCI Trucking LLC

Connor & Randy Woods
Ph. 319-231-2805

WCI TRUCKING
EST. 1979

Gavin Marine

Sales ~ Service ~ Parts

Large inventory of parts
to get you back on the water!

We handle your insurance claims for you!

TOM HYDE
GavinMarine.com
gavinmarine@windstream.net

319-231-8242
101 Industrial Drive
Fairbank, IA 50629

MAKING A *Difference*

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

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



Grace Begley a 3rd grader in Mrs Bachmans Wapsie Valley class started saving her money and asking family and friends for donations to the Buchanan County animal shelter. Shortly after Christmas she took her donations into the shelter and got to enjoy some time with the animals that are currently up for adoption. Grace would like to become a veterinarian when she graduates. Buchanan County Animal Shelter posted their thanks in a Facebook post on Jan. 4 to Grace. "Thank you to Grace, who stopped in this morning to bring a very special donation to the shelter."

COURTESY PHOTO

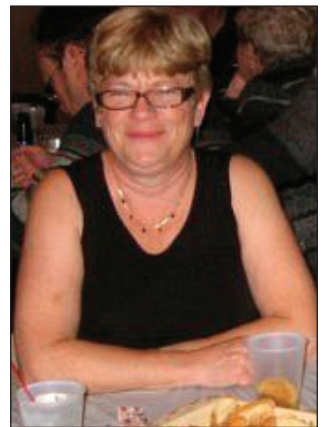
Grace Begley brings in donations to the Buchanan County Animal Shelter, during her visit she got to meet Sweet Potato.

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

Pat Kayser celebrates 80th Birthday

An 80th birthday celebration will be held for Pat Kayser on Saturday February 22. The celebration will take place at the location of her and the late Tom's wedding dance at the Majestic Moon in Waterloo (former Knights of Columbus Hall) from noon to 3:00. No Invites; ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pat is the 5th of 12 children born to Joseph and Sue Kemp. Pat lived her first months in Waterloo then at a farm south of Fairbank. Pat graduated from Immaculate Conception in Fairbank and married Tom Kayser November 6th, 1966 at St. Joseph's in Waterloo. They made their home in Fairbank where they raised 3 boys, Joe, John and Jason. She adores her 5 grandchildren Maria, Megan, Melody, David, and Max. Before retirement, Pat worked as a school teacher at St. Mary's in Waterloo then Sacred Heart in Oelwein. She has been an active member of I.C. and St. John's in Independence. She now resides in her home along the Wapsie river in Independence.



You want the TV you love with personal service you can trust. We hear you.

That's why at Schmidtke Video Systems, we take the time to listen to your needs and get you the right entertainment solutions. We're close to home, a familiar face and offer the best service, value and technology for you and your family.

Plus, ask about our whole-home HD DVR solution to power your entire home.



DUANE SCHMITDKE, OWNER

190 CHANNELS

AMERICA'S TOP 120
All-Time Favorites
and Locals



Control your TV and
Smart Home with your voice.

Turn on ESPN
Dim the living room lights



Enjoy built-in Amazon
Prime Video, Netflix,
YouTube and more.



Get total recording
freedom with 2,000
hours of DVR storage.



Requires internet-connected Hopper, Joey, or Wally device. Customer must press Voice Remote button to activate feature. Netflix and Amazon Prime Video streaming memberships required. YouTube is a trademark of Google LLC. Recording hours may vary; 2,000 hours based on SD programming



Schmidtke Video Systems | 319-319-4749
303 N. Water St., Fairbank, IA 50629
northeastiasatellite.getdish.com



Offer for new and qualifying former customers only. Important Terms and Conditions: **2-year commitment:** Early termination fee of \$20/mo. remaining applies if you cancel early. **Regional Sports:** RSN surcharge up to \$3/mo. applies to AT120+ and higher packages and varies based on location. **NOT included in 2-year price guarantee or advertised price (and subject to change):** Taxes & surcharges, add-on programming (including premium channels), DISH Protectand transactional fees. **Premium Channels:** 3 Mos. Free: After 3 mos., you will be billed \$30/mo. for Showtime, Starzand DISH Movie Pack unless you call or go online to cancel. **Remote:** The DISH Voice Remote with Google Assistant requires internet-connected Hopper, Joey or Wally device. Customer must press Voice Remote button to activate feature. Google Assistant Smart Home features require Google account and compatible devices. Google is a trademark of Google LLC. **Other:** All packages, programming, featuresand functionality and all prices and fees not included in price guarantee are subject to change without notice. After 6 mos., if selected, you will be billed \$9.99/mo. for DISH Protect Silver unless you call to cancel. After 2 years, then-current everyday prices for all services apply. For business customers, additional monthly fees may apply. Free standard professional installation only.

WVEF annual dinner and auction fundraiser

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation (WVEF) held their annual dinner and auction fundraiser on November 22, 2024 at Grumpy's in Readlyn. WVEF's mission is to provide resources to support learning for WV students. Their efforts have raised more than \$605,000 total since being established and this year they were able to raise \$24,800 more to support our local children and teachers. WVEF uses the money raised to provide teachers with materials they need to supplement the curriculum. This has included things like technology devices, supplemental learning materials, books, science and computer science kits, sewing machines, industrial tech machines, and much more! In addition, the Foundation provides several scholarships to WV seniors each spring. The application process will open this winter and they look forward to awarding these

scholarships at senior awards night in May! High School seniors should talk with Mrs. Nitz if they are interested in applying.

Thanks to all the wonderful donors and supporters who made this year's event a success!

WVEF has also done a few 50/50 raffles during home events and will hold another one on February 4, 2025 during the WV vs. Jesup basketball game. We hope you will consider donating to this great cause!

WVEF Committee Members:

- Doug Sheppard
- Mischa Matthias
- Jill Krall
- Nichole Griese
- Darren O'Donnell
- Lisa Oberle
- Marla Harder
- Leah Woods
- Tonya Hagenow
- Alex Schmitz
- Annette Hyde



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation (WVEF) held their annual dinner and auction fundraiser on November 22, 2024 at Grumpy's in Readlyn.



BOOK YOUR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TODAY!

1080 102nd St
Fairbank, IA 50629
Call or text: 319-404-6475
Email: ajscamperrentals@gmail.com
Website: ajscamperrentals.com



DON'T BE SHY
Announce your wedding or engagement in
THE FAIRBANK ISLANDER
Just email fairbankislander@gmail.com or call
319.404.7116 to start spreading the good news!



Woods Funeral Home
Our family serving your family, since 1959
400 Lakeside Drive Fairbank
319-635-2207

Fairbank Fire, EMS sees donations in New Year

CONTINUED FROM A1

facilitated the project since 2023. In an interview back in September 2024, she recalled that one of the first donations was \$10,000 from a local farmer.

While the company has met their goal back in September, the group still has a wish list to fill the trailer with items that could be used in an emergency situation.

"2025 brings with it continued efforts to fully equip the Fairbank Fire Department's Rural Response Trailer," the committee wrote. "The trailer has been put into service, but the wish

list to purchase equipment that is needed for rural rescues and emergencies is not filled. We are getting closer to a fully equipped trailer as support continues."

The fire department has used the trailer in a grain training in the fall and hopes to train other departments in the area.

"The Fairbank Fire Department is extremely thankful for all the support we have received since the R3 trailer was just a dream. This spring the FFD plans to put together a county wide, mutual aid departments based training," the committee said.



COURTESY PHOTO

A recent grain training was done in the fall with the new R3 trailer and the grain vac equipment.

Fairbank Council talks employee health insurance, skid loader issues

CONTINUED FROM A1

T66 T4 Bobcat compact track loader was in need of work and has since been repaired. The council discussed the idea of a full warranty package for up to 60 months or 2,000 hours. The only council member to disagree with the purchase was Michael Gruetzmacher.

