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Fairbank Days announces 2026 theme: Red, White and Fairbank

Wear your stars and stripes and come celebrate with us at Fairbank Island Days 2026! We're going to party like it's 1776, the Red, White and Fairbank way! Start thinking about your parade float ideas and more ways to celebrate our theme, we'll see you on the island in 88 DAYS!

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APRIL 24

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BY FAIRBANK PTO

Fairbank Elementary students exceed reading goal in Read-A-Thon fun



Mrs. Myers seen kissing a pig as the top goal was met for the Read-A-Thon.

Fairbank Elementary students recently wrapped up a successful and exciting Read-A-Thon sponsored by PTO, held from March 2 through March 12. The school set an ambitious goal of 30,000 total reading minutes—and students rose to the challenge, surpassing that goal with an impressive 33,986 minutes read.

To celebrate their achievement, students earned a fun and memorable reward: watching Mrs. Myers kiss both a pig and a puppy. The adorable animals were generously provided by Red Rock Farms, adding an extra layer of excitement to the celebration.

In addition to the school-wide success, individual classrooms were recognized for their outstanding efforts. The top two classes

that logged the most reading minutes earned the opportunity to have their teachers participate in the fun. Mrs. Kelly's TK class read and listened to an incredible 6,025 minutes and chose to have her kiss a sweet little puppy. Meanwhile, Mrs. Pleggenkuhle's fourth-grade class claimed the top spot overall and selected the pig for their teacher to pucker up to.

Our top reader, Scarlett Hill, set her goals high—going so far as to set her alarm for 6 a.m. each day so she could fit in an extra hour of reading before school. Her dedication paid off with an impressive total of 1,729 minutes read. As her prize, she chose \$75 to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair. Anika Bate earned second place with an outstanding

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Wapsie Valley FCCLA partners with American Red Cross to promote lifesaving blood donation

The Wapsie Valley FCCLA chapter is proud to partner with the American Red Cross to promote blood donation and student leadership through the Red Cross High School Blood Program.

Each year, our chapter helps organize and support blood drives at Wapsie Valley, giving students, staff, and community members the opportunity to make a lifesaving impact. Blood donation is a simple act that carries extraordinary importance. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Accident victims, cancer patients, individuals undergoing surgery, and those living with chronic illnesses rely on generous donors every single day.

Why Blood Donation Matters — Especially in Iowa

In Iowa, thousands of blood donations are needed each year to support local hospitals and trauma centers. According to the American Red Cross, a single donation can help save more than one life, as blood can be separated into components such as red cells, plasma, and



Ellah Allen and Reagan Szurley pictured at the 'Canteen', the blood drive canteen (sometimes called the recovery area) is the space where donors go immediately after giving blood to rest and refuel. Snacks and food are provided for blood donors.

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER

This April, I will be joining our Police and Fire Chiefs for a citywide tour to identify nuisance properties, including junk accumulation, abandoned vehicles, and dilapidated structures.

These issues are more than simple inconveniences—they can pose health and safety risks, diminish neighborhood property values, and detract from the overall appearance of our community. As we begin this annual assessment, I want to encourage all residents to take a moment to evaluate their own properties. If you are aware of a potential nuisance, please take the necessary

steps to address it proactively. Voluntary action not only helps avoid formal notices but also contributes to a cleaner, safer community for everyone. In situations where a nuisance is identified and not corrected, the City may issue an order to abate. Residents receiving an order will be given time to comply, along with the option to request a hearing before the City Council.

Full details on nuisance regulations and procedures can be found in the City Code at: <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/fairbank-ia/latest/overview>

I want to acknowledge that most property owners in our community consistently do an excellent job of maintaining their homes and yards. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they play a significant role in keeping our city welcoming and vibrant.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Working together, we can continue to build a community we are all proud to call home.

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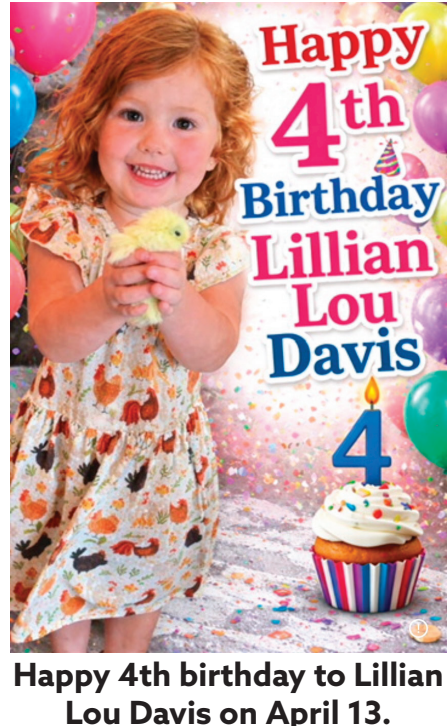
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HAPPY Birthday

Jameson- 4 April 7th
 Kate- 20 April 13th
 Kobe- 24 April 22nd

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Happy 4th Birthday Lillian Lou Davis

Happy 4th birthday to Lillian Lou Davis on April 13.

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Live for Today. Plan for Tomorrow.

Wapsie Valley FCCLA partners with American Red Cross to promote lifesaving blood donation

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platelets to treat multiple patients.

Weather challenges, seasonal illnesses, and busy schedules often cause blood shortages, making high school blood drives especially important in maintaining a stable blood supply across our state. When local students step up to donate, they are directly supporting Iowa families and communities.

Students Can Start at Age 16

Many people are surprised to learn that in Iowa, students can begin donating blood at age 16 with parental consent (17 and older may donate independently if they meet health requirements). This provides high school students with an early opportunity to develop lifelong habits of service and community involvement.

The Red Cord Program & Senior Scholarship

Through our partnership with the American Red Cross, Wapsie Valley students can participate in the Red Cord Program. To earn a Red Cord,

students must complete:

- Four blood donations during their high school career
- Eight hours of volunteering at blood drives
- Or a combination of both totaling the requirement

The Red Cord is worn at graduation to recognize a student's commitment to saving lives through consistent service.

Each school year, the American Red Cross also selects one qualifying senior to receive special recognition through the Red Cord Program and awards them a one-time scholarship. The scholarship is distributed after the successful completion of the student's first semester of college, reinforcing the organization's commitment to supporting both service and education.

This honor celebrates students who demonstrate leadership, reliability, and dedication to helping others through blood donation efforts.

Upcoming Blood Drive — April 16

Our next Wapsie Valley blood drive will be held on Thursday, April 16 from 1 p.m.

till 6 p.m. at the multipurpose room at Wapsie Valley Jr/Sr High School.

Appointments can be made directly on the American Red Cross website, or community members may contact Jenni Gross, Wapsie Valley Blood Program Leader, to schedule a time. Walk-ins are also welcome.

All donors are asked to please bring a form of identification when checking in.

How to Get Involved

The Wapsie Valley FCCLA chapter encourages students, families, and community members to consider donating at our upcoming drive. Whether you donate once or commit to the Red Cord Program, your contribution truly makes a difference.

If you have questions about how to sign up, eligibility requirements, or how to begin working toward the Red Cord, please contact Jenni Gross for more information.

Together, we can continue building a culture of service at Wapsie Valley — one donation at a time.

Spring into service: Cats who care



Be part of something big during the University of Northern Iowa's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Join local fellow Panthers at the Fairbank Public Library on Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m. to clean up and beautify the grounds. Rain date is April 18. You will be joining Panthers across the country who will roll up their sleeves and make a difference in their local communities, contributing 150 minutes of their time as part of UNI's 150th birthday.

The lawn and beds around the library are ready for a spring cleaning. Bring a rake and garden shovel. Don your work gloves and Panther gear. Many hands will make light work.

Contact Michelle Rourke (UNI Class of '81 and Alumni Association Board of Managers) to confirm your plans to participate. Email mjrourke57@icloud.com or call 319.638.5292.

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Wapsie Valley Robo Warriors compete at Iowa FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship



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Carter Stewart, Dylan Matthias, Drake Russell and Daniel Matthias.

The Wapsie Valley Robo Warriors robotics team, Team 10383, recently competed at the FIRST Tech Challenge Iowa Championship, held at Xtream Arena. The event brought together many of Iowa's top high school robotics teams for two days of competition, innovation, and collaboration.

The FIRST Tech Challenge program challenges students to design, build, and program robots to complete specific tasks on a competition field. Teams spend months engineering and refining their robots, testing strategies, and preparing for tournament play.

Representing Wapsie Valley, the Robo Warriors competed in several qualification matches against teams from across the state and finished the event with a 2-4 record. While the competition was tough, the team con-

tinued to make improvements throughout the event as they adjusted their strategy and refined their robot's performance.

Participation in the state championship marks an important milestone for the Robo Warriors program. Throughout the season, team members have worked together to design, build, and program their robot while developing valuable skills in engineering, coding, teamwork, and problem solving.

The championship also provided students with the opportunity to connect with other robotics teams, share ideas, and learn from fellow competitors and mentors from across Iowa.

For the Robo Warriors, the experience gained at the state championship will help guide the team as they continue to grow and improve in future seasons.

Wapsie Valley FCCLA hosts impaired driving awareness activity

Members of the Wapsie Valley chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently organized an impaired driving obstacle course as part of the national Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) program.

The FACTS program encourages students to promote safe driving and raise awareness about the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.

As part of their 2025-2026 FACTS grant project, Wapsie Valley FCCLA members created an interactive obstacle course where students completed tasks while wearing "drunk goggles" that simulate the effects of alcohol impairment.

The course included activities such as trying to write their name, weaving through cones, reacting to sudden stop signals, identifying roadside hazards,

and completing coordination challenges. Each station demonstrated how alcohol can affect balance, reaction time, depth perception, and decision-making.

The activity gave students a hands-on way to see how impairment can make even simple tasks difficult—highlighting the importance of making safe choices behind the wheel.