Matt Mahoney and Craig Codner from the Butler County REC (Rural Electric Cooperative) visited to give a yearly update. The two explained that Fairbank's electrical grid system is continually improving and has been sustainable and in good standing. Mahoney explained there was a 4.5% increase set in place beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Mahoney also congratulated Brian Delagardelle on his retirement from public works.

Furthermore, an agreement on acquisition of duty equipment with Tristan Dilley, a part-time Fairbank officer, was not yet ready for approval.

Council received a two-year water management assistance program option from Carrico Aquatic Resources for the Fairbank Aquatic Center. The council has approved the program with the company for the last few years. While all members of council agree to forward the contract, city attorney Heather Prendergast wanted clarification on section 6.1 regarding termination, otherwise approved the program's acceptance.

Fairbank employee health insurance is due for renewal on Feb. 1, 2025, coming in at a 1.4% increase in premium costs, or \$500 for single and \$1,000 for families on deductible and out-of-pocket maximums.

Mayor Jason Kayser met with the administration committee and recommended renewing the Wellmark place, increasing the dental plan to Blue Dental 2000 with Orthodontia plan and offering a vision plan. The committee also recommended increasing the Health Savings Account contribution from the city to \$10. The City covers health insurance for the employee at 100% and 50% for a family plan. Employees are responsible for 20% of dental costs and 50% for vision.

The administration committee also proposed a set one-time bonus for city staff and part-time officers and one additional paid day off for full-time employees. The committee explained that the past year's reports, exams and inspections went well and thought it would be a gesture of appreciation to provide an extra boost for their service to the community.

Recent memorials and donations at Fairbank library

The Fairbank Public Library has recently received donations and memorials of books to add to its shelves. Anyone is welcome to stop in the library and ask for

more information to leave a lasting memorial for a loved one or friend.

A monetary donation was received from Larry and Laura LaMasters

Wapsie Valley High School 2023-2024 YearBook was donated by Wapsie Valley High School.

"Yummy in the Tummy" Little Island Daycare Cookbook and "If you Can't Stand the Heat" Fairbank Fire Department Cookbook donated by Rob and Sharon Maricle.

In memory of Marylou Weepie: "Love is Everywhere," "The Worry Monster," "The Trouble with Children" from Jared Klostermann

In memory of Charles D. Moulds: "The Spin" from Collin and Sidney Woods, "Cupcake Diaries" from Rick and Cindy Woods, "Lowcountry Lost" from Ron and Carol Woods, "The Mirror" from Mike and

Sandy Tagtow and family, "Chicka Chicka Ho Ho Ho" from Roxanne Erhardt family, "Election Day" from Chris and Leah Woods family, "Dear Duck, Please Come!" from Randy, Jodi and Carson Woods.

In memory of Ralph and Jan Gunderson: "A Year of Flowers," "The Blue Hour," "The Mighty Red," from Samantha Frost and Aaron Tucker

In memory of Joe and Peg Frost: "The Secret War of Julia Child," "Refugee," "Cocoa Kisses" from Samantha Frost and Aaron Tucker.

In memory of Marlene Marmann: "The Days I loved You Most" from Dave and Pat Chase.





Hello February

POTLUCK

Please Join Us!!!

February 19, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Fairbank

Sponsored by IC Parish Life Committee



K C's PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEB 23

9:00AM – NOON

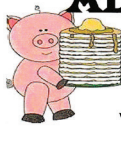

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall,
Dine-in or Carry-out

'ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT' PANCAKES

with sausage links, eggs, toast, fruit, coffee, milk, and juice

Free Will Offering/All proceeds go to Future Projects

Sponsored by IC Knights of Columbus



Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church

Friday, April 11, 2025

4:30-7:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Fairbank

MENU:

Cod, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Dessert



ADULTS \$15

10-6YRS \$7

5 & UNDER FREE

DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT

SPORTS & RECREATION

Wapsie Valley's Curley commits to Central volleyball

BY GIDAL KAISER
sports@oelweindailyregister.com

Wapsie Valley multisport athlete Peyton Curley was on a bench outside Jesup's main gym Saturday when her father Nick walked by.

"Oh, hi," Peyton said as Dad paused.

"She said Dad knew what he was talking about," a third party told Nick.

"With what?" Nick asked.

"Central, how I never wanted to go (visit)," Peyton said, pointing to her bright red Central Dutch sweatshirt.

"Oh, I get a little credit?" Nick laughed. "At least she admitted it. Inside, I just needed to know for myself."

Peyton visited the Central College campus earlier that day and committed to play for Jeanne Czipri's Dutch. Czipri, who has coached there since 2017, guided the Division III school to a 20-9 season in 2024. Peyton visited the school in Pella and "fell in love with it."

"I got on campus and it's a smaller school," Peyton said. "It reminded me of Wapsie, and Fairbank. I really just loved the feel of it."

"I never thought of myself wanting to go there. My dad tried to get me to visit (earlier) and I was just always like, 'No. I have these other schools,'" Pey-

ton said. "When I finally went, I realized I did like the school and that's where I wanted to be."

So sometimes Dad knows what he's talking about?

"I guess," she laughed.

Wapsie assistant coach Brit-tany Anderson played volleyball at Central, "and she loved their program and their school," Pey-ton added.

The four-sport athlete noted she was looking at a lot of schools for the various sports — basket-ball, softball, track and volleyball — but felt she had unfinished business on the volleyball court.

"It's probably more of like, I couldn't see myself not playing volleyball," the 5-foot, 5-inch li-bero said. "I've been playing it forever, I really enjoy it and I feel like I've just started to find my groove. The season ended, and I didn't want to be done."

Curley spent brief time at out-side hitter during her two varsity seasons before head coach Aus-tin Shepherd turned her into the primary libero each year. She had 822 digs, 142 assists and 71 aces in two seasons and was twice named to the North Iowa Cedar League East second team.

She picked Central over Loras in terms of volleyball destina-tion and becomes the second of Nick's girls to participate in collegiate athletics. Older sister Anna golfs at Simpson College.



Wapsie Valley's Peyton Curley was a two-time North Iowa Cedar League East second team honoree who closed her career with 822 digs, 142 assists and 71 aces in two seasons.

OELWEIN DAILY REGISTER FILE PHOTO

Roller-coaster continues for Wapsie Valley boys basketball

WAPSIE VALLEY WARRIORS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 6, Aplington-Parkersburg (DH), 6:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7 at Hudson (DH), 6:15 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10 at Grundy Center (DH), 6:16 p.m.

WRESTLING (GIRLS CO-OP/SUMNER)
Thursday-Friday, Feb. 6-7, girls Class 1A State tournament (Coralville) all day
Saturday, Feb. 15, boys Class 1A district (Denver) 10 a.m.



Wapsie Valley's Dawson Fenton shoots a jumper at game in Jesup.

GIDAL KAISER | OELWEIN DAILY REGISTER PHOTO

BY GIDAL KAISER
sports@oelweindailyregister.com

JESUP — Marty McKowen understands it's a bit of a slog.

Wapsie Valley's long-time coach is trying to figure out how to push his team through it. The Warriors lost their second game in three days, a 73-53 setback at North Iowa Cedar League East foe Jesup on Saturday.

Wapsie Valley (8-7, 1-5) dropped its third division game and lost two straight for the second time this season. The Warriors have four pair of two-game win streaks, but have sprinkled losses between them.

McKowen's team was down just 16-10 on Jayden Griese's bucket with 3 minutes, 46 seconds left in the opening quarter. Braden Bantz's putback drew the visitor within 18-14 with two minutes left, but it scored just two points in the next three and a half minutes

of game time (25-16).

After a Griese layup (27-18), the host went on a 10-4 run the rest of the half for a 15-point half-time lead (37-22).

Briggs Boehme's jumper closed the gap to 37-26, but Wapsie got no closer the rest of the way.