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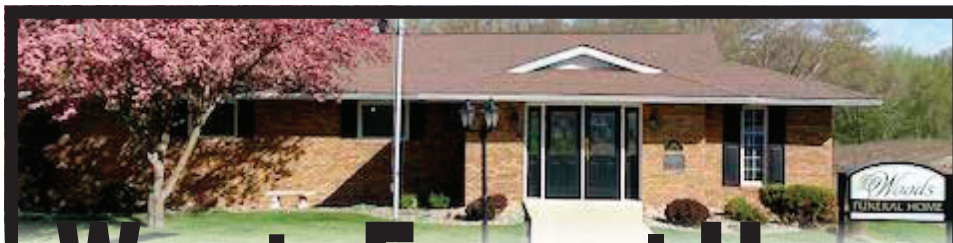
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Wapsie Valley FFA recognized at Northeast FFA District Convention

SUBMITTED BY: CLAIRE O'DONNELL

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter Reporter

On Saturday March 7th, eight Wapsie Valley FFA Members attended the Northeast FFA District Convention at East Buchanan High School where members competed in various events throughout the day.

Ashlyn Strottmann competed in the FFA Creed Speaking contest, earning a gold rating and placing third. She advanced to state and will recite the FFA Creed again in April.

Kylie Strottmann and Gwen Forsyth competed in the Chapter Website event. Along with contributions from Destry Peine and Jack Munk, they created a chapter website featuring current information, chapter history, and more. The team presented their work at districts, where they earned a gold rating, placed second, and advanced to state competition.

Evan Wedemeier competed in the Secretary's Book contest, earning a gold rating, placing second, and advancing to state.

Claire O'Donnell competed in the Reporter's Scrapbook event, where she earned a gold rating, placed third, and was named a state alternate.

Brinley Schellhorn and Martha Rulapaugh competed in the Chapter Quiz event, both earning gold ratings, with Schellhorn placing fourth overall.

In addition to the contests, Wapsie Valley FFA was represented by Evan



COURTESY PHOTO

Front: L-R: Ashlyn Strottmann, Mae Wedemeier, Kylie Strottmann, Brinley Schellhorn and Martha Rulapaugh. Back: L-R: Evan Wedemeier, Claire O'Donnell and Ryker Oberle.

and Mae Wedemeier, who served as voting delegates. Ryker Oberle was also a candidate for the Northwest Sub District Vice President position on the FFA District Officer Team. During the district convention, Ryker delivered his candidate speech to the delegates and finished as runner-up.

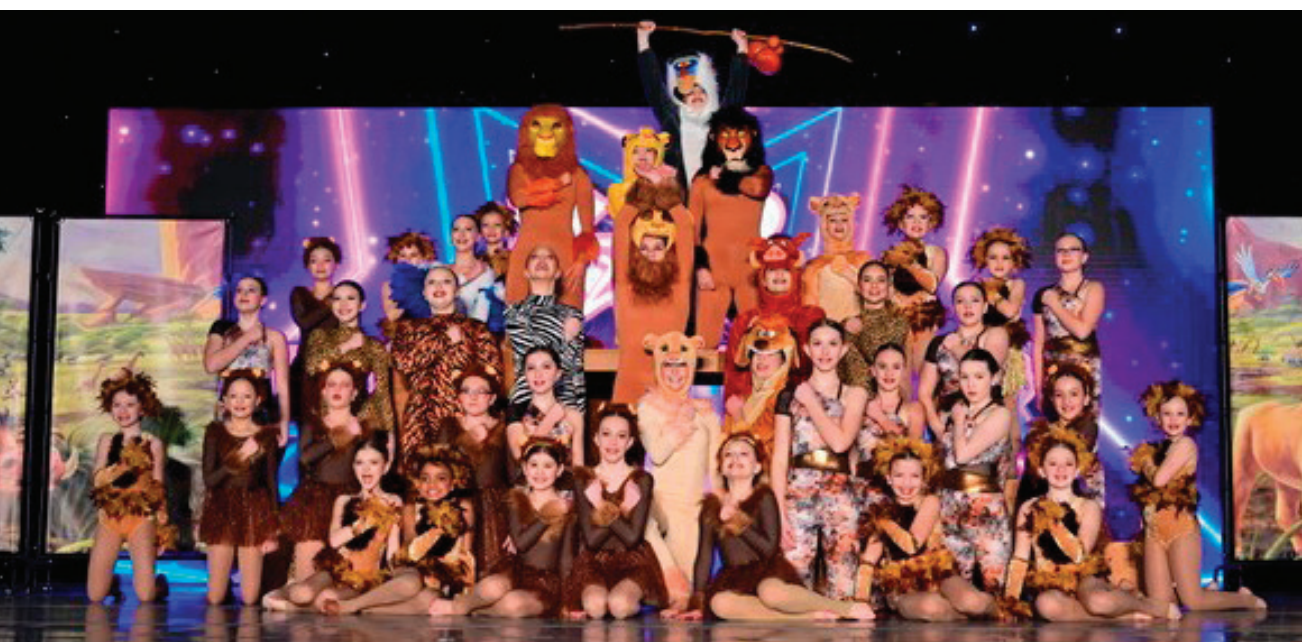
Senior FFA members Gwen Forsyth, Claire O'Donnell, Miriam Rulapaugh, Kylie Strottmann, and Mae Wedemeier received the Academic Achievement Award. This honor

is presented to students who are dedicated to their schoolwork and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the end of the fall semester of their senior year.

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter is very proud of all members who competed at District Convention. We are excited to see our district-advancing teams, as well as other contest teams, prepare to compete at the 98th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference, April 19-21, 2026.

NIDA competes at the Kid's Artist Review Competition

The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy started the 2026 Competition season with a bang at the Kid's Artist Review (KAR) Competition held at the Bend XPO Center in East Moline Illinois on February 20th, 21st and 22nd. The 39-member team, under the direction of Anna Kerns, Lana Gieselman, Elsie Schmit and the NIDA Staff, collected multiple convention and workshop scholarships, Judge's Choice Awards, and Top 5 placements for their performance routines. The NIDA team's next competition takes place in Des Moines the first weekend in March where they will continue to build on their competition performances.



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1st Row: Hattie Kelly, Rhea Peyton, Bella Jacobson, Lyla Kruger, Zola Fauser, Adelina Castro, Lea Oberbroeckling. 2nd Row: Haunna Hall, Lauren Matthias, Raegan Terhune, Severa Smith, Natalie Kalb, Ellie Meike, Kennedi Benesh, Delyla Youngblut, Harper Slessor, Hannah Mahloch, Madi Moser, Georgia Gosse. 3rd Row: Kendall Rasmussen, Brynley Dudley, Aryeana Bolender, Parker Spece, Elsie Fauser, Hazel Fauser, Sara Cook, Grace Peyton. 4th Row: Allyson Castro, McKinley Hocken, Julia Kuennen, Caroline Reck, Addison Mustard, Scarlett Benesh, Ella Weig, Toulou Ehlers, Scarlett Reck, Natalie Stahley, Maelyn Hickey. 5th Row: Mallory Gissel

Celebration of Life

Patricia Ann Bentley

March 12, 1935 - March 5, 2026

Patricia Ann Bentley age 90, formerly of Fairbank passed away March 5, 2026 at Gulfside Hospice in Zepher Hill Florida. She was born on March 12, 1935 in Cresco the daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Ferrie) Joerger. Patty grew up in Fairbank, she attend-



ed and graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic School. Patty married Gordon Bentley on October 13, 1955 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Together they owned and operated Bentley Chevrolet until 1986. Patty and Gordon made it a ritual of spending two weeks in Florida every winter just to unwind and go to the Daytona. Many of those years it was a trip for the entire family. After 1986 they made Florida their permanent home. In 2019 Gordon, her husband of 63 years passed away. Patty loved Florida and continued to live there until her health declined, she then moved in with her daughter Mary and her husband Joe. Patty was a longtime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Fairbank American Legion Ladies Auxillary. She enjoyed making quilts, playing cards and was known to be a bit of a practical joker. Patty loved spending time with family and friends, especially the grandchildren.

Survived by one son, Duane Bentley, one daughter Mary (Joe) College, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, one sister, Betty Sturm and one brother, Charlie (Cleo) Joerger

Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son David Bentley, one granddaughter, Lou Ann Bentley one sister, Mary Lou Fink, two brothers-in-law: Darwin Fink and Bill Sturm

Visitation was: 5:00-7:00 PM Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at Woods Funeral Home

Mass of Christian Burial was: 10:30 AM Thursday, March 12, 2026 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank.

Interment: Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Fairbank

Memorials: may be directed to the family for later designation.

Online condolences can be left at www.woods-funeralhome.net.



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Book 3: Tentative Date set for April Book Launch



BY BETTY BRANDT PASSICK
bbpassick@comcast.net

Book 3 in the Gangster Series, *Anatomy of a Death*, set in 'Oxbow' (similar to Fairbank, Iowa) will be available soon. The launch date is tentatively set for April 18th, 9-11 am at the Farmer's Kitchen in Fairbank. Watch my website for an update: BettyBrandtPassick.com, or "I Grew up in Fairbank, Iowa" group Facebook page.

Booze and dope addiction are right smack-dab in the middle of everything in the village of Oxbow after the American Civil War. The Hospital for the Insane [Independence] was built to handle the area's growing need for mental health care and addictions. At the center of the story are a physician and his wife, a sharp-witted, high-strung woman and pillar in the community, and a young boy who works at her hotel, where notorious outlaws and odd ducks come to lay low now and then. It's a story of addiction, love, sacrifice, and murder.

Jim Mazziotti, realtor, coach, and author—who grew up in Oelwein—wrote the foreword. "In *Anatomy of a Death*, Betty Brandt Passick delivers far more than historical fiction. Set in small-town Iowa in the late 1800s, this story explores the unraveling of a respected physician and the quiet strength of the woman standing beside him. But beneath the period detail and criminal intrigue lies something far more relevant to today: the cost of untreated mental illness, the corrosive power of addiction, and the crushing weight of reputation in a tight-knit community."

The novel will be available at Farmer's Kitchen and all major book retailers in paperback, large print, and e-book for \$20.00.

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Wapsie Valley archery state archery tournament

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The Wapsie Valley archery program was well represented at the state archery tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, on March 27-29. Both the middle school and high school teams qualified to compete at the state level, along with several individual students who earned spots through their strong performances during the season.

Qualifying for the state tournament is a major accomplishment and reflects the dedication, focus, and discipline that the students have shown throughout the year. Archery is often viewed as a simple sport, but in reality it is one of the most challenging sports a student can participate in.

Unlike many sports that rely heavily on speed or physical strength, archery requires an incredible amount of mental focus and consistency. Each archer must control their breathing, maintain proper form, draw the bow smoothly, anchor in the same position every time, and release the arrow cleanly—

all while blocking out distractions. Even the smallest mistake in form or focus can move an arrow just enough to affect the score.

What makes archery especially difficult is that students are competing on several levels at once. Every archer is first competing with themselves, trying to improve their own score and maintain consistency shot after shot. At the same time, they are competing alongside their teammates, pushing each other to perform better. Finally, they are competing against students from schools across the state, all striving for the same goal.

This unique structure makes qualifying for state a significant achievement. The students who qualified as individuals should

be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as earning an individual spot requires exceptional skill and consistency. Likewise, the middle school and high school teams should be proud of qualifying as a team, which reflects the combined effort and performance of every archer contributing to the final team score.

The success of the Wapsie Valley archery program highlights the hard work the students have put in throughout the season. As they prepared to compete in Des Moines, they carried with them not only their skills on the range but also the discipline, focus, and teamwork that archery teaches.

The entire Wapsie Valley community congratulates these students on their achievements as they represented their school at the state tournament late last month.

Wapsie Valley Archery can be followed on the archery clubs facebook titled Wapsie Valley Archery.

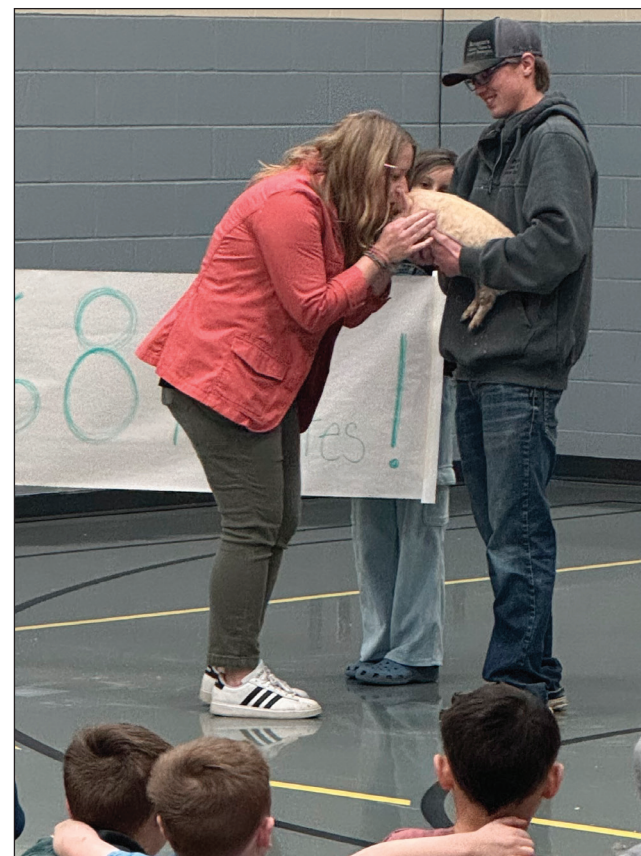
Fairbank Elementary students exceed reading goal in Read-A-Thon fun

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total as well, choosing \$40 in cash as her reward. The following students were the top readers for minutes for our building: Serenity Naylor, Zoey Gipper, Spencer Hill, Sylvie Costello, Isaac Frank-Heinz, Avery Hauersperger, Samantha Wingert, Eli West, Lynden Woods, Karlie Foster, Kimber Kleitsch, Cambree Happel, Oliver Little, Julian Bate, Evelyn Williams, Sloane Janssen, and Case Reinking.

The Read-A-Thon had another purpose. Funds raised during the event will go toward building an all-inclusive playground set to be installed this summer. Thanks to the generosity of students, parents, and relatives, over \$4,000 was donated to help support this important project. Our top fundraising families were Killian Leach, Hadley Brown, Cambree Happel, Aspyr Bickers, Case Reinking, and Sylvie Costello. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to our playground project.

The Read-A-Thon not only encouraged a love of reading but also brought students, staff, and the community together for a fun and rewarding experience. In addition to all the fun, students were each able to pick a book to take home from the book fair. Students also enjoyed seeing the precious animals from Red Rock Farms.



Mrs. Pleggenkuhle seen kissing a pig as the top goal was met for the Read-A-Thon.

COURTESY PHOTO

Deadline for the May publication is April 24

Please contact Melaine at 319-404-7116 or email fairbankislander@gmail.com

4-H ATOM BOMBERS



ALIVIA WEEPIE, REPORTER
JENSEN BECK, PHOTOGRAPHER

The Atom Bombers 4-H club met on March 8th at the IC Hall in Fairbank. Meeting call to order by club President, CeCe Sweeney at 5 o'clock.

Roll call question " what is your favorite thing to do in the spring?" was answered by 16 members present.

4-H camp registration is opening soon. Make sure to check it out in the newsletter.

The club will be ordering each member a short sleeved T-shirt that can be worn at fair, if anyone would like to order additional shirts, they are welcome to do it



at their own cost.

Presentations done by Cambry Happle on horses and Kenley Happle did a presentation on how to make a rock picture holder.

Next meeting is our community service ditch cleaning on Sunday, April 12th at 3 PM. Please meet at the fire station.



Wapsie Valley FCCLA celebrates state conference success



Wapsie Valley's FCCLA chapter recently returned from the Iowa FCCLA State Leadership Conference, held at the Double-Tree Convention Complex and the Alliant Energy PowerHouse, with exciting accomplishments to share.

A total of 16 chapter members participated in competitive events, with 7 students earning top honors and qualifying to advance to the National Leadership Conference. The national event will take place this summer in Washington, D.C., where students will join FCCLA members from across the country to showcase their projects and leadership skills.

In addition to student success, Wapsie Valley is proud to celebrate Kate Nitz, who was nominated by the chapter and selected as the recipient of the Iowa FCCLA Distinguished

Service Award. This award is presented annually to a school staff member who is not a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, but who demonstrates outstanding support for FCCLA and FCS education through advocacy, partnership, and service. Nitz was recognized on stage during the conference's awards ceremony for her dedication and impact on the program.

Chapter members also represented Wapsie Valley with professionalism and pride throughout the conference, reflecting the time, effort, and commitment they invest in FCCLA.

Looking ahead, the chapter is preparing for an exciting summer. In addition to competing at the national conference, members will attend a Major League Baseball game on July



6 featuring the Washington Nationals and the Houston Astros. They will also participate in a national FCCLA advocacy event on July 9, joining students from all 50 states to promote Family and Consumer Sciences education and FCCLA through activities on Capitol Hill and throughout the city.

WAPSIE VALLEY SCHOOL CORNER

BY CHRIS HOOVER
Superintendent

Work has started on the new track and football field! The top several feet of limestone from the current track was used to make a new driveway coming off the county road right onto the north side of the field. This will be a great entrance for all of the construction vehicles to use during construction rather than going through the parking lot or all the way around to the south side. Workers will continue to build up this new entrance as well as continue digging out the dirt for the new track. Enjoy the destruction pictures and follow us on our Facebook page for periodic pictures and updates. This project is set to be substantially completed by August 31, 2026



COMING SOON!



Fairbank Elementary Student News

Fairbank Literacy Week

BY CAMBREE HAPPEL

National Read Across America Day was March 2nd. It was also Dr. Seuss's birthday. Fairbank Elementary celebrated by hosting Breakfast with Books. We invited students and their families to come before school to enjoy donuts, juice, and fruit. Each student was given a brand new book at their grade's reading level which was donated by the WVEF. Breakfast was sponsored by Kwik Star, Casey's and Northeast Security Bank. The gym was decorated with super heroes to match the theme, "Reading Gives You Super Powers". The whole week included different dress up days like: dressing like a super hero, pajama day, and villain

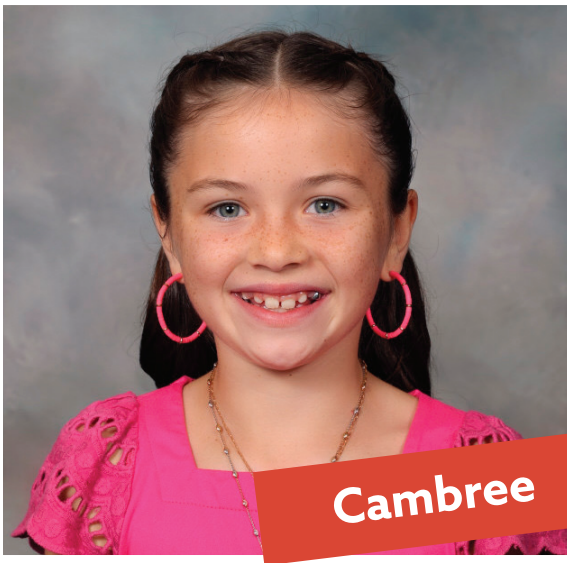
vs. hero day. Classrooms had many guest readers including parents, community members, as well as any student who volunteered to read to another class. I, Cambree, was excited to read to my brother's TK class and the Kindergarten class. I read the book, "Dragons Love Tacos!"

Students also participated in a Read-A-Thon. It was our goal for each student to read at least 30 minutes a night. Money collected for the Read-A-Thon will be used for our new playground. Our first place reader was Scarlet Hill in 4th grade. Our second place reader was Anika Bate in 6th grade. Our top two reading classes were Mrs. Pleggenkuhle's 4th grade class and Mrs. Kelly's TK/Kindergarten class.

If we read for 30,000 minutes, our principal, Mrs. Meyer, will kiss a pig!! Guess what? WE DID IT! We read for a total of 33,968 minutes!

Here are five important reasons to read with a child:

1. If a kid reads 1 book a day they may learn over 290,000 words before kindergarten!
2. Books help kids learn about the world beyond just their own home.
3. When kids see characters in a book with big feelings they learn that these feelings are normal and also learn ways to handle them.
4. Books help kids be creative and use their imagination.
5. Reading is a great way for kids to bond with parents, siblings, grandparents, or any other caregiver!