"I'd say our biggest issue is that other teams have been more physical than we have, and we haven't handled it very well at all," McKowen said. "We've been totally out of rhythm offensively because teams have done a good job of disrupting what we're trying to do on that end."

Wapsie's depth and strength has been pushed without 6-foot, 8-inch center Tanner Bergmann, out with injury since the fifth game of the season.

Griese is Wapsie's second tallest player at 6-3, and he's played every minute since then, pending per-game foul trouble, for the younger Warriors.

"The last two games, we've been beaten because the other team is more physical than us and taken us out of our rhythm," McKowen said. "We have not been able to handle it."

Boehme scored 16 and Griese scored 12. Landen Moulds added seven points and nine rebounds while Dawson Fenton scored six and snagged three steals.

"They played us straight-up man. There was nothing fancy," McKowen said of Jesup. "It's just they were able to take us out of what we tried to run on offense because they were more physical than us."

How does it get fixed?

"It's just us being stronger with the basketball and us getting to points that makes the other team pay for what they are doing," McKowen said. "Getting to the lane, being strong with the ball and finishing strong."



COME JOIN US FOR

COFFEE DONUTS & FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 16
hosted by FFComm

MARCH 2
Hosted by 5th and 9th graders

MARCH 16
Hosted by FFCOM

**EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE WILL OFFERING**

Church Services



United Methodist Church

107 N. 2nd Street
Fairbank, Iowa 50629
319-635-2932
Worship Service: 9:15 AM



St. John Lutheran Church

(MISSOURI SYNOD)
208 N. 4th Street
Fairbank, Iowa 50629
319-635-2181
Worship Service: 10:30 AM



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

302 W. Main Street
Fairbank, Iowa
319-635-2211
Father Ray Atwood
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM
Wednesday Mass: 8:30 AM
1st Saturday Mass: 8:30 AM



Lord of the Harvest

Prayer and Praise Center
101 South 4th Street
Fairbank, Iowa 50629
Saturday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday Service: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 9:00 AM



First Baptist Church

304 Grove Street
Fairbank, Iowa 50629
Rev. Mike Anderson
Worship Service: 9:00 AM
Sunday School: 10:00 AM

 **LEGACY ROOFING**
OF IOWA

Lew Boehme
319-415-5547

Mitch Coffin
319-415-2472

#3 Ag Lender in Iowa*
Top 50 Ag Lender in the Nation*

* Source: Top 100 Farm Lenders Ranked by Dollar Volume, FDIC, Data as of 4Q 2021.

FIDELITY
BANK & TRUST
www.bankfidelity.bank | 800.403.8333

Adam Schaufenbuel
Vice President, Waverly

Megan Niewoehner
Loan Officer, Oelwein

 **Balance Made Easy.**
Balance your retirement goals with your life insurance needs with The Balanced Program from Ozark National Life. You may even qualify for substantial tax savings with a Roth IRA. Let me show you how!

Joe Kleitsch
Home: 319-635-2297
Cell: 319-269-1443
joseph.kleitsch@ozark-national.com

 **Wholly Owned Subsidiary of National Western Life Insurance Group**

 **N.I.S. FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of National Western Life Group, Inc.

Parkview
Assisted Living
114 Forest St
FAIRBANK, IA.



Caring for Our Family, One Loving Heart at a Time
Contact us at 319-635-2585
Stop in anytime for a tour
Check us out on Facebook or our website:
fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com
We'd Love to Welcome Your Loved One HOME!

Located directly across from Island Park, along the Little Wapsie River

 **FAIRBANK**
Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Brad, Adam & Ben Bachman
641-330-1233 319-635-2229
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

4-H ATOM BOMBERS



FROM THE DESK OF
CAMBREE HAPPEL

For our December meeting the Atom Bombers 4-H club held our meeting at the Vinton skate rink for our annual Christmas party. It was organized by Char-

lie Sweeney, Cece Sweeney and Cora Wright. We went roller skating and had pizza.

On January 12th we had our meeting at the church Hall. We invited Jeremy Johnson from the Winthrop veterinary clinic to come talk to us. He talked about veterinarian school and answered lots of our questions about animal health. 11 members were in attendance. Cece and Charlie Sweeney gave a presentation about how to make scotcheroos, yummm!

Our next meeting will be held February 9th, 5:00pm at the Immaculate Conception church hall. If you are interested in joining Atom Bombers 4H club, contact Buchanan County Extension office.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Atom Bombers 4-H club had their annual Christmas party at the Vinton skate rink in December.



DAVIS
LAWN
SERVICE
FAIRBANK, IOWA
319-239-5011



We offer:

- * Weed Control
- * Fertilization
- * Lawn Mowing
- * Core Aeration
- * Grub Preventer
- * Spring & Fall Cleanups
- ... and much more!

Knowledgeable and helpful.

Locally owned and operated.

FAIRBANK, IOWA



FAIRBANK
Food Center

We're Proud
To Serve You!

Your Local Full Service Grocery Store

We Offer Catering

- ♦ Weddings ♦ Birthdays
- ♦ Graduations ♦ Retirement Parties

Fresh Meat and Produce
Dairy ~ Frozen ~ Grocery



Fairbank Deli - Best Around

- ♦ Delicious Dinners ♦ Broasted Chicken
- ♦ Succulent Salads ♦ Sandwich Fillings
- ♦ Party Trays (meat, cheese, veggie, fruit)
- ♦ Sandwiches ♦ Soup ♦ Entrees ♦ Desserts



102 N. 4th St., Fairbank, IA ~ 319-635-2139

Open: 7:30am - 7:00pm M-F; 7:30am - 6:00pm S&S

Check Out Our Complete Ad at fairbankfoodcenter.com

2024-2025

American Red Cross

W

FCCLA

WAPSIE VALLEY BLOOD DRIVES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
1:30pm - 6:30pm
Multipurpose room, HS

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
1:30pm - 6:30pm
Multipurpose room, HS

Proudly Hosted by Wapsie Valley FCCLA

PEOPLE LIVE WHEN PEOPLE GIVE

YOUR Independent Insurance AGENT

"SERVES YOU FIRST"

GRINNELL MUTUAL

INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS INC.
VANDAELE INSURANCE, LLC
greatrates@vandaeleins.com

For all your insurance needs!

Farm * Home * Auto * Commercial
Crop * Health * Life Insurance

119 E. Main Street ▪ PO Box 467 ▪ Fairbank, IA 50629
319-635-2526 Fax: 319-635-2162

MEDICARE QUESTIONS?
I CAN HELP!



Call me, your **LOCAL** Expert!
it's almost . . . **OPEN ENROLLMENT!**
Review or change your plan from October 15th to December 7th

Amy Rechkemmer
319-635-2526 | amy@vandaeleins.com


VanDaele Insurance
119 E Main St. Fairbank, IA

Call or E-mail me, I'll help answer all your health insurance plan questions!

"Currently we represent 9 organizations which offer 29 products in your area. You can always contact Medicare.gov, 1-800-MEDICARE, or your local State Health Insurance Programs for help with plan choices."

LOCAL
Perks

in rhythm
with nature
fueling our future



POET

At some point, technology and nature fell out of rhythm. POET is getting us back in rhythm with nature, and paving the way to a new, sustainable future with an ever-expanding suite of clean energy solutions. | poet.com



TOWN & COUNTRY
REAL ESTATE

(563) 578-8899
215 N. Railroad, Sumner
www.towncountryhome.com
Serving NE Iowa

Scan here to view our current listings


Our team is happy to get working for you.



Connie Rochford
(319)231-9004
Broker



Gary Geuther
(319)415-9874
Agent



Louie Hartman
(319)239-0533
Agent



Chris Tibbott
(319)404-9435
Agent

Prime Capital FINANCIAL

“Financial Fitness”

WITH ASHLEA (KLEITSCH) JONES

2025 is in full swing and we are inching closer to longer days and budding blossoms!

You can't fully appreciate the Spring without the Winter, so you might as well embrace this season of cold and dark. We are building character, after all!

Like the seasons of the year, there are swings in the stock market that sometimes feel like the cold, dark days of winter or the easy, sunshiny days of summer...it is just less predictable than the flip of a calendar.

When you listen to the market analysts or read about the 2025 stock market outlook, there is general optimism that there is a strong economy and declining interest rates that will support gains in 2025. *(per Investopedia citing Wall Street Analysts)*

Logically, there are troves of data you can explore to make market predictions, but at the end of the day, nobody really knows what is to come. This is why investors should be careful to never take one slice of time too seriously. Instead, you should look at investments from a long-term goals point of view. Over time, returns will smooth themselves out and large swings up or down become less obvious as you “zoom out” from day, week, month, or even one-year market performance charts.

This is especially true when unprecedented or unpredictable events occur:

- *Nobody knew 9/11 was coming until it happened.*
- *Nobody knew COVID would be what it was.*
- *Nobody knew Russia would invade Ukraine and set off a chain of geopolitical tensions.*
- *Nobody knows what, when, if, or why the next large tragedy will occur affecting lives and stock market valuations.*

The only thing you can do to mitigate the emotion that comes with volatility is stress test your portfolio with **financial planning**.

I used to think that financial planning was a waste of time because life and world events are so fluid, by the time you walk out of my office, it is already practically out of date. While that ever-changing world will always remain true, I do now appreciate the way planning prioritizes a client's goals. Most importantly from the client's point of view, the visual outlooks help to provide financial clarity and understanding for anyone making large financial decisions, like retirement or the sale of a business, etc. It takes a little bit of data gathering and submitting personal details, but I have never met a client who regretted the time spent once they saw a visual representation of their hard-earned dollars paying them back for years to come.

While documents flow in from end-of-year 2024, and our 2025 is still fresh and shiny, I can't think of a better time to sit down with a professional who can give credence to how to get on track or how to stay on track for your life's biggest ambitions!

It's never too late to make this year great!

Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones



Financial Advisor
Prime Capital Financial
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
pciacedarrapids.com
(319) 269-7143



Scan Here to Learn
More About Me!



Fairbank Public Library

LIBRARY STAFF

Angela Berg, Director
Susan Frost, Librarian
Therese Steggall, Librarian
Erin Hill, Librarian
Brock Berg, Custodian

212 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 426, Fairbank, IA 50629

Phone: 319-635-2487

Fax: 319-635-2487

Email: library@fairbank-ia.org

Website: Fairbank-ia.org

Like us on Facebook!

Monday 1-5 pm
Tuesday 1-5 pm;
Wednesday 9 -11 am
1-5 pm
Thursday 1-6 pm
Friday 1-5 pm
Saturday 9-12



FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY

BEHIND THE
SCREENS:
SUPPORTING
YOUTH AND
MENTAL HEALTH
AND PARENTING
IN A DIGITAL
WORLD



PRESENTED BY:
PETER KOMENDOWSKI

FEB 6, 2025

4:15 PM YOUTH PRESENTATION,
6:00PM ADULT PRESENTATION

319-635-2487

212 E MAIN ST FAIRBANK, IA 50629

DONATIONS

Monetary Donation

from Larry & Laura LaMasters

Wapsie Valley High School

2023-2024 Yearbook

from Wapsie Valley High School

Yummy in the Tummy –

Little Island Daycare Cookbook

from Rob & Sharon Maricle

If You Can't Stand the Heat –

Fairbank Fire Department Cookbook

from Ron & Sharon Maricle

In Loving Memory

Marylou Weepie

Love is Everywhere

from Jared Klostermann

The Worry Monster

from Jared Klostermann

The Trouble With Children

from Jared Klostermann

Charles D. Moulds

The Spin

from Collin & Sidney Woods

Cupcake Diaries

from Rick & Cindy Woods

Lowcountry Lost

from Ron & Carol Woods

The Mirror

from Mike & Sandy Tagtow and family

Chicka Chicka Ho Ho Ho

from Roxanne Erhardt Family

Election Day

from Chris & Leah Woods Family

Dear Duck, Please Come!

from Randy, Jodi & Carson Woods

Ralph & Jan Gunderson

A Year of Flowers

from Samantha Frost & Aaron Tucker

The Blue Hour

from Samantha Frost & Aaron Tucker

The Mighty Red

from Samantha Frost & Aaron Tucker

Joe & Peg Frost

The Secret War of Julia Child

from Samantha Frost & Aaron Tucker

Refugee

from Samantha Frost & Aaron Tucker

Cocoa Kisses

from Samantha Frost & Aaron Tucker

Marlene Marmann

The Days I Loved You Most

from Dave & Pat Chase

Craft Drive

DONATE ANY EXTRA CRAFT ITEMS
LAYING AROUND TO THE FAIRBANK
PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR
UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS!

DURING
FEBRUARY!

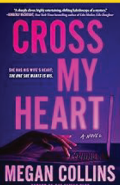
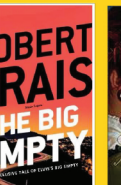
J
A
N
U
A
R
Y

LIBRARY

F
U
N
!



NEW
BOOKS
ADDED IN
JANUARY

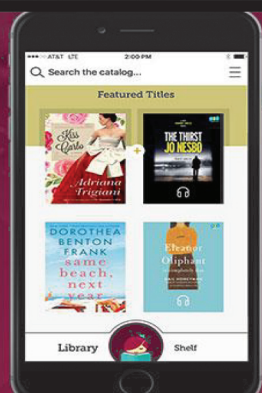


Meet
libby

The **one-tap**
reading app
from your library

**Library
HotSpot**

CHECK OUT THE INTERNET!



WAPSIE VALLEY SCHOOL CORNER



CHRIS HOOVER
SUPERINTENDENT

This month I would like to explain a very important part of school finance called the budget guarantee. In Iowa school finance, the budget guarantee is a provision that helps stabilize funding for school districts experiencing declining enrollment. Since Iowa's school funding formula is based on the number of students enrolled, a decline in enrollment can lead to a reduction in a district's budget authority. The budget guarantee ensures that a district's funding does not drop too drastically in a single year by providing a minimum level of allowable growth.

Key Aspects of the Budget Guarantee

1. Property Tax Impact – The budget guarantee is funded entirely through local property taxes, meaning the state does not contribute additional funds to make up for the shortfall. If a district's enrollment decreases, and funding is going to be less than the previous year, the district is automatically put on the budget guarantee. This is often one of the main reasons that property taxes increase.

2. Board Approval Re-

quired – If a district qualifies for the budget guarantee, its school board must approve a resolution to utilize it.

3. Temporary Relief – The budget guarantee is a short-term mechanism to provide districts time to adjust to lower enrollments, but it does not prevent long-term financial challenges if enrollment continues to decline.

This mechanism is crucial for districts with shrinking student populations, allowing them to manage financial changes more gradually rather than facing sudden and severe budget cuts.

Enrollment Trends

Enrollment trends, throughout the state, continue to decline in rural areas. At Wapsie Valley, we have seen a decline in enrollment for the past several years. This is due to the resident student numbers decreasing (families are much smaller and families are moving to urban areas for personal and job reasons). I am happy to say that the number of students open enrolled out of the district has declined and the number of students that have open enrolled into the district has increased. Simply put, we don't have as many students living in the WV district as we did 10 years ago.

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and you are enjoying the warmer weather. As always, please let me know if you have questions and thank you for your support! Go Warriors!

Chris Hoover
Wapsie Valley Superintendent

Community Club holds January meeting

The Fairbank Community Club met on January 15 at the Fairbank Legion. Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 members in attendance.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Amanda Jipson. A \$25 membership fee was requested from the Buchanan County Tourism. Motion was made and seconded to pay the membership.