Cambree

Let's get to know Mrs. Myers

BY KASEN

Have you ever wondered who is the Fairbank Elementary's principal? Meet Mrs. Myers, our fellow principal! She's from Sumner, and she absolutely loves getting to know every single kid and staff member in the building. She says the best part of her job is helping everyone and being part of all the great experiences at school.

Mrs. Myers is always there to help students solve problems—whether it's in the classroom, at recess, or even in the lunchroom. She says, "I help empower students to decide what needs to happen next to work through something hard."

She also loves working with kids because she believes every student can be a great leader. She wants all of us to see that potential in ourselves.

Here's something you might not know: before becoming a principal, Mrs. Myers was a college athlete and an athletic trainer! She even helped deliver babies at St. Luke's in Cedar Rapids. After that, she became a science teacher, then an instructional coach, and now she's our principal. This is her 14th year in education!

Next time you see Mrs. Myers in the hallway, say hi and maybe ask her about her awesome adventures before Fairbank Elementary!



Kasen

Meet Mr. Kleitsch

BY KASEN

Have you met Mr. Kleitsch yet? He is one of the newest teachers at Wapsie Valley Elementary, and he brings a lot of energy and excitement to PE!

This is Mr. Kleitsch's fourth year in education. He started out teaching 5th grade math and science, then moved to the junior/senior high as a special education teacher. Now, he is teaching elementary PE—and he hopes to stay in this role for a long time!

Mr. Kleitsch says one of his favorite things about his job is seeing students in the community every day and building connections with everyone at Wapsie Valley. Even though he is new to PE, he is excited to

watch students grow—not just physically, but mentally too.

Before becoming a teacher, Mr. Kleitsch coached youth sports in the community for about 18 years. Coaching is something he really loves, and he hopes students can see his passion for staying active, growing, and having fun. He also believes it's important to give back. That's why he volunteers and stays involved in Readlyn and the Wapsie Valley community. He says being involved helps make a community stronger!

Mr. Kleitsch thinks Wapsie Valley is a special place because it's a small school where everyone knows each other. Students know not just their teacher, but all the staff in the

building. He also thinks it's really cool that he now teaches alongside some of his former teachers—and even took over for his old PE teacher!

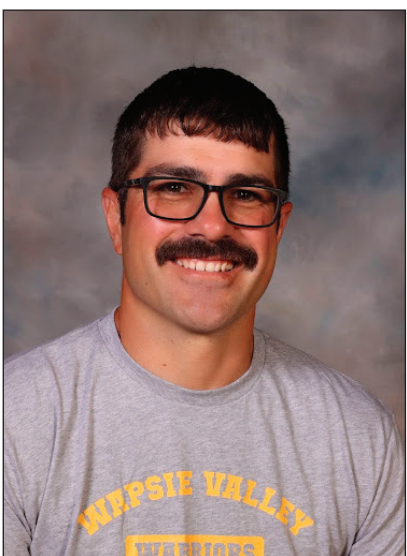
At home, Mr. Kleitsch has been married to his wife, Spencer, for 16 years. They have four kids who all attend Wapsie Valley: Even (7th grade), Reid (5th grade), Paul (2nd grade), and Morgan (kindergarten). They live on an acreage near Readlyn with three dogs—Micha, a Giant Schnauzer who stays inside, and Quill and Mora, two German Shorthair Pointers who love being outside. Their family also raises cattle for 4-H.

Mr. Kleitsch's favorite subject is science because he enjoys problem-solving, build-

ing, and creating things. When he's not at school, he loves spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, and camping with his family and friends.

Here's a fun fact: Mr. Kleitsch has some family history right inside his classroom! His office chair once belonged to his grandma Betty, who used to teach at Wapsie Valley rural schools, and his desk used to belong to his aunt, Cheryl's, who also retired from Fairbank Elementary. He even found an old photo of himself as a high school wrestler in his desk!

We are lucky to have Mr. Kleitsch at Wapsie Valley. Be sure to say hi next time you see him in the gym!





Fairbank Elementary Student News

Important school April dates

- 1st- BIG Wednesday- NO School**
- 2nd- Snow Make-up Day**
- 3rd-6th NO SCHOOL Spring Break**
- 16th- Spring BLOOD drive at the High School**
- 20th-1st Grade goes to Fontana**
- 30th- Spring Concert for Prek-3 at 6:00pm**



Cael

RECIPES WITH BODIN

April brings a taste of fun with kid-friendly food celebrations

April isn't just about spring showers and blooming flowers—it's also a month full of delicious reasons to celebrate! Across the country, families, schools, and communities are recognizing a variety of fun and kid-friendly food holidays. Here are five of the top food days in April that everyone can enjoy:

Kicking things off on April 2 is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, a timeless favorite for kids and adults alike. Whether it's crunchy or creamy, grape or strawberry, this classic sandwich continues to be a lunch-time staple and a comforting treat.

On April 8, National Empanada Day offers a chance to explore foods from around the world. Empanadas—savory or sweet stuffed pastries—are enjoyed in many cultures, making this a great opportunity to learn

about global cuisine while trying something new.

Next, April 12 brings National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, a warm and cheesy favorite that's perfect for all ages. Often paired with a bowl of tomato soup, grilled cheese is both simple and satisfying, making it a popular choice for celebrations at home or in the classroom.

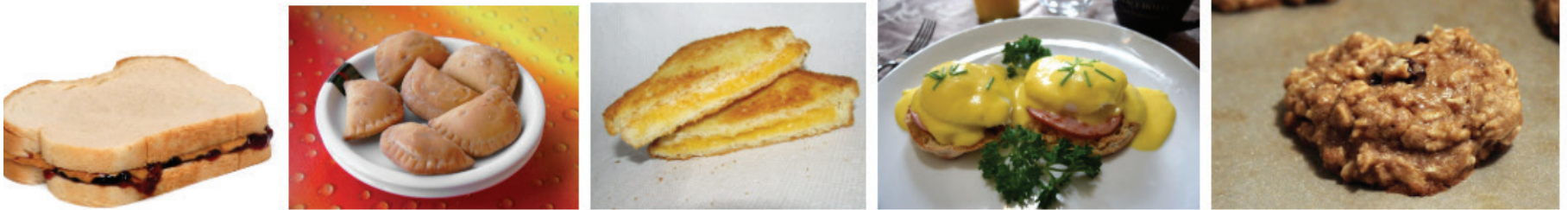
Midway through the month, April 16 is National Eggs Benedict Day. While traditionally a more grown-up dish, this day can inspire conversations about breakfast foods and how ingredients come together in creative ways.

Finally, April ends on a sweet note with National Oatmeal Cookie Day on April 30. From chewy to crispy, oatmeal cookies are a beloved treat that can be customized with raisins, chocolate chips, or other mix-ins—perfect for sharing with family and friends.

With so many fun and flavorful days to celebrate, April is a great time for communities to come together, try new foods, and enjoy some classic favorites.



Bodin



JACE'S JOKES

- Why was the frog late? His car got "toad"!**
- Why can't you trust spring trees? Because they're shady!**
- Why didn't a and c prank their friend? Because they just letter b.**
- Babies born on March 31st are the easiest to prank because they were literally born yesterday!**



Jace

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The Perfect Host

..... from George Montanez & Tamela Watson-Montanez

The Invisible Woman

..... from George Montanez & Tamela Watson-Montanez

Grandma Shirley Rechkemmer

A Waffle Lot of Love!

..... from Cora Schares

Shirley Bohr

Dragons Love Tacos 2

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Library Fun!

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NEW BOOKS

Books include: *Don't Trust Fish*, *The Bookstore Diaries*, *Felicia's Favorites*, *Flower Traveled in My Blood*, *These Summer Storms*, *The Caretaker*, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, *Alaska*, *Six Little Words*, *Nick Petrie: The Dark Time*, *The Most Fun We Ever Had*, *This Story Might Save Your Life*, and *Served Him Right*.

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium visit students at Fairbank Elementary

Students at Fairbank Elementary School and 2 and 3 year old students from Little had a unique hands-on learning experience on March 24, when the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium visited to present an interactive program about aquatic life paid for by Fairbank.

During the presentation, three yellow stingrays were on display, giving students the rare opportunity to observe, learn about, and even gently touch these fascinating creatures. Students discovered that freshwater stingrays can be found near the base of the Mississippi River around New Orleans, expanding their understanding of where these animals live.

The presenters also shared important safety tips, explaining that when visiting the Atlantic Ocean coast, people should practice the "ray shuffle"—a technique used to avoid accidentally stepping on a stingray. Students learned that most stingray species live along the shallow ocean floor, where they spend much of their time resting and searching for food.

In addition, students explored the stingray's diet and feeding

habits. Stingrays are carnivores that primarily eat bottom-dwelling animals such as small fish, shrimp, crabs, and mollusks like clams and oysters. One of the highlights for many students was seeing and feeling the stingrays up close. They were especially surprised to learn that stingrays have smooth teeth and that their skin can feel both slimy and gritty depending on where it is touched.

Students also learned that the texture of ray skin and scales helps them move efficiently through the water. Scientists have studied similar natural designs to improve technology, including competitive swimwear. High-tech swimsuits inspired by aquatic animals were once used in the Olympics and contributed to many record-breaking performances. However, these suits were later banned because they were found to give swimmers an unfair advantage by reducing drag and increasing speed.

The engaging presentation provided students with a memorable, hands-on science experience, sparking curiosity and excitement about aquatic ecosystems and wildlife.



Heidi Schwartz assisted the National Mississippi River Museum by modeling the body of a stingray. The PTO is helping bring science to life through hands-on learning.

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Guest author visits Fairbank Elementary

Fairbank Elementary recently welcomed special guest author Malynda Zuck for an exciting visit with students!

During her time at the school, Malynda Zuck shared her journey of becoming an author and what inspired her to start writing. Students enjoyed learning about the writing process and what it takes to turn ideas into a published book.

She also introduced her book, *Forecast Your Feelings*, and talked about the important message behind it. The story focuses on understanding emotions and how feelings can change—just like the weather!

Students had a great time listening, learning, and asking questions. If you missed the chance to purchase her book during the visit, it is still available on Amazon.