The Fairbank Islander Financial Report was read by Kathy Risse. JJ Little reported on advertising collections done recently and turned in the checks that he had received. JJ will take care of advertising for the newspaper in the future. He will send invoices and collect payments from here on out. June 2025 will be the start of the advertising year.

OLD BUSINESS

The Community Club presented a \$1,000 check donation to the City which will go towards the construction of a new picnic shelter and restrooms at Veteran's Park.

A second \$1,000 donation check was made to the American Legion in appreciation for all they do for

the Club. This was made possible from the proceeds that were raised at the November Vendor Fair.

Concerning "Music In The Park", the dates for this year will be June 5, July 10 and August 21. The time will be 6:00-8:00pm on the June and July dates, and 5:00-9:00pm for the August date, which will be our "end of the year bash" with a larger band and kid's activities. The band "Nit Pickers" will play in June and "3rd Offense" will play in July. Again, food vendors will be available. Adam Costello will be in charge of sponsorships for the bands.

The club is still planning on holding a Fire Appreciation Dinner, and plans will be discussed at a later date.

Another Vendor Fair is being planned for April 10 at the Legion. Details will come later.

It was reported that the Santa program at the Library was a success! Approximately 30 kids attended. Jason Kaiser mentioned the possibility of a tree-lighting ceremony next year, and Julie Costello suggested a lighted parade. The group will revisit these possibilities in the spring.

Membership dues for 2025 are still coming in. Send checks to Amanda Jipson, 1080 102nd St., Fairbank, IA 50629 or Venmo @FairbankIowaCommunityClub.

NEW BUSINESS

A Bags Tournament is being looked into for February or March.

The current officers agreed to keep their offices for another year. They are: Tammy Erickson, president; Cindy Woods, vice president; Amanda Jipson, treasurer; Julie Costello, secretary. Board members are: Adam Costello, JJ Little, Marla Harter and Kathy Risse.

Plans for Easter include: Easter Egg Hunt, hopefully outside if not in the Legion; and Easter Bunny with Easter baskets donated by the community. This project will be headed by Cindy Woods.

Next meeting for the Community Club will be held March 19th at the Legion with doors opening at 5:00 and meeting starting at 6:00.

Closing drawing was won by Caleb Erickson, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54.

Annual Wapsie Writing Contest

BY BETTY BRANDT PASSICK

bbpassick@comcast.net

I expect the number of entries in the Wapsie Writing Contest will double in 2025, incentivized by announcement of a small cash prize to be awarded to the winner in each category: children (11 years and younger), youth (12-18 years), and adults (19 and older).

Your submission may be a short story or poetry, 100-1500 words. The definition of each category—along with the complete contest rules—is available at www.BettyBrandtPassick.com. Entries will be accepted through midnight March 15th.

Judging is done by current and former teachers, authors, writers, and avid book readers who will evaluate entries based on the most creative and original and demon-

RULES

Children, youth, and adults are invited to participate in the annual **Wapsie Writing Contest**.

Write about a subject matter of your choosing, short story or poetry—fiction or non-fiction. Length: 100-1500 words.

Each individual may submit only one entry. Submissions must be typed in MS Word, and include the author's name, phone/email, and entry. Send to bbpassick@comcast.net by no later than **March 15th (midnight)**.

A winner in each of the three (age) categories will be chosen and the winners notified. Their stories will be submitted for publication in regional newspapers.

Questions: bbpassick@comcast.net. Complete contest rules are posted at www.BettyBrandtPassick.com.

Wapsie Writing Contest

Do you consider yourself a storyteller? Do you have a great story you've always wanted to put to paper and share with others? Showcase your storytelling ability in the

3rd Annual Wapsie Writing Contest

Subject: Of your choosing
Length: 100-1500 Words
Genre: Short Story, Poetry—Fiction or non-fiction
Format: MS Word

3 Age Categories:
Adults — 19 years and older
Youth — 12 to 18 years
Children — 11 years and under

Judging: By Committee
Cash Prize! (each age category)
Submitted for publication in regional newspapers

Submissions: bbpassick@comcast.net

CONTEST STAGES:

- 1) Submission: **Jan. 1st**
- 2) Deadline: **March 15th**
- 3) Judging: **After March 15**
- 4) Winners* Announced: **May 15**

Contest Rules: BettyBrandtPassick.com

strated quality of beauty and intensity of emotion for their age category.

The annual contest, launched in

2023, is intended to encourage children, youth, and adults write more and improve their creative writing skills.

319-279-3893
319-267-2035

securitymutualins.com

234 Main Street ~ Readlyn, IA

LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS

Locally owned by Oran Mutual Telephone & RTC Communications

Cable moves at the speed of copper. Fiber moves at the speed of light. Your move.

Connection Matters.

www.littlewapsie.com

Oran office @ (319) 638-6006

Readlyn office @ (319) 279-3375

SHOP *Local*

FINANCIAL DECISIONS GROUP®
SINCE 1960
YOUR INSURANCE & FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS
903 N. Frederick Avenue, Oelwein IA 50662
(319) 283-1514 | cell (319) 440-2868
(877) 370-6345 | fax (319) 283-1557
nwillkinson@fdg.net | www.fdguelwein.net

Neil Wilkinson
MSFS, ChFC, CLU
Investment Adviser Representative

Securities and investment advisory services offered through Royal Alliance Associates, Inc. (RAA), member FINRA/SIPC. RAA is separately owned and other entities and/or marketing names, products or services referenced here are independent of RAA.

Live for Today. Plan for Tomorrow.

MYERS POLARIS INC.
Sales, Parts and Service for UTV/ATV and Snowmobiles

POLARIS

304 E. Main Street
Fairbank, IA 50629
319-635-2311
www.myerspolaris.com

TYLER WOODS, Sales Manager

F.A.B. BUILDERS LLC
Bonded & Insured for your Protection

**SPECIALIZING IN METAL ROOFING
SIDING • DECKS • REMODELING**

FREEMAN SCHWARTZ
Free Estimates
319.238.9751

1340 Fairbank Amish Blvd.
Hazelton, IA 50641

The "What" Berry Farm?
... **Aronia Berry! LLC**
FAIRBANK, IA

Frozen Aronia Berries

Call: 319-240-4104 or 319-240-5627

Dean & Donna Mangrich OWNERS

NSB
NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK
Planting Dreams. Growing Success.

MEMBER FDIC

120 Main St | Fairbank | 319-635-2811
WWW.BANKNSB.COM

HIS HANDS FOOD PANTRY
5002 Main Street
Oran, Iowa

We Serve the following communities:
Denver, Fairbank, Fredericka, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, Westgate

Brief application required.

HOURS:
Tuesdays 5-8 P.M.
Fridays 9 A.M. – 12 Noon

319-638-4357

DHK Welding Inc.
563.608.1400 Fairbank, Ia

Stainless and Aluminum Repair / Machining /
CNC Plasma Cutting / Sandblasting /
Powder Coating / Portable Welding

Fairbank Historical Society
103 East Main Street
Meetings held the 4th Tuesday each month
~ Everyone Welcome ~
Open by Appointment
For information, call: 319-269-6795

Energizing Caffeinated Tea-Bombs
Healthy & Delicious Meal Replacement Shakes
Caffeine Free & Kids Options

Balanced Nutrition

Serving the community
1 tasty drink at a time :)

319-635-8012

119 East Main Street
Fairbank, IA 50629

WOODS CONSTRUCTION INC. FAIRBANK, IA.

"Serving Fairbank & the surrounding area since 1967"



Offering a diverse portfolio of services:

- ▶ New Home Construction & Design
- ▶ Remodeling & Additions
- ▶ Light Commercial Buildings
- ▶ Agricultural Buildings
- ▶ Earth Moving



Visit our website or give us a call to schedule a consultation!
505 2nd St. NE • Woodsconst.com • 319-635-2308



Wapsie Valley FFA heads to Capitol



WAPSIE VALLEY FFA PHOTO

Eight members of the Wapsie Valley FFA visited with House member Chad Ingels on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

BY TAYLOR NOHRENBURG
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

Eight Wapsie Valley FFA members recently visited the Iowa Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 22, as part of FFA's 40th annual Legislative Symposium and the FFA Day at the Capitol.

The members met with local

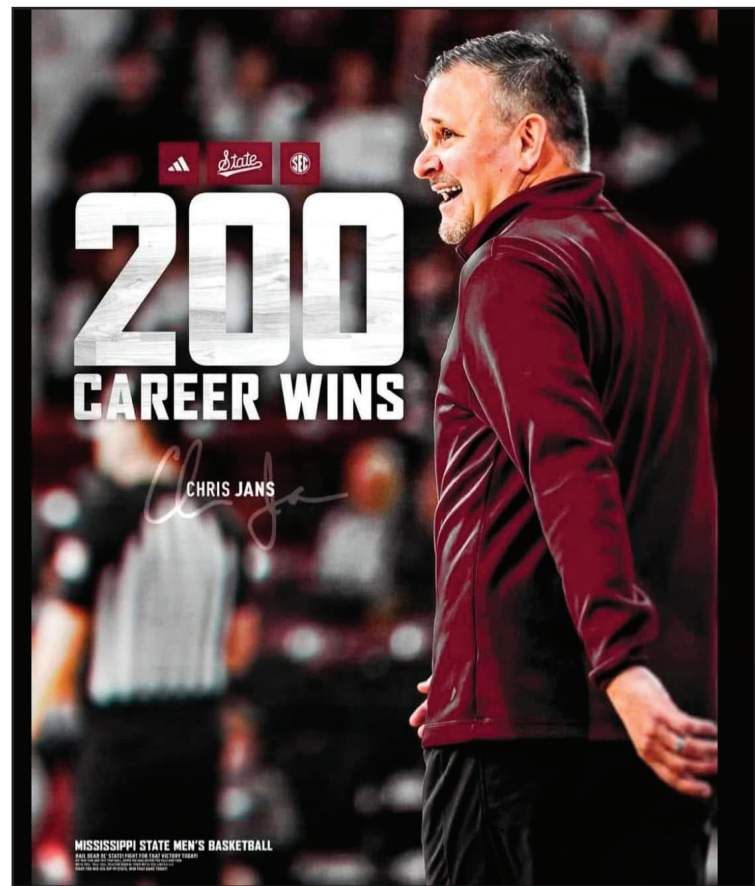
representatives like Chad Ingels (R-Randallia), Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Iowa Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Feldpausch, and Jake Swanson of High Yield Strategies.

The Legislative Symposium is designed to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism. More

than 700 members from 100 Iowa FFA Chapters across the state gather to learn about the legislative process, discuss agricultural issues and advocate for agricultural education and FFA.

Along with WV FFA, Ingels met with East Buchanan and Jesup FFAs as well.

Fairbank native Chris Jans celebrates 200 career wins



MISSISSIPPI STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL PHOTO

Chris Jans, the head coach of the Mississippi State Bulldogs men's basketball team, achieved his 200th career win on January 18, 2025. The Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels 84-81 in overtime.

BUILDING

OUR REPUTATION ONE CUSTOMER AT A TIME

We've been helping homeowners and contractors complete their projects with premium building materials and lumber. We pride ourselves on the quality of our product selection, as well as our commitment to value and great service.

Andersen
WINDOWS • DOORS



When it comes
to your next
project, come
to us!

ROYAL
Building Products



fibron
Deck it right the first time.

THERMA TRU
DOORS



Shop Online. Ship-to-Store.
FREE SHIPPING!

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OF THE MONTH

Special
of the
MONTH

Kwikset

While Supplies Last!

39⁹⁹

Signature Series Satin Nickel
Deadbolt & Door Knob Combo



MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS

511 4TH STREET, HWY. V68 NORTH • FAIRBANK • 319-635-2355

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 to 5:00 • Saturday: 7:00 to Noon • www.modernbuildingproductsia.com



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:00 pm and then regular session following at 6:00 pm on Monday January 13, 2025. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Nick Kuker, Public Works; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

During the budget workshop, the council discussed potential FY2026 budget numbers with the police, library and fire departments. Buchanan County's valuations had not been submitted yet so there was no updated information for the council regarding property taxes.

Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Williams/R. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: December 9th Regular Meeting Minutes, January 7th Special Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2024, Setting the 2nd budget workshop for January 27th at 5:30 pm, Approving the Fire Department's Appointments, Approval of EMA and 911 Boards - Chris West, Bremer County and Buchanan County; and Drake Mangrich, Fayette County, and the Payment of Bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Treasurers Report for the Month of November 2024: Revenues - General, \$28,136.85; Special Revenue, \$26,985.68; TIF, \$7,397.41; Capital Projects, \$33.24; Permanent Funds, \$19.25; Proprietary, \$161,269.15; and Transfers In, \$27,055.00. Disbursements - General, \$46,754.25; Special Revenue, \$4,600.81; Proprietary, \$116,587.88; and Transfers Out, \$27,055.00. Balance on hand at close of business on November 30, 2024 was \$5,573,621.31.

Treasurers Report for the Month of December 2024: Revenues - General, \$49,519.44; Special Revenue, \$26,352.79; TIF, \$1,070.11; Capital Projects, \$35.98; Permanent Funds, \$21.02; Proprietary, \$168,344.98; and Transfers In, \$107,556.04. Disbursements - General, \$33,918.60; Special Revenue, \$14,119.74; Proprietary, \$220,385.03; and Transfers Out, \$107,556.04. Balance on hand at close of business on December 31, 2024 was \$5,549,439.81.

During the informal public comments, a resident was present to inquire about the city looking into changing the UTV rules in town to match the county's rules. Mayor Kayser stated that he would have the public safety committee review the information and get back to the council.

The current open public works position was discussed. Applications had been received, and the Committee was going to start working on getting some interviews scheduled. By the next meeting, they thought that they might have some more information or an individual for approval.

The Fire Department started the process of looking for new ambulance options. They reviewed a remounting option for around \$277,000.00 and a new ambulance for \$328,800.00 and another new one for \$350,077.00. The Fire Department approved moving forward with purchasing a new one for the lower price. The council felt that was the better option compared to the remounting option. The new one would take two years to build and be ready. The council asked that Chris West, Fire Chief, gather some more numbers and financial information to present at the next meeting. Then the council can review and possibly approve moving forward with the purchase of a new ambulance.

An agreement was written regarding reimbursing Tristan Dilley for law enforcement equipment costs. He needed to purchase some new equipment since he was not able to use the equipment that he wears for his county job. The city agreed to pay him up to \$1,500.00 to obtain the necessary equipment in exchange for hours worked up to 1,500 hours. Any hour less than the amount of equipment purchased up to the \$1,500.00 he would need to reimburse the city. Williams/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2025-01 - Resolution Approving the City of Fairbank Entering into an Agreement with Tristan Dilley for the Reimbursement of Law Enforcement

Equipment Costs. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve Resolution 2025-02 - Resolution Hiring Public Works Director . Nick Kuker was hired as Public Works Director at a pay rate of \$37.00 per hour starting January 1, 2025, with an increase to \$39.00 per hour starting July 1, 2025. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Gruetzmacher to appoint Nick Kuker as Zoning Administrator since the previous Zoning Administrator retired. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2025-03 - A Resolution Authorizing Abandonment Proceedings Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 657A 10B Against Real Property Located at 506 Patterson Street Located in the City of Fairbank, Buchanan County, Iowa. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. During the council/mayor comments, Mayor Kayser wanted to remind everyone of the Fairbank Fireman's Dance scheduled for January 25th and he also stated that he ordered some new LED lights for the council chambers. .