Thank you to Malynda Zuck for visiting Fairbank Elementary and inspiring our students to read, write, and explore their feelings!



COURTESY PHOTO

Author Malynda Zuck visited Fairbank Elementary to introduce her new book, *Forecast Your Feelings*.

Church + Services



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904-505-5230
Pastor Daniel Search
Worship Service: 9:15 AM



St. John Lutheran Church
(MISSOURI SYNOD)
208 N. 4th Street
Fairbank, Iowa 50629
319-635-2181
Pastor Grant Tapken
Worship Service: 10:00 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

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Celebration of Life

Lonnie Ross

March 16, 1945 - March 24, 2026

Lonnie Ross age 81 of Fairbank passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at Grandview Care Center in Oelwein.

He was born March 16, 1945 in Waverly the son of Willis "Bud" and Marcellis (Klemp) Ross. Lonnie attended and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools with the Class of 1963. Lonnie proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1965-1968. During his time in the Navy he did two tours in Vietnam, his second tour he did as a favor to a friend who had a wife and family back in the states.

On June 21st 1969 he married Laura Aneweer in Waterloo, Iowa. Lonnie and Laura made their home in Fairbank where they raised three daughters. He worked at John Deere in Waterloo where he retired after 33 years of service. After he retired from John Deere he worked part-time for Hauptly Construction in Dunkerton for several years. Lonnie had so many different interests in life. In his younger years he was an avid Slow Pitch Softball Pitcher, he enjoyed the league play each summer. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Cubs fan. Lonnie loved playing Euchre and helped with many tournaments held at the Fairbank American Legion. He enjoyed throwing Horseshoes, especially with his Dad and helped organize a league in Fairbank. Lonnie was a huge part of the Fairbank American Legion, serving as Commander many different times. He spent countless hours volunteering his time whether it be calling Bingo on Monday nights or organizing and helping with the many Casino Nights and Fish Fry's that were held over the years. Lonnie was the go to guy for the Fairbank Legion for so many years, whether it be to rent the hall or to call up the troops to offer Military Rites at the grave of a deceased veteran. Lonnie's voice was the one everyone heard on Memorial Day in Fairbank, reading off all of those names of the service men and women that we have lost. Lonnie was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank, serving in many different capacities. He was dedicated to his family, his country and to the town he so loved.

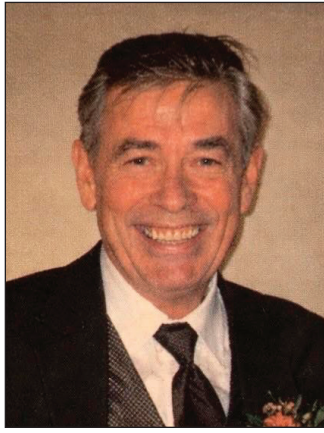
Survived by: his wife of 56 years, Laura, three daughters, Angela Ross, Stephanie Ross and Natalie Ross, five grandchildren, Avery Ross, Haley Ross, Jordan Ross, Brandon Ross and Faith Schulze, three sisters, Peggy (Steve) Niemann, Diana Albertson, Phyllis (David) Parton, one brother, Timothy (Carolyn) Albertson and one brother-in-law, Tracy Gruetzmacher.

Preceded in death by: his parents, Willis "Bud" and Lenora Ross, Phil and Marcellis Albertson, two brothers, David Ross and Mark Albertson, one sister, Barb Gruetzmacher and one sister-in-law, Kyong Ross.

Visitation: 5:00-7:00 PM Friday March 27 at Woods Funeral Home and from 9:30-10:30 AM Saturday March 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fairbank.

Funeral Services: 10:30 AM Saturday March 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Military Rites: Conducted by Fairbank American Legion Fortsch-Duffy Post 552. Interment: Fairbank Cemetery, Fairbank, Iowa

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation. Lunch will be served at the Fairbank American Legion following the service.



Celebration of Life

Kurt Paul Lehmkuhl

June 9, 1943 - March 11, 2026

Kurt Paul Lehmkuhl, beloved husband, father, pastor and friend, died March 11, 2026 at Three Links Care Center in Northfield, MN, at the age of 82.

"I've just finally gotten comfortable being a pastor." Words from Pastor Kurt recently contemplating the final days of his life.

Kurt was born June 9, 1943, in Oelwein, IA. His parents were Elmer (Tod) and Coralene Lehmkuhl. He grew up in Fairbank, along the banks of the Wapsipinicon (Wapsie) River. The second oldest of eight children, he was given a great deal of responsibility for his siblings and in the family business, a Phillips 66 Oil and Gas Service Station. Kurt's bedroom was closest to the door, so when calls came in on cold winter nights for delivering oil, it fell to him to get up and make the delivery.

Kurt attended Trinity Lutheran Elementary School until the eighth grade. At Wapsie Valley High School, Kurt excelled both academically and as an athlete, playing baseball, basketball, which he loved, and football, which he did not love. He was an avid and gifted golfer. He sang well and participated in both band and choir. Graduating first in his class, he left behind a legacy of being a kind and responsible leader. Kurt went on to Concordia College in St. Paul, which was at that time a two-year Jr. College. He attended Concordia Sr. College in Fort Wayne, IN, as a pre-seminary student and completed seminary in St. Louis at Concordia Seminary. He always said he became a pastor because no one told him not to. He considered becoming a doctor, but he chose the ministry because he felt it made an eternal difference.

In the summer of 1971, Kurt was ordained in his home congregation and took his first call to Trinity Lutheran, a small-town parish in Spencer, SD. Earlier that spring, he had also met his future wife, Janice Moon, who was teaching choral music at his hometown high school. In June of 1972, the two were married in Waverly, IA.



Kurt's second call came in the fall of 1973 to serve Mt. Calvary Lutheran, a large congregation in Huron, SD. Their sons, Michael and John were born in Huron. While there Kurt served on the South Dakota District Youth Task force, which provided him with wonderful life-long memories with friends he treasured.

There was a big change for Kurt when he felt called in another direction and moved his family to Vermillion, SD, to enter the University of South Dakota as a pre-med student. While there, he and his family lived in the Concordia Lutheran Church parsonage which was vacant and in addition to his university studies, he served that congregation half-time. He completed two years of study and was ready to enter medical school, but due to a reinstatement of previous students, his admission was delayed for another year. At that point, he had come to love the student ministry connected to his congregation and eventually decided to stay there as the full-time pastor. Kurt also served in prison ministry at the State Prison in Yankton, SD, which he found very rewarding. He spent a total of 15 years in Vermillion.

On his 50th birthday in 1993, Kurt was installed as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington, MN. Having grown up in a small town similar to Arlington, he felt right at home. Peace was a congregation that truly lived up to its name, and he served there for the next twenty-five years. There he also served on the MN South District Board of Directors, the District Evangelism Task Force and the District Pastoral Mental Health

Committee. He also served as the District Pastoral Advisor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and on the New Pastor Mentoring Program.

On his 75th birthday, Kurt retired and settled in Northfield, MN, closer to his children and grandchildren. He couldn't quite end his ministry, however, and served as interim pastor for Christ Lutheran Church in Rochester for the next three years.

Kurt's fifty years of ministry ended in October 2021. "I've been truly blessed with the love and support of God's people wherever I was sent," he said. "For a small-town guy who didn't know how to be a pastor, I've had a rich and fulfilling ministry. God is good. Indeed!"

Kurt was loved by all he encountered over his lifetime and will always be remembered for his big smile, his humor and his kind and accepting nature. He was a loving husband and father, always steady and teaching in times of conflict to ask, "What can we do to make everybody happy?" He was unique, one of a kind, irreplaceable and we will miss him every day.

Kurt leaves behind his wife of nearly fifty-four years, Janice, his eldest son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Anne, their children, Nora and Owen, and his younger son, John. Also remaining are two sisters, Lois Griffiths and Chris (Tom) Rogers and two brothers, Neale (Anne) and Gary (Gayle) Lehmkuhl and sister-in-law, Carolyn Lehmkuhl, along with many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his parents, Tod and Coralene Lehmkuhl and brothers, Chuck, Tim and Terry Lehmkuhl.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church and a reception will follow at the church.

Arrangements are with Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Crematory. www.northfieldfuneral.com

City-wide clean up day to be held May 11

City-Wide clean up day will be on Monday, May 11, at 6 a.m.. All items must be placed curbside. If you have any questions, please call Kluesner Sanitation at 866-525-4506. All appliance & electronic tags are \$20 per unit and must be purchased by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

Items Accepted For Pickup:

- Box springs, mattresses, bed frames
- Sofas, tables, chairs, dressers, desks, bookshelves
- Bathroom fixtures, toilets, sinks
- Children's toys
- Paint cans (must be open and dry)
- Outdoor patio furniture, garden tools, gas powered items (must be fully drained of fuel, oil, or hazardous materials)

Purchase A Tag At City Hall For The Following Items:

- Appliances - Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, humidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, washers, water heaters
- Electronics - Televisions, computers, monitors

Unacceptable Items:

- Items on trailers, building materials, excessive remodeling materials --
- Roofing, shingles, bricks, concrete
- LP tanks, vehicles, vehicle parts
- Chemicals, hazardous materials, wet paint, items of excessive weight or length
- Yard waste, including trees and branches

Excessive Amounts Of Material May Not Be Taken. All items must be small enough to be picked up by one person. All items will be collected at the discretion of Kluesner Sanitation.

Please make sure items are placed curbside by 6:00 a.m. Call Kluesner Sanitation with questions at 563-927-5977

City of Fairbank updates

Pet licensing: Reminder all city residents with pets over the age of four months are required to be licensed by the city. This license is to be renewed annually. The cost is \$10 per animal if purchased on or before June 30 of each year. On July 1 an additional \$5 penalty attaches. If the animal is purchased July 1 or later, the license can be obtained for \$10 with a dated bill of sale proving the date of purchase. Also, to be licensed, you must show proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. It is prohibited to have animals running at large within the city limits.

Golf cart permit: Reminder all Golf Carts are required to be licensed to be operated within the city limits. This license is to be renewed annually. The initial cost is \$30 per vehicle. New owners must have vehicle(s) inspected by the police department prior to receiving permit. Once a person has purchased a permit, the annual renewal is \$20.

Spring garage sales: City-Wide garage sales are scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sign up at the library in order to be included on the map. Cost is \$10 to cover maps, posters, and advertising. Sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club.

City wide clean up day: City-Wide clean up day is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 6 a.m. All appliance & electronic tags are \$20 per unit and must be purchased by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

Flowers On Main: Please call City Hall if you are interested in sponsoring flowers on Main Street this year. \$50 per basket.

Sewer reminder: Our wastewater system works hard every day to keep things flowing smoothly — but it can only handle toilet paper (and what naturally goes down the drain).

Over the past few months, we have found a large amount of “flushable” wipes — for example a brand called Dude Wipes — in every major blockage we’ve responded to. These products do not break down like toilet paper and are causing repeated clogs, equipment damage, and costly repairs at the sewer plant.

Even if the package says “flushable,” they do not dissolve in our sewer system. Please do not flush:

- “Flushable” wipes (including personal wipes)
- Baby wipes
- Disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels
- Feminine hygiene products
- Cotton swabs

The only things that should be flushed are:

- Toilet paper
- Human waste

When in doubt — throw it out! Your cooperation helps prevent sewer backups, protect our equipment, and keep costs down for everyone. We truly appreciate everyone doing their part.

NOTICE OF SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CITY OF FAIRBANK, IOWA

The City of Fairbank, Iowa, is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of a city-owned residential lot located at 506 Patterson Street, Fairbank, Iowa.

Restrictions and stipulations apply and bid packets and forms are available at Fairbank City Hall, 116 East Main Street, Fairbank, Iowa, during normal business hours.

All bids must be submitted on the official bid form provided by the City and returned in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Sealed Bid - 506 Patterson Street Lot.”

Sealed bids must be received by City Hall no later than 4:30 PM, April 23, 2026.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Fairbank City Council meeting on April 27, 2026.

The City of Fairbank reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in the bidding process. Brittany Fuller, City Clerk



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2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR FAIRBANK WATER SUPPLY

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC (WAVERLY). Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range) 1 sample(s) exceeded AL			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	1.60 (ND - 973)	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.174 (ND - 0.269)	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.4 (1.84 - 3.1)	06/30/2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb – parts per billion.
- ppm – parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND – Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from the system(s) shown below. Their water quality is as follows:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
0990701 - IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC (WAVERLY)						
01 - S/EP FROM WELL #1						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.7	03/20/2023	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Selenium (ppb)	50 (50)	SGL	1.30	03/20/2023	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.0382	03/20/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	8.57	03/20/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	5.900 (5.000 - 5.900)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
02 - S/EP FROM WELL #2						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.7	03/13/2024	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.0433	03/13/2024	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50 (50)	SGL	1.00	03/13/2024	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	9.43	03/13/2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	5.600 (5.000 - 5.600)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Our water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute certification to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact FAIRBANK WATER SUPPLY at 319-635-2869. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead tap sampling data can be found in the Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal: <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowadrinkingwater>

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

OTHER VIOLATIONS

In August 2025 we failed to monitor for Coliform Bacteria. Adverse health effects, if any, are not known. Monitoring procedures have been corrected to avoid future violations.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

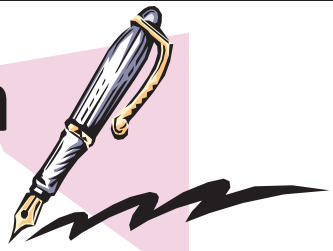
This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Name
IA0990701	IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC (WAVERLY)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact FAIRBANK WATER SUPPLY at 319-635-2869.

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"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.

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Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

I will contribute \$ _____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed a \$ _____ donation to Project Share.

Wapsie Valley CSD

Public Hearing & Regular School Board Meeting

March 16, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Aiello called the Public Hearing on the 26-27 School Calendar order at 6:01 PM.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Becker, Broten Jr., & Kaufman

B. Supt. Hoover, Principals Forsyth, Murphy, & Myers. Arndt (Virtual)

C. Others: Vaughn Gross, Chad Frost, Tammy Kaufman, Elaine Zimmerman, & Tim Zimmerman, & virtual participants.

2. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Broten Jr. to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public comment-No written or verbal comments

4. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to close the Public Hearing and adjourn at 6:03 PM-Motion carried 5-0

1. President Aiello called the Regular Meeting of the board to order at 6:03 PM.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Becker, Broten Jr., & Kaufman

B. Supt. Hoover, Principals Forsyth, Murphy, & Myers. Arndt (Virtual)

C. Others: Vaughn Gross, Chad Frost, Tammy Kaufman, Elaine Zimmerman, & Tim Zimmerman, & virtual participants.

2. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Broten Jr., to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public Comment: Vaughn Gross talked about the Robotics team competing at the state level and brainstorming on increasing participation. Chad Frost and Tammy Kaufman voiced their concerns regarding renewal of the wrestling coaches contract for 26-27.

4. Family, Career & Community Leaders of America displayed their projects that will be taken to state competition and to National competition if scoring high enough to advance. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Becker to approve the FCCLA National trip to Washington DC in July 2026 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

5. Track/Football Field Project-Pre-construction meeting went very well and working with Cardinal is going very well. The Bleachers are gone, Board had some questions regarding curing of the track that Mr. Hoover will get answers to.

6. Garrett from Piper Sandler presented the summary of bond bids received. Moved by Broten, Jr., Seconded by Auel to approve \$2,995,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services And Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Series 2026A Consideration of Financing Proposals Opened and Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board of Directors, and the Placement Agent, Resolution Directing the Sale as presented. Roll call - Auel-Aye, Becker-Aye, Broten Jr.,-Aye, & Aiello-Aye, Kaufman-Nay Motion carried 4-1

7. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Broten Jr., to approve \$525,000 taxable School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue. Series 2026B Financing Proposals Opened and Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board of Directors, and the Placement Agent, Resolution Directing the Sale as presented. Roll call - Auel-Aye, Becker-Aye, Broten Jr.,-Aye, Kaufman-Aye & Aiello-Aye. Motion carried 5-0

8. Moved by Broten Jr., Seconded by Becker to approve \$530,000 taxable School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue. Series 2026B Financing Proposals Opened and Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board of Directors, and the Placement Agent, Resolution Directing the Sale as presented. Roll call - Auel-Aye, Becker-Aye, Broten Jr.,-Aye, & Aiello-Aye, Kaufman-Nay Motion carried 4-1

9. Consent Items: Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the time of adjournment for the March 6, 2026 special board meeting being 8:41AM not 7:41AM, and the bills being reviewed by Scott Broten Jr., with open enrollments: 26-27-Danielle Rulapaugh 1st-grade son to WV from Oelwein, 26-27 Danielle Sheldon-7th-grade son and 8th grade daughter to WV from Oelwein, OUT - 26-27-Garrick

& Taylor Reinking kindergarten son to West Central from WV, 26-27-Marcie Even kindergarten son to Dunkerton from WV, 26-27-Austin Kane 11th-grade daughter to Cedar Falls from WV, & Keisha Pullin 4th-grade son & 11th grade daughter to Dunkerton from WV after a family move into the WV district as presented. Motion carried 5-0 Also, funds will be transferred from the Activity interest account to support minimum registration fees for Future Business Leadership of America (\$100-5 students), Family Career & Community Leader of America, (\$240-12 students), Future Farmers of America (\$100-5 students) & Skills USA (\$100-5 students).

10. Communication & Reports: Board: Steve enjoyed reading at the Rural schools for Literacy week. Superintendent: Mr. Hoover's report included Football Field/Track Construction Timeline, & possible storm

District-PK-12 Principals: Report includes student led conferences, professional development, literacy week, NICL academic conference, ISASP testing, blood drive, spring activities, POPS concert, & FFA district contests.

11. Personnel Actions- Resignations: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the resignations of Kaci Beesecker-Assistant HS Softball Coach-effective immediately, Marty McKowen-HS Boys Basketball Coach, Chris Hoover-Superintendent effective June 30, 2026, Samantha Westcott-Para-Professional-March 13, 2026 Justin Davie-Social Studies Teacher, Head Boys Track, Head Girls/Boys Cross Country-end of school year Tiffany Beyer-JH Softball, effective immediately, Brenda Hagenow-Special Education Para-professional-end of school year and thank them for their service to the staff and students of WV as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Broten, Jr. Seconded by Becker to approve the following contracts Sheila Seelhammer-Study Hall

Supervisor-\$12.67 P/H, & Tiffany Beyer-Assistant Softball Coach-\$2,230 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

12. New Business-Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the 26-27 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0 Arndt presented the FY27 preliminary budget, FY27 budget guarantee and FY26 budget amendment. FY27 proposed budget will be published with the same tax rate of \$14,00087 as the property tax statement was and set the public hearing date for the FY27 budget, FY26 budget amendment for April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Broten Jr. to approve WV/CLS 26-27 PK Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Becker to approve 26-27 AEA Purchasing Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Becker to approve the 25-26 & 26-27 Boys & Girls Bowling Agreement with Oelwein as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve an increase for Certified staff of 2.78% Total Package-estimated

District Cost-\$135,599.51 for the 26-27 school year and 2.87% Total Package-estimated District Cost-\$143,526.81 for the 27-28 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve an increase for Non-Certified staff of 3% Total Package-estimated

District cost \$45,866.34 for 26-27 school year and 3% Total Package-estimated District cost of \$46,745.91 for the 27.28 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve Board Policy 501.09 Chronic Absenteeism & Truancy as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Becker to approve the sharing agreement of School Business Official Resource only with Sumner-Fredericksburg for the 26-27 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve the 2027 early graduation for Devin McConnelee pending all graduation requirements are met as presented. Motion carried 5-0

13. Board Talking Points - None

14. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to adjourn at 7:35 PM Motion carried 5-0

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REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:30 pm and then regular session following at 6:00 pm on Monday February 26, 2026. Members present: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: R. Woods and Mayor Kayser. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Hunter Robinson, Police Chief; Lonnie Brewer, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. During the budget workshop, the council discussed potential FY2027 budget numbers and information regarding the proposed property tax levy notice page. In the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem, Councilwoman Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Williams/Gruetzmacher to open the public hearing on the rezoning request for the property located at 404 Forest Street from R-1 to R-2. Motion carried. There were no comments received. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to close the public hearing at 6:02 pm. Motion carried. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: February 9th Regular Meeting Minutes, Approving Resolution 2026-06 - Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning a Tax Statement Showing the Proposed Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget - The public hearing was set for Monday March 23rd at 6:00 pm, Approve Outerbanks Liquor License, Set Spring Clean-up Day for May 11th and Fall Clean-up Day for October 5th, and Set Budget Workshop for March 9th at 5:30 pm. Motion carried. There was no one present for the informal public comment section.

Discussion was held regarding the 657A property located at 506 Patterson Street. Attorney Prendergast stated that, if the property were to be sold, the council has the right to discuss pricing in closed session and recommended doing so. Councilman Gruetzmacher asked about obtaining photographs of the property and possibly listing it on Zillow. Councilman Williams asked about placing covenants on the property. Attorney Prendergast shared that she has worked with two communities that utilized a realtor for the sale of similar properties and stated the process was smooth and worked well and that the council could put covenants on the property. She explained that realtors are familiar with the market and can handle negotiations. Erickson/Gruetzmacher, to instruct the clerk to contact realtors by email and request letters of interest, including proposed fees for services. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Justin Steinlage and John Fels with the Fayette County Fair Board were present to inquire about the city participating in a sponsorship again this year to help provide a free carnival for everyone during the fair. The fair will be held July 21st through July 25th. Due to recent discussions regarding interpretations of the state law on the use of city tax dollars for donations, the attorney and clerk advised the council that it was not advisable to approve a donation that does not directly provide a public purpose for Fairbank. Councilwoman Erickson suggested that maybe one of the other organizations in town might be interested in providing a sponsorship, noting that the free carnival provides a valuable opportunity for the community but sees why it might not be considered a public purpose for Fairbank specifically. Williams/T. Woods to investigate the possibility of a donation for this year. Motion carried. Lonnie Brewer arrived at 6:28 pm. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the IDOT five year maintenance agreement. Motion carried.

An ordinance needed to be read regarding amending the official zoning map after the public hearing had been completed for the rezoning of 404 Forest Street from R-1 to R-2. Williams/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 378 - Ordinance Amending Official Zoning Map. Motion carried. T. Woods/Williams to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 378 - Ordinance Amending Official Zoning Map regarding rezoning 404 Forest Street from R-1 to R-2. Motion carried.

T. Woods/Williams to adopt Ordinance 378. Motion carried. During the council/mayor comments, Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that when the weather improves, they hope to make further progress on the batting cage at the ball diamond. During the department reports, Chief Robinson said that he had a couple of things to update the council on. A community member inquired about the age requirement in the city's golf cart ordinance, currently set at age 18, and asked about amending it to state age 16 with a valid driver's license. The council saw no problems with that and it will be discussed at a future meeting. Chief Robinson also mentioned that he is considering hiring another part-time employee and will present more information to the council when available. Additionally, the department will continue to monitor e-scooters and e-bikes that are being driven in town to ensure operators follow applicable rules and laws. Lonnie stated that the televising and jetting around the Roxanne Drive neighborhood was going to start up again on Monday. He also reported that there was an issue with the lift station on Grove Street. The backflow preventers were stuck and when they were looking into the reasoning and unclogging it, they found it was full of items that should not be flushed. He also reported that winter had arrived again and the council thanked them for their clean-up and that the town looked really good especially compared to other communities that they had driven through. City Clerk Fuller reported that Michelle Laube was just informed that her certification was approved and that she is now a certified finance officer as well as a certified city clerk. The council was very happy to hear that. She also reported that utilities would be discussed during the next budget meeting if anyone had something they were thinking about and to bring those to that meeting. Williams/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Fairbank Community Club met on March 18TH at the Fairbank Legion, with 19 members attending. The meeting was called to order by president, Tammy Erickson. The treasurer's report was read by Amanda Jipson, and was approved. The Fairbank Islander financial report was read by Kathy Risse, and was approved.

OLD BUSINESS
Blood Drive: The LifeServe Blood Drive was held at the Legion on March 17th. They received 16 units of blood from 10 people who donated. The Blood Drive is held every other month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next drive will be on May 19th. Please consider donating. All the blood collected by LifeServe is used in the area which it is collected.

Music in the Park: The Community Club is making plans for the upcoming summer series. The first event will be held June 3rd at Riverside Park with Aryn Duffy providing the entertainment. The next event will be July 8th. The club is waiting for a confirmation from the band they want to hire. The August "Music in the Park" is still in the planning stage. If anyone has any ideas for a band, contact Adam Costello or Amanda Jipson.

Dues: Most of the yearly dues have been collected, but there are 3 or 4 left to come in. If interested in joining, dues are \$30. You can send to: Community Club, c/o Amanda Jipson, 1080 102nd St., Fairbank, IA 50629. J.J. Little is in the process of collecting for past due advertising in the "Fairbank Islander" newspaper. We would appreciate it if these advertisers could get their accounts up to date. It makes our bookkeeping so much easier. It's getting close to the time of year when you will be contacted again about running for another year. We appreciate your help in making our newspaper possible!

Spring Garage Sale: Our annual City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 9th. When you sign up, your sale will be advertised in the Islander, on Facebook, and on signs put up around town. For more information, call Amanda Jipson at (319) 404-6475.

NEW BUSINESS
Election of Officers: The officers will stay pretty much the same, with the exception that Cindy Woods will be president and Tammy Erickson vice-

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:30 pm and then regular session following at 6:00 pm on Monday March 9, 2026. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. During the budget workshop, the council reviewed proposed budget numbers for FY2027.

Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the agenda. Motion carried. There were no public hearings.

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: February 23rd Regular Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report for February 2026, Approval of Deputy and City Clerk's Attendance at IMFOA Spring Conference April 15-17, 2026, Approval of the Purchase of Main Street Flowers, Setting the Next budget workshop for March 23rd at 5:30 pm, Setting the Next Regular Council Meeting for March 23rd at 6:05 pm, 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 February 2026: Revenues - General, \$36,451.11; Special Revenue, \$25,885.45; TIF, \$3,700.60; Capital Projects, \$35.06; Permanent Funds, \$16.23; Proprietary, \$238,541.32; and Transfers In, \$581,555.00. Disbursements - General, \$25,241.62; Special Revenue, \$14,405.78; Proprietary, \$219,121.14; and Transfers Out, \$581,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on February 28, 2026 was \$4,785,930.36. There was no one present for the informal public comment section. There were still no quotes obtained for the proposed park shelter at Veteran's Park. The council is having a hard time finding someone to bid on it. They will keep working on it and hope to have something for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 657A property located at 506 Patterson Street. The council reviewed two letters of interest received from realtors regarding listing the property for sale. After discussion, the council decided not to move forward with hiring a realtor and instead proceed with selling the property through a sealed bid process. The council discussed potential stipulations for the sale of the lot, including requiring a stick-built single-family home with a permanent foundation and a minimum of 1,200 square feet of living space. No garage requirement was proposed. The council also discussed requiring construction to begin within one year of purchase or the purchase price would be refunded and the property returned to the city. The council directed the clerk to prepare a bid form and information packet for possible buyers. The packet will include information on lot lines, easements, and the building stipulations. The council requested that all bidders use the same bid form and that the notice include language stating that the city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The council also discussed advertising the lot for sale as a single-family residential lot, placing the information on Zillow, and making packets available at city hall. Gruetzmacher/Williams to instruct the clerk to prepare a bid form with restrictions for council review at the March 23rd meeting and to advertise the sealed bid sale in the Islander after approval, with sealed bids due by Thurs. April 23rd to be opened at the April 27th council meeting. Motion carried.

The renewal information regarding insurance coverage on city property, which is up for renewal on April 1st, was discussed. Adam Kerns joined the meeting via phone. Several items related to coverage were reviewed, including the use of agreed values instead of replacement values. Williams/R. Woods to approve the renewal with ICAP using agreed values in the amount of \$81,580.00. The premium is down from last year's amount of \$84,345.00. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2026-07 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to its Gas Supply Agreement with PEFA, Inc. in Connection with the rest of the Available Discount in PEFA, Inc.'s Gas Prepayment Project; Approving the Issuance of Bonds by PEFA, Inc.; and Related Matters. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The City's Electric Reliability Plan is required to be reviewed and passed annually. The plan passed last year was reviewed and updated. T. Woods/Gruetzmacher to approve Resolution 2026-08 - Resolution Adopting Electric Reliability Plan of the City of Fairbank Municipal Electric Utility. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. This plan needs to be filed every ten years and will be filed this year with the IUC by April 1st.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve Payment #3 for the Fourth Street Sidewalk Project. The third payment was \$9,511.76. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. An amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairbank Chapter 77 - Golf Carts was presented. The amendment, Ordinance 379 - Amending Provisions Pertaining to Golf Carts, included changes to two sections. Under section 77.03 subsection 3 the verbiage was changed from the operation of the golf carts on city streets is only to be by persons possessing a valid driver's license and 18 years of age or older to golf carts may be operated upon the streets of the city by persons possessing a valid driver's license and complying with any and all conditions of their driver's license, except as otherwise prohibited in Chapter 77 of this Code. Under section 77.03 subsection 4 the verbiage of it is unlawful for any parent, guardian, or other person having the care, custody and control of a minor under the age of 18 years to knowingly permit or allow such a minor to violate the provisions of this chapter was changed to it is unlawful for any parent, guardian, or other person having the care, custody and control of a minor to knowingly permit or allow such a minor to violate the provisions of this chapter. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 379 - Amending Provisions Pertaining to Golf Carts. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/R. Woods to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 379 - Amending Provisions Pertaining to Golf Carts. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Williams/Erickson to approve Ordinance 379 - Amending Provisions Pertaining to Golf Carts. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Monday March 9, 2026 for a rezoning request for lots along 700 block of Fairbank Street from Ron Woods. The request was asking to rezone the property from R-1 to R-2. After that meeting, the Council received a written recommendation from the board to consider approving the request and continue the process of amending the zoning ordinance to reflect that change. T. Woods/Erickson to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and continue with the process of amending the ordinance for the rezoning request. Ayes: Four. Abstain: R. Woods. Nays: None. After the council approved the recommendation to allow proceeding with the zoning change from the Planning and Zoning Commission, a public hearing would need to be set to allow for public input. T. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2026-09 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fairbank, Iowa Setting a Public Hearing Regarding the Rezoning of a Property. Abstain: R. Woods. Motion carried. The public hearing was set for Monday March 23, 2026 at 6:05 pm at Fairbank City Hall.

president. Amanda Jipson will remain treasurer and Julie Costello will remain secretary. Directors are J.J. Little, Adam Costello, Kathy Risse, and Jeanette Jones will replace Marla Harter.

Fundraising: A committee is making plans to hold a Puzzle Contest which would be held in conjunction with Thursday Thursday at the Legion. Possible dates considered are April 16th or May 7th. 4-Person teams would have to register in advance. Each team would be given a 500 piece puzzle, 8 beers, and a large pizza from Costa's. First team to finish everything wins - not sure on payout yet. Committee members include: Adam & Julie Costello, Amanda Jipson and Cindy Woods. Another fundraising idea that was discussed was to sponsor a Scrap Iron Drive in conjunction with the Spring Garage Sales. Adam Costello and Kenny Little will check with Shaeffer about getting a scrap dumpster and an appliance dumpster. The guys will help pick up stuff if needed around town. Easter Bunny: The Easter Bunny will be coming to town Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. The Community Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunts will take place in the backyard of the Assisted Living (for the smaller children) and the island (for the bigger kids), along with an indoor hunt at the Legion for the toddlers. Members of the club, along with help from the community, are making up baskets and donating them for the event.

Donations: The club will again donate \$2,000 towards the Fairbank Island Days celebration. The Fayette County Fair asked for a donation. The club decided to decline, since we prefer to use our money for local projects. Upcoming Community Events: Saturday, April 4th is a UTV Ride starting at the Fairbank Legion. This is a fundraiser to help with the purchase of new playground equipment, swimming pool expenses, and the McKenzie Schmitz Benefit. For more information, contact J.J. Little at (319) 238-2929. Next meeting: The meeting ended with a drawing won by Amanda Jipson. The Community Club will meet again on May 20, 2026 at the Fairbank Legion. Doors open at 5:00, with meeting starting at 6:00. Please join us, visitors are always welcome!

Williams/Erickson to approve Resolution - 2026-10 - Resolution Setting Deputy Clerk Raise After Certification. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Erickson/T. Woods to approve payment of a \$1,500.00 sponsorship from the city to the Fairbank Development Corporation for the Fairbank Days Celebration. Ayes: Three. Abstain: Williams and R. Woods. Nays: None. During the council/mayor comments, Mayor Kayser stated that he had met with Little Wapsie Communications to discuss how things were going for them. They reported that there were 380 connections in Fairbank. He also said that he is going to start getting abandoned buildings and cars looked at for nuisance abatements headed into the summer. He is also working with the administration committee regarding wage numbers for this next budget year. During the department reports, Nick reported that IUC came and completed their electric inspection and that it went well. Butler County REC was in town to switch out a transformer and while they were in town they changed out five more cutouts. He attended an IAMU mutual aid training and he thought that it was beneficial.

Williams/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.

Bills for the Month of March 2026	
Aero-Mod, Supplies	\$101.92
Amazon Capital Services, Equipment/Supplies	\$1,043.60
Appliance Plus of Oelwein, Inc., Equipment	\$789.00
Olivia Becker, Services	\$60.00
Best Services, Services	\$319.99
Ashley Bolton, Utility Deposit Refund	\$14.78
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Ambulance Supplies	\$461.00
Lonnie Brewer, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Bruening Rock Products, Supplies	\$527.46
Buchanan County Economic Devel., FY 26 Utility Dues	\$600.00
Butler County REC, Electric	\$58,078.00
Casey's General Store, Gas	\$656.86
Cedar Falls Utilities, Services	\$482.85
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$26,433.09
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation	\$16,705.46
Compressed Air & Equip Inc Co, Supplies	\$1,777.33
Costello Diesel Service, Inc., Supplies	\$120.93
Dakota Supply Group, Supplies	\$60.00
Danko Emergency Equipment, Supplies	\$83.19
Delta Dental of Iowa, March Premium	\$21.96
Don's Truck Sales, Services	\$132.50
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bill Postage March 2026/Box Rent	\$285.40
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$7,200.68
City of Fairbank, Utility Deposits Applied	\$185.22
City of Fairbank, Replenish Postage Fund	\$24.62
Farm Win Co-Op, Unleaded Gas	\$585.80
Fayette Co Emergency Management, FY26 1st Half EMA Dues	\$491.77
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
GFG Instrumentation, Services	\$563.22
Gordon Flesch Company Inc., Copier/Printer Fees	\$74.42
Grainger, Inc., Supplies	\$71.27
Groeber & Associates, Services	\$327.36
Harlan & Deb Hartman, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Hawkeye Alarm & Signal Co., Annual Alarm Monitoring	\$300.00
Heath Consultants, Inc., Services	\$572.31
IA Dept of Public Health, Pool/Slide Registration	\$70.00
Region 1 AWWA, Training	\$135.00
IMFOA, Training	\$300.00
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water	\$8,804.68
Ipers, Benefits	\$6,269.11
John Deere Financial, Supplies	\$284.94
Kluesner Sanitation, LLC., March 2026 Pick-up Fees	\$7,777.00
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses/SW Phone	\$64.06
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$486.00
Midwest Concrete Inc., 4th Street Sidewalk Payment #3	\$9,571.76
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$479.18
NAPA Auto Parts, Supplies	\$50.43
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 2/2/26	\$10.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 2/17/26	\$8.67
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$520.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Payroll Deductions	\$200.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publishings	\$507.44
Premier Technology, Services	\$196.90
Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing	\$267.48
Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, Services	\$5,643.75
Ken Schnor, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Scott Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies	\$2.50
Leanne Siggekov, 1st Half 2026 Annual Rent Payment	\$487.50
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Supplies	\$82.33
Stryker Sales Corporation, Supplies	\$150.00
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$92.75
Superior Welding Supply Co., Supplies	\$35.63
Zackery T. & Nadaly Davis, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
T & R Service Company, Equipment	\$1,328.75
Treasurer-State of Iowa, Feb 2026 Sales Tax	\$4,767.42
Treasurer State of Iowa, Feb 2026 WT Excise Tax	\$1,408.27
U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes	\$7,800.58
U.S. Bank, February 2026 PEFA	\$20,113.20
USA Bluebook, Supplies	\$405.16
Visa, Microsoft Email Accounts/AVAYA Phone System/Shipping/Supplies	\$892.70
Wellmark, March Premium	\$3,335.56
Wilnat, Inc., Equipment	\$3,871.62
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$68.52
Woods Construction, Inc., Services	\$ 3,971.59
The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on March 4, 2026:	
Amazon Capital Services, Books & Supplies	\$994.18
Brock Berg, Services	\$200.00
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$302.97
Fairbank Postmaster, Box Rent	\$114.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc, Copier/Printer Fees	\$64.28
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 2/17/26	\$1.33
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No matter what side of the fence you sit on, we can all feel overwhelmed with the feeling of needing to stay informed and perhaps even get defensive. You turn on the news and hear of casualties, you log into your investment account and see red when you’ve grown accustomed to seeing green the last few months, etc. It is easy to go from “staying informed” to feeling panicked if you’re not doing the things within your control to stay sane.

From an investment perspective, remember that fluctuation in the market can and should be planned for. If you feel the need to jump out of the market and avoid volatility, you should first discuss your options with an advisor familiar with your situation. Pulling out of the market is almost never the right move, and there may be tax implications worsening the decision to get out. The emotions you may be feeling are common, but it’s critical you not let them drive this vehicle.

From a human perspective, zoom in your focus closer to home. There are so many good people doing good things right here in our communities. No matter what is going on around the world, there are things you can do right here at home that make our little corner of the world a better place for us and our youth.

The Readlyn Fire Department just hosted a breakfast and a Hero’s Ball to raise money to better serve the community. The Fairbank Fire Department is hosting a breakfast soon to do the same. Our high school is hosting our 3rd annual “Game of Life” in an effort to help our young adults better grasp the financial fun (and responsibilities) of being an adult. The WV Education Foundation is hard at work to modernize their fundraising event to pour back into our kids’ educational experiences. Soon it will be summer and there will be calls for volunteers to help Readlyn Days and Fairbank Days to run smoothly and sustain safe and fun communities for the benefit of all of us.

We can all step up to volunteer or support these causes that subsequently benefit us. There is something you can do right now within the four-walls of your home to make a better day for your family. There is something you can do right now for yourself to make life inside your own head a better place.

Don’t let analysis paralysis of world events darken your ability to see potential in yourself and your corner of the world (especially financially!). Those that stay composed through adversity lead the most resilient lives and it all starts with how you respond (rather than react) to events. Control what you can control, remain stoic, and maybe even turn off the news now and then.

If you need help seeing opportunities in the mess, let’s sit down and find the potential in your financial future!

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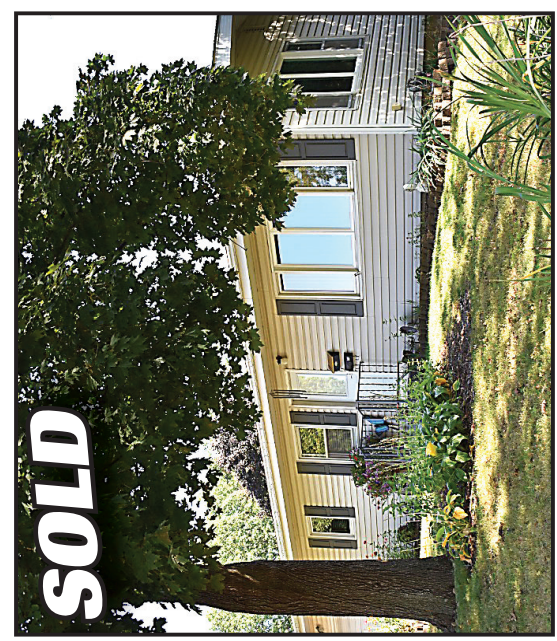
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