During the department reports, Angela Berg, the Library Director, stated that they were having a meeting on Wednesday with the architect about future expansion options for the library. Police Chief Drish thanked the council for their support and went over what the department had been up to in the last few weeks. Nick stated that the sewer plant UPS was replaced and that will help if the power flickers, the plant will stay running. He also said that when Butler County REC is in town for anything they will probably start slowly fixing the 150 cutouts in town that need replaced. Him and Lonnie attended safety training, and they installed some new Electric and Gas services, and they were able to get the Christmas lights down. Nick also stated that Brian had done a lot for this town and that he is working to understand the processes and hoping to get more comfortable very soon. Williams/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm. Motion carried.

Bills for the Month of January 2025	
Access Systems, Printer Maintenance	\$196.22
Aegion Corpro, Compass Bank, Annual Water Tower Inspection	\$975.00
Aero-Mod, Equipment	\$1,036.58
Affordable Tree Service, Services	\$5,700.00
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$195.06
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies	\$261.95
Auditor of the State, Rob Sand - FY24 Examination Filing Fee	\$250.00
Bodensteiner Implement Co., Services	\$105.62
Lonnie Brewer, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Buchanan County Abstract Co., Lien Report	\$175.00
Buchanan County, 2nd Half Dispatch Fees	\$6,059.00
Buchanan Co Tourism Bureau, 2025 Dues	\$150.00
Butler County Rec, Electric	\$56,534.62
Casey's General Store, Gas	\$501.06
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$4,470.70
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation	\$12,409.41
Creative Impact, Supplies	\$50.00
Danko Emergency Equipment, Supplies	\$278.32
Brian Delagardelle, Cell Phone/Premium Reimbursement	\$80.42
Don's Truck Sales, Services	\$298.27
Echo Group, Inc., Supplies	\$13.65
Fairbank Firemen's Fund, Training Reimbursement	\$128.97
Fairbank Postmaster, December 24 Utility Bills Postage	\$179.20
Fairbank Postmaster, January 24 Utility Bills Postage	\$190.40
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$4,062.25
City of Fairbank, Utility Deposit Applied	\$200.00
City of Fairbank, Replenish Postage Fund	\$18.61
Addilyn Fuller, Services	\$60.00
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Brad Gordon, Training Reimbursement	\$140.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc, Copier/Printer Fees	\$114.14
Grainger, Inc., Supplies	\$638.72
Groeibner & Associates, Supplies	\$292.82
Hawkeye Fire & Safety Company, Annual Maintenance	\$85.15
IA Firefighters Association, Annual Firefighter Dues	\$693.00

IAMU, Annual Inspection/Safety Training	\$1,652.50
IMFOA, Certification	\$125.00
Iowa One Call, Locates	\$18.00
Iowa Pump Works, Supplies	\$522.29
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water	\$7,202.53
Ipers, Benefits	\$5,306.30
Itron, Inc, Annual Subscription	\$3,033.72
Jake Kennedy & Savannah Swanson, Utility Deposit Reimbursement	\$200.00
Jason Harks, Utility Deposit Reimbursement	\$200.00
Joey or Kristy Rigdon, Ambulance Payment Reimbursement	\$341.74
Keith Oltrogge, CPA, FY 24 Annual Examination	\$3,500.00
Kirkwood Community College, Training	\$90.00
Kluesner Sanitation, LLC, January Pick-up Fees	\$7,534.80
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses	\$64.06
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$468.50
Mitko Specialty Sales & Service, Warranty	\$1,300.00
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$407.75
Mutual Wheel Co., Supplies	\$480.28
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 12/2/24	\$10.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 12/16/24	\$8.52
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$625.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$200.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publishings	\$272.58
Premier Technology, Services	\$389.15
Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing	\$547.16
Roberts, Stevens,Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$1,350.00
Signs & More LLC, Supplies	\$336.49
Speer Financial, Inc., Annual TIF Report	\$375.00
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$44.85
Treasurer-State of Iowa, December 2024 Sales Tax	\$2,191.80
Treasurer State of Iowa, December 2024 Water Excise Tax	\$1,087.98
Treasurer-State of Iowa, State Withholding Tax	\$3,173.43
U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes	\$13,028.07
U.S. Bank, November 2024 PEFA Commodity	\$9,488.28
UnityPoint Clinic-Occupational, Drug Testing	\$42.00
USA Bluebook, Supplies	\$751.78
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	\$178.24
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts/Supplies	\$477.65
Wellmark, January Premium	\$2,913.56
Wilnat, Inc., Supplies	\$354.68
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$68.59
Collin Woods, Services	\$825.00
The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on January 8, 2025:	
Amazon Capital Services, Books & Supplies	\$326.88
Baker & Taylor Inc., Books	\$357.14
Brock Berg, Services	\$200.00
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$130.35
Hawkeye Fire & Safety Company, Annual maintenance	\$13.10
IAMU, Safety Training	\$102.50
Peter Komendowski, Services	\$250.00
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$144.39
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 12/16/24	\$1.48
Overdrive, Inc., Books	\$500.00
Roberts, Stevens,Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$300.00
US Cellular, Hotspots	\$117.96
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts	\$52.77
Jason Kayser, Mayor	
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk	

CLOSED SESSION

The Fairbank City Council met in closed session on Tuesday January 7, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Gruetzmacher, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also present at City Hall: Jason Kayser, Mayor and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. Heather Prendergast, City Attorney, attended remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting.

Erickson/Williams to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Williams/T. Woods to enter into closed session at 1:02 pm pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c) - to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Williams/Gruetzmacher to come out of closed session at 1:17 pm. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to direct the City Attorney to pursue Chapter 657A.10B regarding the property at 506 Patterson Street. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/R. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 pm. Motion Carried.


Jason Kayser, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk



COSTA'S
SPORTS BAR & GRILL

(319) 635-2449
99 East Main Street
Fairbank, Iowa 50629

Beni Rushiti
Nita Nuhiji



DR. NATHAN STEINBRONN, DC

FAIRBANK CHIROPRACTIC

101 South 4th Street
Suite C
Fairbank, IA 50629
319-849-5155
Steinbronndc@gmail.com

CREATE YOUR BETTER TOMORROW

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Meeting

January 20, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance 1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order @ 6:31 p.m.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, & Wolfe-Declare quorum Sauerbrei (excused) B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt & Principals- Murphy, & Forsyth. Myers (excused)

C. Others: Vaughn Gross 2. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0

3. Public Comment: None 4. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to table the additional HVAC unit, and FCS units as more information is needed as presented. Motion carried 4-0

5. Consent Items: - Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Adam Kaufman, & Neal & Molly Finder request to open enroll their kindergartner son into

Wapsie Valley from Sumner Fredericksburg effective the 25-26 school year. OUT - Melissa Sander request to open enroll her 9th-grade daughter in Iowa Connections Academy effective immediately. Kristen Dvorak request to open enroll her 10th-grade daughter in Sumner Fredericksburg after a move into the WV District effective

December 16, 2024, as presented. Motion carried 4-0

6. Communication & Reports: Board: Mr. Kaufman asked if Mr. Murphy had a copy of The Anxious Generation book he could read.

Superintendent Hoover: report includes Readlyn Geothermal, JH/HS HVAC, Oath of Office, Football Field &/Track Project, Staffing, & 2025-26 School Calendar

District/PK-12 Principals: report includes Professional Development, Xmas movie, Lighthouse team, The Anxious Generation Book Study, & activity updates. 7. Resignations: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the resignation of Dianne McClain-Associate at Fairbank effective the end of the school year and thank her for her service to the students and staff at Wapsie Valley, & the contract for Casey

O'Donnell-JH Boys Basketball Coach-\$1,955-Base 1/Year 1 as presented and thank them for their service to Wapsie Valley. Motion carried 4-0

8. Old Business-Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Waterloo Courier

as WV official

Publication newspaper for the 25-26 school years as presented. Motion carried 4-0

9. New Business-Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve Board Policies 103, 103R1, 505.08, 505.8R1,

506.01, 506.01E1, 506.01E2, 506.01E3, 506.01E4, 506.01E5, 506.01E6, 506.01E8, 506.01R1, 506.02, 506.02E1,

506.02R1, & 506.04 with no language changes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 Moved by Aiello Seconded by Auel to award the snow removal bid to Weeds on

Fire for the JH/HS and Readlyn elementary locations, the lawn care bid to Weeds on Fire for the JH/HS, Readlyn, and Fairbank locations, and the

snow removal bid for Adam Kaufman for Fairbank and all three Rurals. All services are for the 2025-2027 seasons as presented. Motion carried 3-0 Kaufman abstained

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to set the public hearing date for the 2025-2026 calendar on February 17, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

10. Board Talking Points - Will visit FCS and music rooms after the meeting; Will get answers to questions for HVAC project and FCS hoods and schedule a meeting if need be.

11. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn @ 7:14 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

AGVANTAGE FS 14965.46 ALLIANT ENERGY 309.15 Amazon 1762.67 ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 72.68 AUDIBLE 8.51 BEACHY, RACHEL 19.13 BELLIS, MCKAYLA 1194.61 BLACK HAWK SPRINKLERS 475.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY 457.27 BUTLER COUNTY REC 3623.46 CASEY'S 38.81 CEDAR FALLS CSD 4181.26 Central Rivers AEA 16290.00 CHEMSEARCH 221.65 CITY LAUNDRY 1336.07 CITY OF FAIRBANK 2802.88 CITY OF READLYN 2939.76 COLUMN SOFTWARE 259.58 EAST-CENTRAL IA REC 392.90 Employee Benefit Systems 81200.63 FAREWAY 85.13 FERGUSON 212.08 FOX WOODCRAFT 762.26 Hawkeye Alarm & Signal 1200.00 HERSHBERGER, MARY BETH 38.25 HILLYARD/DES MOINES 360.64 IASB 1050.00 IADHS 7128.14 IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES 434.34 IXL LEARNING 496.88 JANESVILLE CSD 268.26 JOANN FABRICS 54.60 Kaufman, Adam 2250.00 KLUESNER SANITATION 640.00 LEXIA LEARNING 12369.00 LITTLE WAPSIE COMM 175.08 MENARDS 101.51 Menards 58.09 MENZEL, EMMA 61.51 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH 472.50 MIDWEST COLLISION 60.00 MODERN BUILDING 242.02 NEW HAMPTON CSD 268.26 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE 161.00

OWENS, MARK 65.50 PLT4M 475.00 PRO-ED 216.30 RABER, EDNA 40.38 RAISA A HALLELUJAH, LLC 1400.00 READLYN TELEPHONE 118.54 RESIDENCE INN 311.36 SCHOOL BUS SALES 400.94 SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG CSD 8362.52 TIMBERLINE 205.78 TRIPOLI COMM. SCHOOL 12543.78 U.S. POST OFFICE 6.10 VITALSOURCE 231.70 Walmart 156.16 WAVERLY CSD 8630.78 WEEDS ON FIRE 1305.00 WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA 3297.00 General Total 199267.87 Employee Benefit Systems 6310.55 Management Total 6310.55 STICKFORT ELECTRIC CO 555.44 Varsity Group 1500.00 SAVE Total 2055.44 ACCESS SYSTEMS 1663.30 AMACO 149.99 BODENSTEINER 2608.08 CENTRAL IA DISTRIB 1301.00 Central Rivers AEA 20613.85 Hawkeye Alarm & Signal 190.00ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE 100.00 YOUNG PLMBG & HTNG 5158.64 PPEL Total 31784.86 Amazon 39.00 SBE Total 39.00 Teachers Pay Teachers 20.20 WVEF Total 20.20 IAHSMA 28.00 J.W. PEPPER 230.79 MARQUEST A GARRETT 5.00 Wartburg Clge 150.00 WEST MUSIC 525.72 Fund Number 939.51 General Total 240417.43 ALLEN, JOY 150.00 Amazon 223.74 COCA-COLA 560.35 BIESCHKE, WYATT 225.00 BIRDNOW, JUSTIN 150.00 BONDUARNT-FARRAR HS 150.00 BSN SPORTS 290.00 BUHR, DEAN 95.00 Central Rivers AEA 94.50 CF JR TIGER BB 150.00 CHIDESTER, STEVE 9.00 COUGAR Y/GBB 150.00 DAVIES, GREG 140.00 DEUTMEYER, DEAN 265.00 FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER 58.56 FCCLA 50.00 FETTKETTER, ISSAC 225.00 FORMSITE.COM 148.30 FRANZEN, TONI 90.00 FROST, RYAN 125.00 GAME ONE 5800.00 GLEN SNYDER 185.00 GOBILDA 200.74 GOTTO, JIMMY 225.00 HELMRICH, RICK 280.00 INNOVATIVE AG 30.72 IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION 54.00 IAHSGA 10.00 IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY 7105.00 Koedam, Ty 225.00 KWIK TRIP 73.10 LOUGHREN, PAT 140.00 MENCHIES 3.40 MINNTXN CITRUS 17443.33 PARKER, MARK 175.00 PEYTON, JAYDEN 600.00 PLT4M 3575.00 RATHE, JONATHAN 125.00 Rhodes, Hale 225.00 RINIKER, AJ 125.00 SAKURA 221.70 SMITH, ROBERT 140.00 TIGER HAWK BB 150.00 TITAN FITNESS 1664.88 TRIPOLI COMM. SCHOOL 125.00 TURNER, CAM 140.00 TURPEN, BRAD 125.00 VOSS, JARED 225.00 Walmart 130.54 WATERLOO COMM SCHOOLS 300.00 WAVERLY CSD 30.00 YOUNGBLUT, FOXE 140.00 Activity Total 43422.86 COCA-COLA 238.72 EMS DETERGENT 655.15 KWIK TRIP 29.34 MARTIN BROS. 11730.28 PRAIRIE FARMS 2166.65 YOUNG PLMBG & HTNG 1631.82 Lunch Total 16451.96

CHECK OUT THESE SWEET LISTINGS!



107 WASHINGTON ST, WEST UNION
FLIPPER ALERT!! NEEDS WORK,
SELLING 'AS IS'. ONLY \$28,000.
CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN. DET GAR.



NEW LISTING!! IMMACULATE!
PRICED TO SELL \$120,000!
2.5 BDRMS, 1 3/4 BATHS, WOOD FLOORS,
NEWER WINDOWS, UPDATED THROUGH OUT,
OVERSIZED 2 CAR DET GAR.



730 PROSPECT ST., LAMONT
NEW PRICE \$219,900
MOVE INTO LUXURY CHARACTER!
4 BED, 2 BATH, NEW UPDATES!



1115 2ND ST. SE OELWEIN
NEW PRICE \$219,000
3 BEDRMS, 1.5 BATHS
2 CAR



16283 50TH ST., 1 MILE N. OF OELWEIN
NEW PRICE \$275,000
BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS RANCH! 2 CAR "TUCK UNDER" GARAGES, 3 L BED-
RMS, 2 BATHS UP, 3/4 BATH LL, LG FAMILY RM, EXTRA GAR/HOBBY SHOP.

THINKING OF SELLING? CALL ME! I NEED LISTINGS!

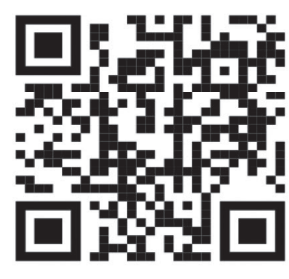


ADVANCED, REALTORS[®], LLC

814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242

Lori Beierschmitt, Broker/Owner

Cell: 319-238-1700



REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM