

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Oelwein, IA 50662
Permit # 81

Fairbank ISLANDER

SERVING FAIRBANK AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

JUNE 5, 2024 Compiled by Fairbank Community Club - Designed by Waverly Newspapers and Printed by Oelwein Publishing Co. VOLUME 5, NO. 6

Winners of 2024 Wapsie Writing Contest announced



BY BETTY BRANDT PASSICK
bbpassick@comcast.net

The winners of the 2024 Wapsie Writing Contest—selected by judges who are published authors, poets, creative writing teachers, and avid book readers. The annual contest aims to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to

express and share their creative writings. This year, over 30 stories and poems were submitted in the three age categories: adult (19 years and over), child (11 years and under), and youth (12-18 years).
See **CONTEST, A5**

Fairbank Aquatic Center now open



The Fairbank Aquatic Center is now open for the season. Operating hours are Monday - Friday from 1pm - 7pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1pm - 6pm. Hours may vary at times for events.

Four candidates vying for Miss Fairbank 2024 on June 20

This year's candidates for Miss Fairbank are Kennedy Kane, Logan Rochette, Natalie Gray, and Peyton Curley. Miss Fairbank 2023, Ava VanDaele will crown her successor at 6:30 pm at the Fairbank Island Park on Thursday, June 20th. Candidates will have all completed an application and an individual interviewing process prior to the crowning, as well as a small group interview and a community service project. You can learn more about each candidate in their short biography below. Any questions regarding the Miss Fairbank competition can be directed to the committee members Alexis Rousch, Emily Little, and

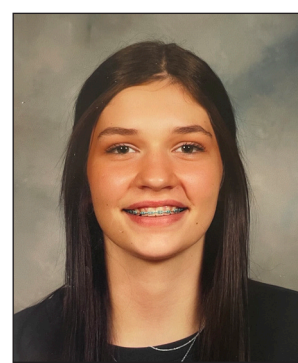
Emily Martins.
PEYTON CURLEY
Peyton, the daughter of Nick and Jo Curley is an active member of Wapsie Valley athletics being a member of the volleyball, softball, basketball, and track and field teams. She is also a member of National Honor's Society, serves as the secretary for student government, and is on the prom committee. Peyton was recognized on the honor roll, Oelwein Daily Register's Athlete of the Week, KWAY's Honorable Mention Athlete, IGHSAU All Academic Team, and 2nd Team Basketball All Conference. Outside of school, she is a member of
See **CANDIDATES, A11**



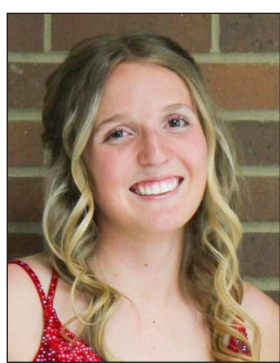
NATALIE GRAY



KENNEDY KANE



LOGAN ROCHETTE



PEYTON CURLEY

Island Days Little Prince and Princess candidates

Join on on Friday, June 21 at 6:00 PM Riverside Park for the 2024 Island Days Little Prince and Princess crowning. The Kiddy parade will kick off the event starting at 6:00 PM followed by commencing of the winners of the Little Island Royalty. Learn more about each candi-

date in their short biography below.
Oliver Little is the son of Jj and Emily Little and brother to Ellison. Oliver is four years old and will be going to preschool in the fall, he loves tractors, going to the river, gardening and fixing anything and

everything with his dad.
Madilynn Rausch is the daughter of Ryan & Alexis Rausch and the sister to Elliana and Aurora. Madilynn is six years old and will be going into first grade, she loves to dance, play outside, ride her
See **LITTLE, A8**

Wapsie Valley Archery Team score at Nationals

Wapsie Valley Archery Team Score at Nationals 3257, ranked 117 out of 252 high school teams. Our school team high was set at state this year at 3287 by the High School Team. Not a bad score at nationals and we were missing some of our senior archers. Fun Fact: The seniors last attended nationals as 4th graders!
Lucas Wilke 278 (Ranked 546 out of 2513 HS boys)
Kaliya Lampe 276 (Ranked 499 out of 2496 HS girls)

- Madyson Richards 274
 - Logan Rochette 274
 - Jaxon Morse 274
 - Bianca Nelson 272
 - Danica Aiello 272
 - Robert Lee 272
 - Ethan Biretz 269
 - Natalie Gray 267
 - Leena Fuller 265
- See **ARCHERY, A3**



A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER



COURTESY PHOTO

Above and right: Here are two photos from opening day on July 4, 1969.

July 4th 1969. The Fairbank community began a commitment to aquatic recreation with the opening of our original pool. At that time, the pool was open from 1:00pm to 9:00pm with a "Moonlight" teen swim on Sunday nights until 11:00pm. There were also swimming lessons. Since that time, the city

constructed the current aquatic center in 2004 and broadened the services the center provides. Swim team cooperation with Oelwein, swimming lessons for 12 surrounding communities, concessions, doggie dips, and much more! I swam there as a child (every day. All day!), worked as a life guard

through college, served on the Pool Board, and on the new Aquatic Center committee. I know first hand the benefits of the Center and a true asset to the city! I highly encourage you to take advantage of this facility!

With that being said, PLEASE DRIVE WITH EXTREME CAUTION near the aquatic center this summer. Many people walk or ride bicycles to the center, and parked vehicles can cause blind spots. If you are in the area of 5th and Main street, expect children at any time. Also, as you are aware, this is a very active community with many walkers joggers, and bicyclists all over town. Please use caution at crosswalks and residential streets.



COURTESY PHOTO

Last day of the season in 2003.



INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS INC.
VAN DAELE INSURANCE, LLC

greatrates@vandaeleins.com

For all your insurance needs!

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

119 E. Main Street ▪ PO Box 467 ▪ Fairbank, IA 50629

319-635-2526 Fax: 319-635-2162

Fairbank ISLANDER
SERVING FAIRBANK AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Sponsored by:
Fairbank Community Club
Fairbank, Iowa 50629

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

Out-Of-Area Subscriptions
1 Year (12 issues) \$30.00

Mail address and check to:
Fairbank Islander
301 Catherine St., Fairbank, IA 50629

***The Fairbank Islander is also available for viewing on-line at the Fairbank Library website:
fairbank-ia.org/newsletters.php

E-mail News & Advertising to:
fairbankislander@gmail.com

or drop off at:
Fairbank Public Library
P.O. Box 426, Fairbank, IA 50629

For information, call:
Melaine Buzynski 319-404-7116
or the Fairbank Library 319-635-2487

What's Cook'in
A diet is the penalty we pay for exceeding the feed limit!

A simple, hearty dish featuring ground beef, instant rice, and a vibrant mix of veggies. It's a one-pan wonder, perfect for easy midweek dinners and packed with comforting homestyle taste.

Beef Skillet Fiesta

1 lb. ground beef	1 can tomatoes
1 T. salad oil	1 can whole corn
¼ C. diced onion	1 ¼ C. water and bouillon cube
2 tsp. salt	½ C. thin strips green pepper
1 tsp. chili powder	1 ½ C. Minute Rice
¼ tsp. pepper	

Brown ground beef in oil, high heat. Add onion and reduce heat. Add seasonings, tomatoes, corn and bouillon. Bring to boil. Add green pepper, boil again. Stir in rice and remove from heat. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Stir and serve.

Quick and easy, this is the best chocolate cake ever!
Miracle Whip Cake

2 C. flour	1 tsp. Vanilla
1 C. sugar	¾ C. Miracle Whip
½ C. cocoa	1 C. cold water
1½ tsp. soda	

Sift the dry ingredients together. Make a hole in middle. Add Miracle Whip, water and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into 9x13" cake pan that has been greased and floured, or into 2 round layer cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with your favorite frosting!

We need recipes to publish. If you would like to share your favorite recipes, you can drop them off at the Fairbank Library or email them to: Fairbankislander@gmail.com

June
Community Potluck
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!

June 19, 2024 @ 11:30 AM

Tableware and beverages provided.

Sponsored by IC Parish Life Committee

Wapsie Valley Archery Team score at Nationals

CONTINUED FROM A1

Marshall Weepie 264
Gavin Brown 263
Emerie Parkes 263
Jayden Marvets 261
Zachary Boevers 260

Ava Aiello 260
Landon Cummings 259
Mikayla Bixeman 256
Kali Ackerman 255
Hayden Szurley 249
Landyn Buhman 249
Elijah Heasley-Eike 221



ISLAND QUEEN
AVA VANDAELE

Hello everyone I hope you guys are having a great month of May! Wapsie Valley has wrapped up school and it's finally feeling like summer! I graduated from highschool and I will be attending Iowa State next year studying kinesiology. Track just competed down at state, I ran the 4 by 800! Wapsie definitely represented well and came back with some hardware! I hope everyone enjoys their summer and spends lots of time with their family and friends!
From Ava

Happy Graduation!



DAYNE BATES

Correction: The wrong photo ran in the last edition of the Fairbank Islander of Dayne Bates.

Retirement Celebration

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE

*“Ed-Zone”
Tailgate Style!*

IN HONOR OF
Ed Traeger

06 | 21 | 2024
3:00-7:00pm
at



*Come Celebrate Ed's
35 years of banking!*



FINANCIAL DECISIONS GROUP
SINCE 1960
YOUR INSURANCE & FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS
903 N. Frederick Avenue, Oelwein IA 50662
(319) 283-1514 | cell (319) 440-2868
(877) 370-6345 | fax (319) 283-1557
nwilkinson@fdg.net | www.fdguelwein.net
Investment Adviser Representative
Securities and investment advisory services offered through Royal Alliance Associates, Inc. (RAA), member FINRA/SIPC. RAA is separately owned and other entities and/or marketing names, products or services referenced here are independent of RAA.
Live for Today. Plan for Tomorrow.

Neil Wilkinson
MSFS, ChFC, CLU

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

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

C AND K GARDEN SOLUTIONS LLC
2508 Viking Ave., Fairbank IA 50629
Phone: 319-939-4112
Email: ckjeanes@gmail.com
Garden Tilling – Plowing – Cultivating
Lawn Mowing – Snow Removal - Backhoe

WOODS CONSTRUCTION INC.

FAIRBANK, IA.

“Serving Fairbank & the surrounding area since 1967”



Offering a diverse portfolio of services:

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



Visit our website or give us a call to schedule a consultation!

505 2nd St. NE • Woodsconst.com • 319-635-2308



FAIRBANK JUNE 20-22, 2024 ISLAND DAYS

MORE INFO AT FAIRBANKISLANDDDAYS.COM

THURSDAY

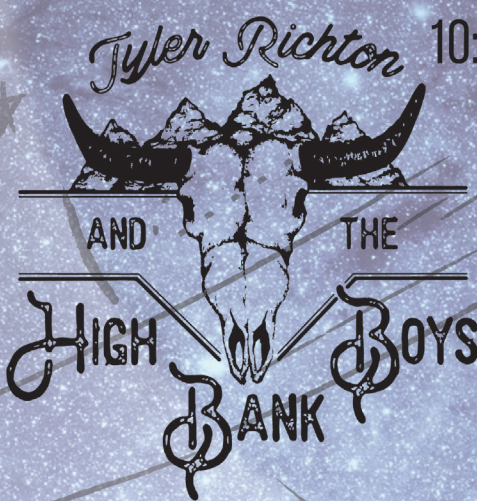
- 5 CARNIVAL MAIN STREET
- 5-5:45 TRIATHLON REGISTRATION PARKADE
- 5-7 FOOD STAND ISLAND
(HOSTED BY LITTLE ISLAND DAYCARE)
- 6 TRIATHLON PARKADE
- 6 BEER GARDEN & MUSIC ISLAND
- 6:30 QUEEN PRESENTATION ISLAND

FRIDAY

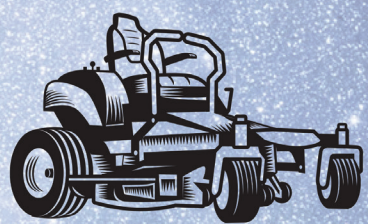
- 5 BEER GARDEN ISLAND
- 5 4-H CHICKEN DINNER BEHIND COSTAS
(HOSTED BY ATOM BOMBERS 4-H CLUB)
- 5 CARNIVAL MAIN STREET
- 5 RIVER GOLF BEHIND COSTAS
- 5 FOOD VENDORS PARKADE
- 5-8:30 SIX PACK JACK ISLAND
- 6 LITTLE ISLAND PRINCE & PRINCESS
KIDDIE PARADE & CONTEST RIVERSIDE PARK
- 9-12 TYLER RICHTON &
THE HIGH BANK BOYS
- FIREWORKS AFTER DARK

SATURDAY

- 9-2 VENDOR SHOW BRAINARD HOLLOW
- 9-12 CAR SHOW REGISTRATION BENTLEY PARK
- 10-12 TRACTOR SHOW REGISTRATION IC CHURCH
- 10:30 PARADE THEME: OUT OF THIS WORLD
- 11 CARNIVAL MAIN STREET
- 11-12 CORNHOLE REGISTRATION ISLAND
- 12 FOOD VENDORS PARKADE
- 12 BEER GARDEN ISLAND
- 12 CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT ISLAND
- 12-2 KID GAMES ISLAND
(MONEY IN HAY BY NSB, DUNK TANK, CONTESTS)
- 12 FOOD STAND BENTLEY PARK
(HOSTED BY COMMUNITY CLUB)
- 12-3 CAR SHOW BENTLEY PARK
- 12-3 TRACTOR SHOW IC CHURCH
- 12-4 GTP ROCK ISLAND
- 1-2 PEDAL PULL RIVERSIDE PARK
- 4:30-8:30 MITCHELL BOEVERS ISLAND
- 9-12 NOT QUITE BROTHERS



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
 MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS
 MYERS POLARIS
 NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK



OR MESSAGE US!



DIAMOND SPONSORS

PLATINUM SPONSORS

GOLD SPONSORS

Winners of 2024 Wapsie Writing Contest announced

CONTINUED FROM A1

and older), youth (12-18 years), and child (11 years and under).

The winners are judged to have poems and stories that are the most creative and original and demonstrate a quality of beauty and intensity of emotion for their age category.

The ability to convey ideas through narrative and writing is a fundamental skill in so many fields—even in this new era of ChatGPT and artificial intelligence. Through this annual contest join me in celebrating the achievements of these talented and creative people, and thank all the entrants (and their families) and the judges for their participation.

Alyssa R., 11 years (Child Category)

Cedar Falls, IA, St. Patrick Catholic School

I am a writer, and I love writing, and I write multiple stories per month, and through the process of writing, I get to explore the characters' lives. I most enjoy positive stories where I can help my characters achieve good outcomes and that is what inspires me to write. As a young author, I'm proud to share my work with a broad readership. This contest means that I can join a community of writers, and tell stories that have never been told before.

"Mistake"

Mistakes are a common thing. Some mistakes are bigger than others. Some people make more mistakes than others. I, Abigail Swarthenberg, age twelve, have made a lot of mistakes, but my most recent one is the one that I most regret.

I was at the public library, reading a book. It was an adventure novel, which is my favorite type of book to read. I was very deep into the book. So deep, in fact, that nothing could pull me out of the realm of the book.

Then an announcement came on over the library loudspeaker.

"The library will be closing in five minutes.

Please take your books directly to the book checkout and exit the building. Thank you for reading with us today," the voice in the loudspeaker said, then ended with a "click".

Oh, whatever, I thought to myself. It isn't like I need to hurry or anything. I'll just finish this chapter and then go check out. They're just trying to rush everybody out of the library so they can finish their work earlier than usual.

So, I kept on reading. Every minute, the loudspeaker protested against my not going to check out my book, but I didn't care. The book was too good to put down! I just had to finish the chapter and then I'd go check out. There were only eight more pages, and I'm a very fast reader. I could finish on time. At least, that was what I thought. But now I know very well that I'd overestimated my reading skill.

"The library is now closing," the loudspeaker finally said.

Click! After the final announcement had been made, I stretched, closed the book, got up, and walked over to the check out. The lights were off, and there wasn't a soul to be found in the library but me.

"I wonder where everyone is," I said to myself. "Oh, well. The librarians probably haven't left yet, and even if they have, I'm sure there's someone on duty to make sure that nobody is stealing any of the books."

So, I walked to the book check-out counter. There was a computer that was used to scan the code on a book and check it out. The computer was turned off. I pressed the power button, but it wouldn't turn on. Frantically, I swerved the mouse around. What if I wasn't able to check out my adventure novel?

Finally, I just gave up. I walked over to the counter where there was usually a librarian. Nobody was there. I walked behind the counter to search for a librarian to help me with the check-out computer. Still no one. There weren't any

cars in the parking lot, since I had taken the city bus there.

That was when I decided that I would just have to check out the book next time and I would have to leave. No one was there to help me and the computer wasn't working, so what else could I have done?

I walked over to the door and pulled on its handle. I wouldn't budge. I hadn't thought that they would lock the doors after closing hours. I pulled on it again and again. It wouldn't move. After that, I tried the other doors. They were all locked, and there wasn't a key in sight! What was I going to do?

I had to find a way out. I'd promised my parents I'd be home by seven. It was just about seven o'clock right now, and at this rate, I wouldn't get home until tomorrow morning! The situation seemed hopeless, until I saw one way out. And that was not an easy way. More like a dangerous way, if anything.

The library had a second floor, which had windows, which might not be locked, and the fire escape was just below one of the windows! I would have to jump from the window to the fire escape, and then climb down. It was the only way, and if there was a way to get out, I would do it. I had no choice. Well, I did have another choice, and that choice was to sit in the library until tomorrow morning.

I ran up the stairs to the second floor. I found the window above the fire escape, and it seemed to be a miracle that it wasn't locked. I quickly opened it, then sat on the window sill as my heart pounded wildly. The fire escape seemed much farther beneath me than I had remembered. Maybe that was only because I was scared, though.

Oh well, here goes, I thought. I jumped.

I fell about six or seven feet before I reached the fire escape. I'd fallen on my leg. It hurt, but I hadn't broken it. The metal fire escape was very slippery. It had rained a while ago when I



KAILEIGH J.
13 YEAR CHILD CATEGORY

was reading my book.

I slid down the slippery fire escape until I reached the bottom. The bus wouldn't be in service until morning, so I had to walk all the way home. When I got there, I told my parents the whole story, and from then on, I always left the library at the five minute warning. After that, I didn't make so many mistakes.

Kaileigh J., 13 years (Youth Category)

Evansdale, IA, Waterloo Community Schools District / Bunger Middle School

The inspiration to write my story came from Luna. This little kitten that I had when I was nine. I was struggling to figure out what I should write my school essay about while I was sitting in literacy class in November. It was a personal narrative and I've always struggled with thinking of things to write about. I thought, "What significant things have happened in my life that changed how I think?" And I thought about Luna. She was the sweetest little kitten, and I still miss her a lot.

Winning this contest means a few different things to me. I'm very proud of myself, but at first I was shocked when my favorite teacher called my mom and I and told me I had won. This story was difficult for me to write, not because of deadlines or requirements but just the pure emotion that came with it. I'm very grateful for my teachers that helped me with this and my parents as well. Thank you!

"Luna"

That day just felt different. I don't know if it was the fact that I woke up late, or that I couldn't find my hairbrush, but something about that

day was... off. I walked to the driveway, and I slipped on the ice on the sidewalk. I cursed under my breath and got back up to walk to the car. It was freezing outside, given it was mid-January. I hopped into the car, possibly as cold as the outside.

My dad got into the car, buckled his seatbelt, and before I knew it we were at Poyner already. It felt like time was going at double speed, but the snow was falling in slow motion.

I walked into the school, and maybe my body was there but my mind wasn't. I was thinking about normal fourth-grader things, like what we were doing in class and what would happen at recess.

"...Kaileigh?" Mrs. Mason asked me. She put the phone down, the phone I didn't notice she had picked up.

I wasn't paying attention, "Er... huh?" Yet again, I wasn't there, and couldn't focus. My mind was blank.

"Go to the office with your things."

I grabbed my backpack. "How come?" I stuffed my folder and the book I was reading into my bag.

Mrs. Mason looked up from her desk and said, "Your parents are here to bring you home,

they called you from the office." I stood up and slung my backpack over my shoulder. A few of my friends look over or turn to me, curious about what's happening.

"Lucky!"

"No fair, can I come with?"

"Where are you going?"

I felt a bit confused like something was off. I assumed it was a doctor's appointment that my parents forgot to tell me about or something along those lines, "I have no idea."

I distinctly remember one person saying, "Have fun!" I shrugged it off and opened the classroom door, waving to my friends and teacher. As I was walking to the office I felt my stomach drop a bit. I thought about the worst things, a family member dying or some-

thing being wrong with one of my nephews. I was overthinking the whole way to the office, dead

silent as I walked into the small room to see my dad standing there with a half-effort smile.

"Something's wrong, something's wrong." I kept telling myself. It was strangely quiet when my dad signed me out of the office, he only said a few words to the secretary. We finally got outside, and by then my breathing was a bit heavy and my mind was racing at the speed of light to make up new scenarios about the worst things that could happen.

I was worried, to say the least. My dad and I reached the car, and to my surprise, my mom was in the car. Oh no, oh no, oh no, oh no. I was thinking even faster, anxiety off the charts.

My mom was there too, and it was a rare occurrence that both of my parents came to something as unimportant as a doctor's appointment.

"What happened?" I asked my dad, getting into the car and buckling my seatbelt.

My mom looked at me with a sad expression, and I noticed her tear-streaked cheeks.

"Kaileigh, we have to tell you something," I nodded and prepared for the worst. "Luna..."

She cleared her throat and I knew. I knew that our kitten, Luna had been sick for a while. I knew that it had been getting worse. I knew that she could barely eat, and she always threw up.

"No..." My voice was quiet, pleading.

My mom continued. "We... we have to put her down, she's really sick," and my tears started falling. A choked noise came from my throat, and I was crying, hard. "Please, no... Luna," I cried, in an attempt to voice my distraught through my tears. My dad put a hand on my shoulder, and my mom sighed. Thinking back on it, this must have been so hard for them, to keep tough faces for their crying ten-year-old.

I must've cried for a good five minutes before

Winners of 2024 Wapsie Writing Contest announced

CONTINUED FROM A5

my dad cleared his throat. "Sweetie, she's really sick," his voice broke. "We don't want to let her suffer." I swallowed, nodded, and didn't say anything. My heart felt like it was breaking into a million pieces. My dad drove out of the school driveway, and the whole ride was silent. Time moved in slow motion. My head was resting on the cold window, but at that moment I couldn't care any less.

We got to the veterinary, and my breath got stuck in my throat. I rubbed my eyes with the sleeve of my pink coat, and my nose, throat, and eyes burned from crying so hard. I opened my door slowly and climbed out of the car. My heart ached, and I could barely breathe at all. We walked into the vet, and my parents talked to the receptionist. My chest tight-

ened and tightened like I was going to explode. We walked into a different room, and then waited and waited. It felt like an hour just sitting in the little room with 2 chairs, a bench, a counter, and a few paintings of cats and dogs. I sat on the bench with my head in my knees, completely silent. My mom rubbed her hand up and down my back in an attempt to comfort me.

What felt like hours passed, sitting in that little room that smelled like NyQuil. Finally, a man with blue scrubs on walked into the room with a bundle of blankets in his arms. He said a few words to my mom, and I looked up from my knees, shifting so my feet were on the floor again. Inside the bundle of blankets was a sad little kitten, with huge eyes. I started bawling and held the tiny cat in my arms. My dad looked really sad



BETH K. ADULT CATEGORY

and was petting Luna with his index and middle finger on the top of her head. Her black, orange, white, and brown fur stood up slightly, she looked scared. I held her for a long time, then kissed the top of her head and whispered "I love you."

The vet took her into a different room, and I walked outside the glass sliding door. Outside, it was beyond cold. It felt as if the tears were freezing on my face. Snow fell into my hair, my eyes, all over my face. I hadn't noticed my dad was out there too until he hugged me. I

hugged back. I kept thinking and thinking, "I knew something was wrong, I had a bad feeling, and it was right."

The drive home was possibly one of the saddest moments in my life. Mixed thoughts of "It was my fault," or "I knew something was wrong."

Should've listened to my instinct.

Beth K. (Adult Category)

Oelwein, Iowa
I wrote Friday Night Lights in my head driving home from my job at the Readlyn library one beautiful fall evening when I could see so many lights of all kinds in the darkening sky—streetlights, distant stadiums and towns, nearby farms... I wrote it down as soon as I got home.

I'm excited to have won! I'm busy and don't make time to write as much as I should, and I need to work on that.

Congratulations to all of the other winners. Keep on writing.

"Friday Night Lights"
The last Friday of September

I shut down the computers extinguish the fluorescents let the authors rest.

I step from the dark library into the rising night

Indigo and violet the last hint of dusk.

Small town streetlamps along Main.

The cross on the church illuminated by the highway

The harvest moon Hangs in the east Luminescent.

Asphalt unspools in the headlights

Gossamer fog in the valleys, silvered by the lunar glow.

Wagons and combines in the fields move through an aura of platinum dust cities of light.

Here and there other small communities visible only by the halo of

stadium halogens still miles away.

Farms; flickers of brightness in a sea of dark.

An open window, a tv flickering the soft glow of a barn aisle the blue-white glare of a machine shed lit up in the gath-ered dark.

Here and there bright bursts of worklights cast arrays of bins and silos in a daylight brilliance--

Cornfield Cathedrals. The spool of silver road curves along the river into the silvered night.

I turn down a dusty road

Watch for deer

Wonder at the flicker of a high-above airplane, headed for Dallas or Denver

And watch for the welcoming yard light of the home plac

Watch for the 2025 Annual Wapsie Writing Contest to be announced in early January. Contest rules are posted at BettyBrandtPassick.com.



FAIRBANK'S

MUSIC In The PARK

Wednesday
June 5, 2024
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

FEATURING:
"Fairbank's Own"
Gina Owens

Country Singer / Songwriter
Nashville Recording Artist

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers and join the fun at the Gazebo Park in Fairbank!

There will be food provided by
Bents Smokehouse & Pub

SPONSORED BY:
Fairbank Community Club



Fairbank Island Days Raffle Items!



John Deere Z330R Zero Turn Lawn Mower



Big Green Egg Grill



Yeti 45 Hard Cooler

4- \$100 gift cards to the Fairbank Locker

2- \$100 Fairbank Dollar Gift Certificates

TICKET PRICES: 1-\$10 OR 12-\$100
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Tickets for sale prior to event at Modern Building, Myers Polaris, or Northeast Security Bank.

Items subject to change without notice

COME JOIN US FOR

COFFEE DONUTS & FELLOWSHIP

- NO MAY DATES -
JUNE 30
JULY 14 & 28
AUGUST 11 & 25

Hosted by IC Parish Life Committee

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HALL
9:30am-11:30am

EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE WILL OFFERING

Church + Services

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

St. John Lutheran Church
 (MISSOURI SYNOD)
 208 N. 4th Street
 Fairbank, Iowa 50629
 319-635-2181
Pastor Jacob Swenson
 Sunday School: 9:00 AM
 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

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

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

Adam Schaufenbuel
 Vice President, Waverly

Megan Niewoehner
 Loan Officer, Oelwein

www.bankfidelity.bank | 800.403.8333

Balance Made Easy.

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

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

Ozark NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE
Wholly Owned Subsidiary of National Western Life Insurance Group

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

Parkview Assisted Living

114 Forest St
 FAIRBANK, IA.

Caring for Our Family, One Loving Heart at a Time

Contact us at 319-635-2585
 Stop in anytime for a tour

Check us out on Facebook or our website:
fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com
We'd Love to Welcome Your Loved One HOME!

* 2 Daily Homemade Meals
 * Weekly Housekeeping & Linen Washing
 * Emergency On-Call System
 * 24-Hour Security and Staff Availability
 * Utilities and Cable Included
 * Secure P.O. Box Included

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

FAIRBANK
 Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Brad, Adam & Ben Bachman

641-330-1233 319-635-2229

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Island Days Little Prince and Princess candidates

CONTINUED FROM A1

bike, color and hang out with her friends.

Elliana Rausch is the daughter of Ryan & Alexis Rausch and the sister of Madilynn and Aurora. Elliana is four years old and will be going into preschool, she enjoys gymnastics, swimming, singing, coloring and playing outside.

Louis Beck is five years old and will be heading into first grade. Louis is the son of Neal and Jenna Beck and brother to Jensen and Jayden. He is always full of energy and loves to run and ride his bike, go

swimming, play nerf guns, wrestle, play with legos and being creative. Louis is a little sweetheart and cares about people.

Jayden Beck is five years old and will be heading into first grade. Jayden is the son of Neal and Jenna Beck and sister to Jensen and Louis. She loves to play house with her babies, play outside, ride her bike, go swimming and play school. Jayden has a very loving heart.

Grayson Odneal is six years old and will be going into first grade. Grayson is the son of Kyle and Taylor Odneal and brother to Collins, Hudson and Cooper. He loves to attend Ninja-U, play t-ball and bas-

ketball, play outside, catching frogs and playing his nintendo switch.

Collins Odneal is four years old and will be going into preschool. Collins is the daughter of Kyle and Taylor Odneal and sister to Grayson, Hudson and Cooper. She loves attending Ninja-U, playing with her barbies, dancing, and going outside.

Dixon Bagley is 4 years old and will be entering preschool. The son of Matt and Makayla Begley and sister to Dixon, he enjoys playing outside, farming and anything tractors!

Grace Bagley is 8 years old and will entering third grade.

The daughter of Matt and Makayla Bagley and brother to Dixon, she enjoys reading, crafting, playing softball, spending time with family and playing with Great Papas mini cow Opal.

August Krum is four years old and will be entering preschool. Son of Allen Krum and Jamie Pavelec, brother to Jacob, Elijah, Navaleigh and Calliope. August enjoys watching videos, sonic, and spiderman.

Hoyt Hutschenreuter is seven years old and will be entering the second grade. Hoyt is the son of Ronald and Stefanie Hutschenreuter and brother to Hunter. Hoyt enjoys

wrestling, baseball, the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

Elsie Weepie is eight years old and is a second grader at Wapsie Valley. Weepie is the daughter of Chelsey and Nick Weepie. She loves art and music, spending time on the Mississippi river, playing with her cousins and softball.

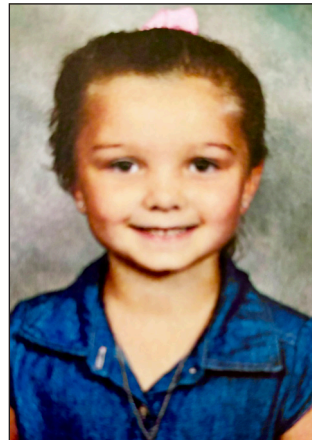
William Weepie is six years old and is a Kindergartener at Wapsie Valley. Weepie is the son of Nick and Chelsey Weepie. He enjoys playing with his cousins, going to the Mississippi River, Mindcraft and Linky Box



COLLINS ODNEAL



GRACE BAGLEY



JAYDEN BECK



ELSIE WEEPIE



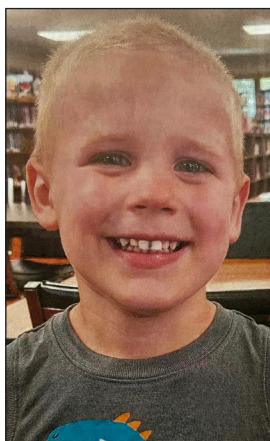
ELLIANA RAUSCH



MADILYNN RAUSCH



DIXON BAGLEY



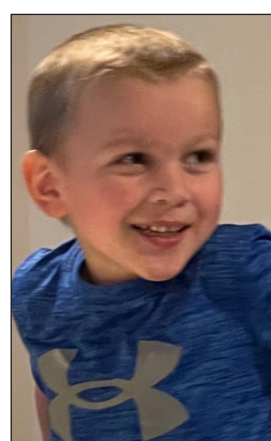
AUGUST KRUM



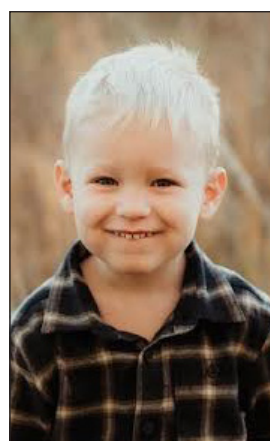
LOUIS BECK



GRAYSON ODNEAL



WILLIAM WEEPIE



OLIVER LITTLE



HOYT HUTSCHENREUTER



LEGACY ROOFING
OF IOWA

Lew Boehme
319-415-5547

Mitch Coffin
319-415-2472



Security
MUTUAL
INSURANCE

PROVIDING
POLICY HOLDERS
SECURITY & SERVICE
FOR OVER 280 YRS

A GRINNELL
MUTUAL MEMBER.



234

Security
MUTUAL
INSURANCE

PROVIDING
POLICY HOLDERS
SECURITY & SERVICE
FOR OVER 280 YRS

A GRINNELL
MUTUAL MEMBER.

319-279-3893
319-267-2035
securitymutualins.com

234 Main Street ~ Readlyn, IA

Celebration of Life

Joan R. Rourke

April 12, 1929 -

May 4, 2024

Joan R. Rourke, 95 of Fairbank, IA, died on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls, IA.

Joan was born on April 12, 1929, in Gilbertville, IA, the daughter of Victor T. and Stella K. (Schaes) Schaefer. She attend-



ed the Immaculate Conception (Now Don Bosco) Catholic School in Gilbertville, IA. In 1947, Joan graduated from high school and moved to Waterloo, IA. She soon started working in the billing department at the Rath Packing Company in Waterloo.

Joan enjoyed going out dancing with friends, and one night met Patrick O. Rourke at the Electric Park Ballroom. They were married on September 27, 1954, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Gilbertville, IA. Together they made their home on a farm just outside of Fairbank, IA. In 1956, Joan stopped working at Rath Packing to raise her children.

She and Patrick raised their four children on the farm and loved watching their family grow throughout the years. She loved taking care of her family and looking after her grandchildren. She often hosted holiday parties at her house and enjoyed the countless hours of cooking for the family. She made sure to teach her grandchildren her recipes and how to cook.

Joan was a woman of strong faith and principles. She valued her relationships with not just her family, but also her neighbors and friends. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank, IA. For over ten years she volunteered at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein, IA making quilts for the needy, and also with Cedar Valley Hospice in Independence, IA.

She is survived by her children; Larry (Jill) Rourke, Dunkerton, IA, Tom (Kim) Rourke, Fairbank, IA, Julie (Bill) Delagardelle, Dunkerton, IA, and Jane (Eric) Zangerle, Swisher, IA, ten grandchildren: Kayla (Tyler Scribner) Rourke, Emily (Jacob) Vsetecka, Andrew (Cassie) Rourke, Kelly (Thomas Sadler) Rourke, Troy Rourke, Jenna (Neal) Beck, Phillip (Morgan) Delagardelle, Jacey Zangerle, and Ted Zangerle, nine great-grandchildren: Jaycee, Max, Mackenzie, Caroline, Henry, Jensen, Louis, Jayden, Brooks, a sister, Cleola (Kitty) Robb, Raymond, IA, a brother, Thomas (Carol) Schaefer, Gilbertville, IA, a sister-in-law, Marilyn Schaefer, Gilbertville, IA, and many nieces and nephews.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Stella Schaefer, her husband, Patrick Rourke, a granddaughter, Dyana Rourke, a sister, Lois Schaes, and a brother, Roman Schaefer

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 3 PM on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank, IA. Inurnment will be at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Fairbank. A Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion Hall in Fairbank after the services on Thursday.

Celebration of Life

Karen Betts

August 31, 1944 -

May 10, 2024

Karen Betts age 79 of Palo and formerly from Fairbank passed away Friday, May 10, 2024. She was born August 31, 1944 the daughter of Kenneth and Myrtle (Cummings) Betts. Karen grew up in Fairbank where she attended and gradu-



ated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools. She continued her education at North Iowa Area Community College graduating with an Associates Degree focusing on Social Work. Karen worked for a number of years at Goodwill helping others with mental challenges. She also worked at Parkview Assisted Living in Fairbank while her mother was a resident there. Karen loved to travel so she took to the open road as an over the road truck driver for a number of years. She tried retiring for a short time and decided that just wasn't for her so she went back to work at Full Circle in Independence doing just what she went to college for helping others. Karen was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, loved reading old westerns and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her son Kory (Kim) Betts, four grandchildren; Joshua (Krystal) Betts, Ryan (Megan) Loe, Austin Betts and Nicholas Betts, eight great-grandchildren and one brother, Howard Betts. Karen was preceded in death by her parents and a sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Glen Larson.

Visitation was on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Woods Funeral Home with an Memorial Service.

Interment: Fairbank Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials: May be directed to the family for later designation

Celebration of Life

Jodi Sue Fischels

March 4, 1966 -

May 16, 2024

Jodi Sue Fischels age 58 of Fairbank passed away, Thursday May 16th, 2024. She was born March 4th, 1966 in Independence, Iowa the daughter of John and Beverly (Strempeke) Wroten. She lost her mom at the age of six but was



fortunate enough to gain another one when her dad married Kathie Oberheu. Unfortunately, she was taken too soon as well in 2006. Jodi grew up in Fairbank, attended and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools in 1984. After high school she went on to Hawkeye Community College for nursing. She worked as a home healthcare nurse/ LPN until 2008 when her battle with Lupus forced her to retire. Jodi had her first child in April of 1990, Allyssa Nourse. Soon after that she met Troy Fischels. They were married on August 28th, 1993. In December of 1995 they added a son, Layne Fischels. Despite her ongoing struggles with Lupus since she was a teenager and many other complications, Jodi lived her life to the fullest. She went on many trips with her husband and family no matter how she was feeling and never complained. Jodi was able to see the birth of her first grandchild, Gage Fischels in 2010 and see both of her children grow and go on and marry amazing people that she knows will take care of them in her absence. She was and will always be a loving wife, amazing mother, doting grandmother and best friend anyone could ever have. Her family and friends were everything to her and she will be forever missed.

Jodi is survived by her husband, Troy, one daughter, Allyssa (Daryl) Nourse and one son, Layne (Olivia) Fischels, one grandson, Gage Fischels, her father, John Wroten, one brother, Nick (Leah) Wroten, one sister, Justina Wroten (Brett), her father and mother-in-law, Pete and Nancy Fischels along with numerous nieces and nephews as well as her dog Nevaeh and her cat Sergio. Jodi was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly and her step-mother, Kathie Wroten.

A Celebration of Jodi's life was held on June 2nd 2024 at the Fairbank American Legion from 12:00-3:00 pm. In her memory we ask that you wear something purple to support Jodi and others who are battling life with Lupus.

**SEND
OBITS TO**

fairbankislander@gmail.com

F.A.B. BUILDERS LLC

Bonded & Insured for your Protection

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

FREEMAN SCHWARTZ

Free Estimates
319.238.9751

1340 Fairbank Amish Blvd.
Hazelton, IA 50641

**SUPPORT
LOCAL
BUSINESS**

4-H ATOM BOMBERS



FROM THE DESK OF
ALIVIA WEEPIE

The May Atom Bomber's 4-H meeting was held on May 5th at the IC hall in Fairbank.

A fun game "Guess the order of items" started off the evening.

Meeting called to order by President, Brock Kleitsch. Rollcall question "What is your favorite ice cream?" was answered by the six

members present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gavin Gross, 4-H pledge led by Brock Kleitch.

No secretary or treasurer report.

Upcoming fair dates discussed. All animals must be registered by May 15 to be able to be taken to fair. June 15 is the deadline for all other entries to the fair. More information regarding clinics and fair schedule on the ISU Extension and Outreach May Newsletter. Update on new barn signs were given and more information will be sent out to members via Facebook.

Alivia Weepie gave a presentation /game on Animal Gestation periods.

Ended the meeting with snacks and refreshments by Alivia and Gavin.

Next meeting June 9th.



COURTESY PHOTO

The May Atom Bomber's 4-H meeting was held on May 5 at the IC hall in Fairbank. Right: Alivia Weepie gave a presentation/game on Animal Gestation periods.




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

FRIDAY JUNE 21 *Tyler Richter AND THE HIGH BANK BOYS*

SATURDAY JUNE 22 *NOT QUITE BROTHERS*




BOOK YOUR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TODAY!

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



ATTENTION ALL FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CLUB SUPPORTERS!!

From now until Fairbank Island Days 2024 - \$50 will be donated to your Fairbank Community Club for every location that signs up for LWC fiber optic service!

YOU JOIN → **WE DONATE!**

Readlyn - 319.279.3375
 Oran - 319.638.6006
 Littlewapsiecommunications.com

LITTLEWAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS

Call or go online to get started!

Four candidates vying for Miss Fairbank 2024 on June 20

CONTINUED FROM A1

the Immaculate Conception Church, has helped with several Fairbank Fire Department fundraisers, and aided with Wapsie Valley's sidewalk painting fundraiser. Several of her hobbies include both reading and baking. After graduation, she plans to attend a four year college, hopefully in Minnesota. After completing a major of studies that is right for her, she wants to acquire her nail technician license from cosmetology school. Peyton's sponsor for Miss Fairbank is the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

NATALIE GRAY

The daughter of Christian

and Kimberly Gray, Natalie participates in volleyball, basketball, softball, archery, FFA, prom committee, honor society, and silver cord. Some of Natalie's honors and accomplishments include being crowned FFA Sweetheart Queen, receiving the Iowa FFA Degree, IGHS AU Academic Achievement, 2022 Most Energetic Player and Best Attitude, 50 Silver Cord Hours 2021-2023, and honor roll. Some of Natalie's hobbies include spending time with friends and family, reading, playing sports, volunteering at Otter Creek Animal Shelter and Red Rock Farms as well as working at the Readlyn Veterinary Clinic. Upon graduation from Wapsie Valley, Natalie would like to attend

Iowa State University or University of California Davis to further an education in animal sciences then advance her education to complete a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Natalie is sponsored by the Fairbank American Legion Auxiliary.

KENNEDY KANE

Kennedy Kane, the daughter of Mick and Karolyn is a member of the volleyball and basketball teams as well as a member of the FFA chapter, prom committee, National Honors Society, and silver & red cord programs. She enjoys helping at FFA community events such as the county fair, omelet breakfasts, tractor pulls, and parades. Kennedy has been recognized on the honor roll

each semester and was eligible for the National Merit Scholarship through the PSAT. Outside of school she enjoys spending time with friends, boating, hiking, kayaking and playing volleyball. After graduation from high school, Kennedy would like to attend University of Northern Iowa or University of Iowa to major in biochemistry in hopes to further her education to become an orthodontist or a pediatrician. She is sponsored this year by the Fairbank Community Club.

LOGAN ROCHETTE

The daughter of Courtney Rochette and the late Luke Rochette, Logan is an active member of the Wapsie Valley Archery team where she has

competed at both state and national competitions throughout high school. She also is a member of the prom committee. Logan has been recognized on the honor roll for several semesters. Logan enjoys kayaking, spending time with friends and family and doing activities outdoors. Once she graduates high school, she plans to enter a two year degree program at Hawkeye Community College where she would like to become a radiology technician after completing a degree from Allen College. Logan's sponsor for the Miss Fairbank event is the Fairbank Fire & EMS Services.

Laborshed study to be conducted in Buchanan County

The Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) is partnering with Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) and Iowa Economic Development Authority to complete a Laborshed employment study for the Buchanan County area. This study will geographically define which communities contribute to Buchanan County's workforce, regardless of political boundaries. This defined area is called a Laborshed area and is based upon commuting patterns.

The purpose of this Laborshed study is to measure the availability and characteristics of Buchanan County area workers. Laborshed studies are useful tools for economic development teams and existing or prospective employers to understand the local labor market, make informed expansion and site selection decisions, and maintain/recruit a

high-quality workforce.

For the success of this study, we are sending letters to randomly selected households asking residents to take a confidential online survey. Survey questions will cover topics such as: employment status, current and desired wages, current and desired benefits, education level, and type of occupation, among other things. However, Iowa Workforce Development will not be asking survey takers for identifiable information such as: name, social security number, or date of birth. Participation in this workforce study is greatly appreciated regardless of employment status whether you are currently employed, unemployed, a homemaker, retired, etc. Your input is highly valued.

Following the conclusion of the online surveying efforts IWD will conduct telephone surveying in the area through a third-party vendor. The survey call orig-

inates out of Missouri and the incoming number will have the 573-area code. The same survey questions asked in the online survey will be asked of those who participate in the survey on the phone and again, no identifying information will be collected. All the survey answers collected will be combined and reported together. Individual answers are completely confidential.

Every year Iowa Workforce Development conducts Laborshed studies across the State. The results of each analysis are publicly available online at workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed. If you have any questions about the Laborshed project, please contact Bridget Weddle at bridget.weddle@iwd.iowa.gov or 515-281-7525 or Lisa Kremer, Executive Director, BCEDC, director@growbuchanan.com or call 319-334-7497.

Thank you for your support and participation.

CITY REMINDERS

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 \$10.00 per animal if purchased on or before June 30th of each year. On July 1st an additional \$5.00 penalty attaches. If the animal is purchased July 1st or later, the license can be obtained for \$10.00 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 \$30.00 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 \$20.00.

FLOWERS ON MAIN: Please call City Hall if you are interested in sponsoring flowers on Main Street this year. \$50 per basket. Thank you!

TREE DONATIONS: The City of Fairbank is continuing to replace trees that were destroyed from the storm of August 2021. If you are interested in donating a tree for one of the parks, please contact City Hall at 319-635-2869 for more information.

UTILITY PAPERLESS BILL & AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL: The City of Fairbank offers paperless utility bills and/or automatic withdrawal. Please contact City Hall at 319-635-2869 for more information.

CITY YARD WASTE RULES

Please make sure items are going to the designated area. A key is available at City Hall during office hours (M-F 9am - 5pm) to check out. Compost Brush Pile (residential only) Grass Clippings Restricted to nothing over 6 feet long and 4 inches wide, Leaves Small Branches, Flowers Twigs, Pumpkins/Apples Plants, Bush/Shrub trimmings Pinecones, Wood Ashes Sod Chunks

Commercial use is restricted to the compost pile only.

Not Allowed: Plastic, lumber, furniture, bricks, rocks, tree stumps, stump grindings, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 319-635-2869. Thank you for your corporation.

WCI Trucking LLC
Connor & Randy Woods
Ph. 319-231-2805



WCI TRUCKING
EST. 1975



Gavin Marine

Sales ~ Service ~ Parts

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

We handle your insurance claims for you!

TOM HYDE
GavinMarine.com
gavinmarine@windstream.net

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

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



Chris Boehme
Crop and Farm Specialist
The Osborne Agency

1400 First St West
Independence, IA
319.334.9274 Office
319.231.2415 Cell



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

*Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company/West Des Moines, IA
*Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services, FR-GB-C(13-22)

DEADLINE FOR JULY 2024 PUBLICATION IS JUNE 25

Please contact Melaine Buzynski at 319-404-7116
Or email fairbankislander@gmail.com
Please send us your celebrations.
Celebrations are free to submit.

LOCAL Perks



POET

At POET, we believe in cultivating communities and growing the local economy. We have been using biotechnology to create sustainable solutions from local agricultural products for 35 years – ensuring that rural farm families can continue to do what they love for generations to come.
poet.com/fairbank

FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP \$30

VENMO CODE



venmo

OR

MAIL TO:
COMMUNITY CLUB
C/O JEAN BELLIS
P.O. BOX 526
FAIRBANK, IOWA 50629

Want To Get Involved?

- ◆ volunteer for events
- ◆ join us for meetings
 - ➔ 3rd Wednesday
 - ➔ January, March, May, July, September, & November
- ◆ sponsor an event



MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

I CAN HELP!



Call me, your **LOCAL** Expert!
it's almost . . . **OPEN ENROLLMENT!**

Review or change your plan from October 15th to December 7th

Amy Rechkemmer

319-635-2526 | amy@vandaeleins.com

VanDaele Insurance

119 E Main St. Fairbank, IA

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

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

TOWN & COUNTRY
REAL ESTATE

(563) 578-8899
215 N. Railroad, Sumner

www.towncountryhome.com
Serving NE Iowa

Scan here to view our current listings

Our team is happy to get working for you.



Connie Rochford
(319)231-9004
Broker



Gary Geuther
(319)415-9874
Agent



Louie Hartman
(319)239-0533
Agent



Chris Tibbott
(319)404-9435
Agent



Hoping the beginning of your summer is amazing and everyone has fun Readlyn Days & Fairbank Days plans! We are squeezing a few weekend getaways in between Travel Ball, Rec Baseball, & T-Ball with all 3 little Jones kids + Cody starting 7 on 7 & summer workouts with Football ... oftentimes we don't even know what day it is, but we are loving every minute of it!

In early May I went to Kansas City to attend our firm's "Prime Week" for internal and industry wide training. Leaders from private investment firms, Goldman Sachs, Charles Schwab & more were there to provide guidance and best practices no matter what the future of the markets hold. The synergy of being around some of the brightest minds in the industry is always my favorite part.

There are tenured advisors, brand new advisors, our compliance team, our marketing team, our investment team, our entire C-Suite team, & more in attendance so there is no doubt that we are aligned in making our clients' interests our #1 priority.

Markets are still positive for the year (as of when I write this) so while the Fed continues to hold steady on interest rates, our investment team's eyes remain on other factors like inflation, international tensions, domestic elections & other GDP related data. Breaking news, opinions, and predictions are plentiful; however, our team of analysts works very hard to shut out the noise, stick to the data, and tactically position our clients for all types of economic environments. We appreciate their constant insight and transparency and are very proud of their commitment to our clientele.

One last interesting fact about our firm: **We have a BAND!**

"Toxic Assets" is comprised of a few advisors, leaders from our trading desk & our accounting department, even our Chief Compliance Officer! They have won "Battle of the Bands" time and again in Kansas City competitions and they're an absolute blast to be around. . .

Best of all: their lead singer, Brad Holdhusen, has agreed to come play in Fairbank for a Special Edition of Music in the Park! He has come up from Kansas City to work with me and attend a Music in the Park once before and he is ecstatic to come back to the big stage as a headliner. We can't wait!!



Save the date:



Music in the Park:

Prime Capital Investment Advisors Edition



Thursday, August 1st

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

@ The Gazebo Park, Fairbank



Food truck will be available!!



Brad Holdhusen

an advisor from our Overland Park office and an incredible solo guitar player and vocalist.



Hope to see you there!

We have a lot of fun but we DO work our butts off too!!

Find our market commentary with up-to-date industry information on our YouTube channel!

Fairbank Public Library



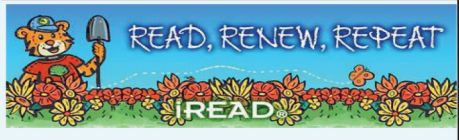
LIBRARY STAFF

Angela Berg, Director
 Linda Letson, Librarian
 Susan Frost, Librarian
 Therese Steggall, Librarian
 Bridget Seemann, Librarian
 Roxie Wenner, Custodian

212 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 426, Fairbank, IA 50629
 Phone: 319-635-2487 Fax: 319-635-2487
 Email: library@fairbank-ia.org Website: Fairbank-ia.org

Like us on Facebook!

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



JUNE 2024
Fairbank Public Library
Summer Schedule

June 5 *Creature Feature*
 Fairbank Library, 10 am

June 6 *Fontana*
 Fairbank Elementary Gym, 1 pm

June 12 *Story Hour*
 Fairbank Library, 10 am

June 13 *Wind Chimes*
 Fairbank Elementary Gym, 1 pm

June 18 *Day Camp:*
Chef for a Day
 Fairbank Library, 10 am

June 19 *Story Hour*
 Fairbank Library, 10 am

June 20, 21, 22 *Closed*
 Fairbank Library

June 26 *Story Hour*
 Fairbank Library, 10 am

June 27 *Window Clings*
 Fairbank Elementary Gym, 1 pm

Natalie Williams Burris

MEMBER

PRACTICE AREAS:
 Litigation, Wills, Trusts,
 Estate Planning & Probate,
 Adoption, Collections



Join us on
Monday, June 24 at 5:00 pm
 for our

“Lawyers in Libraries Program”

sponsored by: *The Iowa State Bar Association's*
Legal Access Committee

This program will focus on information about financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney, living wills and the Final Disposition Act. “Lawyers in Libraries” is a joint effort by the Iowa State Bar Association, the State Library of Iowa, Iowa Legal Aid and the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project to help provide free legal information to Iowans across the state. This spring and summer, lawyers are making one-hour presentations followed by question-and-answer sessions at local public libraries throughout the state.

In Loving Memory

Mary Lou Fink
The Boy Who Cried Bear
 from Gary Fink

Norbert Delagardelle
Lost Birds
 from Fred & Leslie Frost

Jodi Fischels
My Fourth of July
 ... from Amos, Angela, Brock & Braylee Berg



MAY FUN!

ISU Extension and Outreach Buchanan County 2024

SUMMER CAMPS

Grades K-4th - come join the fun hands-on activities, games, and much more this summer!



- June 4 *Art Explosion*
 Jesup Library - \$10
- June 6 *Win A Gold*
 Independence Library - \$10*
- June 18 *Chef for the Day 2*
 Fairbank Library - \$15
- June 20 .. *Up, Down, Spin Around*
 Jesup Library - \$10
- June 25 *Chef for the Day 2*
 Independence Library - \$15*
- June 27 *Chef for the Day 2*
 Jesup Library - \$15
- July 2 *Win A Gold*
 Jesup Library - \$10
- July 9 *Art Explosion*
 Fairbank Library - \$10

Payment is due 4 days before camp. Registration is complete when payment is received.

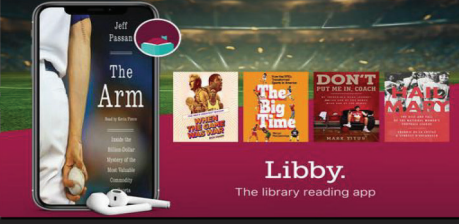
Contact Fairbank Library for information on how to register.

* Independence Library will cover the cost upon registration.

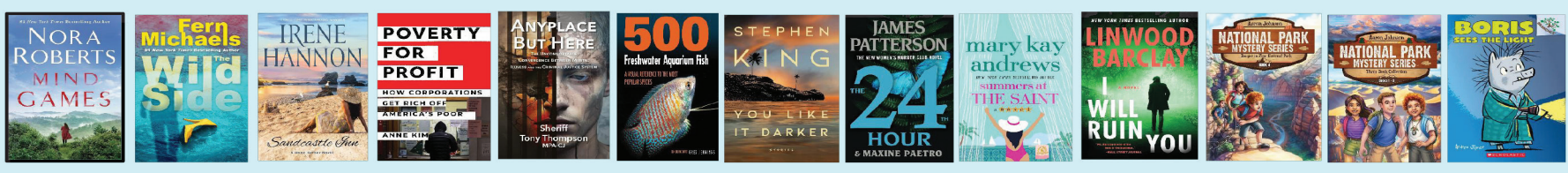


Quilt Winner will be announced in the July Islander!

BEST AUDIOBOOKS for the die-hard sports fan



New Books Added In May!



B & K AUTOMOTIVE
 Complete Auto Repair
(319) 635-2058
 101 6th Street
 P.O. Box 252
 Fairbank, IA 50629
 Serving the Community for 26+ Years!

DR. NATHAN STEINBRONN, DC

FAIRBANK CHIROPRACTIC
 101 South 4th Street
 Suite C
 Fairbank, IA 50629
 319-849-5155
 Steinbronndc@gmail.com
 CREATE YOUR BETTER TOMORROW

COSTA'S

SPORTS BAR & GRILL
 Beni Rushiti
 Nita Nuhiji
 (319) 635-2449
 99 East Main Street
 Fairbank, Iowa 50629

'55 Chevy Convert: Restored and with all 4 wheels



COLUMN BY
JD FRANCIS

For most of my life, I've had this feeling, if it's bad, it's going to happen to me. I recall my dad always saying, "I don't

know if you are the unluckiest person in the world, or the luckiest." Unlucky, I guess, because bad things have happened to me over the years, but lucky, because those bad issues always seem to turn out alright. I can strike up a "case in point" in 1984. Out of happenstance, I answered an ad in an auto, Wheeler Dealer magazine in response to a '55 Chevy convertible for sale. This ad seemed to fit, as I wanted to restore one, and it happened to be close by in Waterloo. I am not one

for driving long distances (ask Lon Peterson) but I will drive to Waterloo. The picture in the magazine reflected that the car needed totally restored and that was obvious by the price of \$4,000.00. When I got to the location to look at the car, it was clear to me this person was a make-shift, cobbler who knew nothing about restoring cars. The important thing to me was that the body was reasonably intact, with little rust. I intended to completely dismantle and restore the old Chevy, so I had to start



over with the car anyway. I left the guy a deposit check and told him I'd be back in a while to pick it up.

I went back to Waverly and had a friend, Joe McCumber, take me back to Waterloo in my car so that I could drive the '55 Chevy back, and he'd drive mine. Everything was "mission accomplished" with no problems. I paid the guy, and hopped in the car and started it up. The last thing I asked the guy, while sensitive to his mechanic ability, was "are all of these wheels bolted on tight?" He assured me they were. Joe and I took off for Waverly. I was driving down the highway on 63 North, half-way to Denver, when the front end of the car slammed down and the driver's front wheel passed me up, rolling down the highway. I managed to get most of the car off to the side of the road. At about this time, I was a bit on-edge. Joe pulled up behind me and asked me what we were going to do. I rather calmly explained that we weren't going to do anything. I hopped in the passenger seat of my car and asked Joe to drive me home. I left the car sit on

the side of the highway. The car wasn't yet in my name, and I didn't take title or ownership yet, so there was nothing to track me to the car. When we got to my house, I called the owner and told him where he could pick up his Chevy on the highway, as the front wheel fell off the car. He was shaken. He told me he had already spent the money on the check I had just cancelled. I told him I no longer wanted the car, and reminded him about me asking if the wheels were fastened securely. As it turned out, apparently he wanted to sell that car as bad as I originally wanted to buy it. He asked me to make him another offer on the car. I tuned in close to that kind of language and thought things over quickly. I paid him \$4,000.00 an hour previously, so I re-offered him \$3,000.00. It seemed like a thousand-dollar discount was fair and reasonable under the circumstances. He accepted my offer. I called a repair shop and had the car towed to their station where, I picked it up the next day. I recall my dad always wondering if I was the unluckiest person in the world, or the luckiest. Well, your front wheel passing you up on the highway seems unlucky to me. But then again, a thousand dollars was a fair amount of "grease" for my white knuckles on the steering wheel adventure. How do you call it, unlucky or not?

2023 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)			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	4.10 (ND - 135) 1 sample(s) exceeded AL	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.0436 (ND - 0.107)	2022	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	1.93 (1.75 - 2.14)	2023	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).

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).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. FAIRBANK WATER SUPPLY is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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).

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the dolomite of the Devonian aquifer. The Devonian aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface. The Devonian wells will be highly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-792-7011.

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 IA6469042	Original Supply Name MARSHALL TOWN WATER WORKS
IA5059064	NEWTON WATER SUPPLY

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.

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						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	1.4	12/09/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
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
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
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	4.500 (4.300 - 4.500)	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
02 - S/EP FROM WELL #2						
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	9.85	03/02/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	4.400 (4.300 - 4.400)	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

GARAGE SALE

Huge Garage/ Basement/Driveway Sale

Our sister passed way a year ago. She had a ton of craft supplies and many household items that her husband has asked us, my sisters and I, to help get rid of. These items are priced to sale! A lot of items are brand new and still in their packages. Everything is well cared for and from a pet free, smoke free, bug free environment. This sale will be well worth your time!
Cash or Venmo Only
This sale will be on Friday, June 7th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday, June 8th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: 613 Christians Trail, Fairbank
You can see a list and 150 pictures if you go to EstateSales.net

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular Meeting Minutes & Bills

May 20, 2024
Pledge of Allegiance
1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order at 6:02 PM.
A. Directors: Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe. Aiello (excused) Declared a quorum
B. Administration - Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principals Forsyth, Murphy, & Myers
C. Others Present: Russell Reiter
2. Facilities Projects-Russell Reiter shared spreadsheet with order of importance and costs of projects.
3. Other Business: None
4. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Saureberi to adjourn the work session at 6:35 PM.
President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:37 PM
Directors: Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe. Aiello (excused) Declared a quorum
Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principals Forsyth, Myers, & Murphy
Others Present: Brett, Bergman, Vaughn Gross, Ron Sadler, Dave & Ellen Doese
Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the amended agenda adding after public comment to set public hearing date for facilities projects as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Public Comment: Vaughn Gross - would like Career & Technical Student Organizations salary added to Schedule B for the 24-25 school year.
Public Hearing: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to set a public hearing date between June 4 nad June 14 for facilities projects as presented Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve Doese Photography to take school/activity & sponsorship pictures for 24-25-26-27 school years. Motion carried 4-0

Ron Sadler-Shared Transportation Director discussed the benefits of owning diesel buses opposed to leasing buses.
Consent Items: Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Kaufman including Anna Raber requesting to have her 4th-grade daughter attend WV Rural 1 effective the 24-25 school year as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Communication & Reports: Board: Great job with commencement and awards night. Superintendent Hoover: It's School Board Recognition month!! Thanks to all board members for your support and deduction to WV! Report includes HVAC, Retirement Awards, & Events. District & PK Principals: 6th-grade JH orientation, Student Engagement Leadership, Concerts, Awards night, Professional Development, Graduation, Successful Academic Model Implementation, Retirees, & Activities
10. Personnel-Resignation: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the resignations of Gina Wiersma-Silver Cord Advisor, Kate Nitz-Yearbook Advisor, & Kobe Risse-Junior High Football & Junior High Boys Basketball effective 5-31-2024 and thank them for their service to the students and staff at WV as presented. Motion carried 4-0
11. Contracts: Moved by Auel, seconded by Kaufman to approve a 2.65% increase for the 24-25 Teaching Contracts, & Support Staff Contracts. The following contracts were also approved: Tom Joekken-Varsity Baseball-Base 4/Year 11-\$3,443, Collin Bergmann-Assistant Baseball Coach-Base 2/Year 5-\$2,190, Logan Flack-Junior High Baseball Coach-Base 1/Year 0-\$1,805, Austin Jeanes-Head Softball Coach-Base 1/Year 2-\$3,008, Kaci Beesecker-Assistant Softball Coach-Base 1/Year 2-\$2,045, Tiffany Beyer-Junior High Softball Coach-Base 1/Year 2-\$1,805, Katelyn Cusick-Silver Cord Sponsor-Base 1/Year 1-\$752, Jenni Gross-2024 Football Cheerleading Sponsor-Base 1/Year 0-\$1,504 as presented. Motion carried 4-0
12. New Business: Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the 24-25, 50% WV, 50% Sharing Agreement with Dunkerton for the Elementary Counselor (\$32,730.68) as presented. Motion carried 4-0 WV

will receive approximately \$15,674 in operational sharing dollars for this position to offset cost. Moved by Sauerbrei Seconded by Kaufman to approve the Sharing Agreements with Central Rivers for 24-25 Curriculum Director, \$23,575.09 (40 days), & Special Education Director, \$46,088.02 (80 days) as presented. Motion carried 4-0 WV will receive approximately \$31,348 of operational sharing funds to offset these costs. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve the 24-25 Sharing Agreements with Jesup for 24-25 Transportation Director, \$29,187.49 (20%), and Social Worker, \$32,436.36 (40%) as presented. Motion carried 4-0 WV will receive approximately \$31,348 of operational sharing funds to offset these costs. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve tuition reimbursement resolution as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the bid from Prairie Farms for WV milk needs for FY25-27 as presented. Motion carried 4-0
13. Board Talking Points: 6th-grade students said lunch was great when attending 7th-grade orientation.
14. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to go into closed session at 7:41 PM Roll call-ALL AYES Principal increase- Closed session 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Out of closed session at 8:14 PM
15. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve a 4.0% increase for the Director of Maintenance-David Denner, 3.5% increase for the superintendent Chris Hoover, Business Manager Kim Arndt, Principal Alyson Forsyth, Holly Myers, & Timothy (TJ) Murphy, and \$3,500 plus 2.65% for Human Resources Director Tina Kaufman effective July 1, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 4-0
16. Moved Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to adjourn at 8:14 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday April 22, 2024.
Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Hyde. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.
Williams/T. Woods to amend the agenda to add resignation submitted at the end of the meeting. Motion carried. Erickson/Hyde to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.
Williams/R. Woods to open the public hearing on the proposed FY2025 Budget. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. No comments were received. T. Woods/Hyde to close the public hearing on the FY2025 Budget. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
R. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2024-11 – Resolution Approving City of Fairbank's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The tax rate set by the city was \$9.00003. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Erickson/Hyde to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: April 8, 2024 Special City Council Minutes and April 8, 2024 Regular City Council Minutes. Motion carried.
The last item that needed to be discussed regarding updating some of the city's ordinances was garbage collection and rates. With the new services starting on July 1st the council agreed to raise single and family garbage rates by \$2.00 each per month.
Regarding the concession stand at the ball diamond, Mayor Kayser said he had talked to the state food inspector and that he was told that the concession stand could work under the pool's food license if there was no cooked food processed. Michael Gruetzmacher thought the startup costs could come out of the little league funds and he offered to help work it along with his wife and his parents. It was agreed that there needed to be more information obtained as far as a budget and processes. He will meet with the parks committee. Buying or finding a popcorn machine needs to be decided yet. Councilman Hyde suggested working out a schedule and getting the parents involved with volunteering at the stand.
Since the city had been running for quite awhile now with no Director of

Public Works, Councilwoman Erickson stated that her and the administration committee and the Mayor discussed hiring one so there could be a proper chain of command within the public works department. Erickson/T. Woods to hire Brian Delagardelle as the Public Works Director. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Councilwoman Erickson also stated that in these discussions they had talked about hiring Nick Kuker as the assistant to the Public Works Director since Brian Delagardelle could not be the direct supervisor over Ben Delagardelle. Since an unexpected resignation letter was received at the beginning of the meeting, T. Woods/R. Woods to table hiring an assistant until after the resignation of a public works employee was discussed since it could change flow of a needed chain of command. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Williams/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 363 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
R. Woods/Hyde to approve the first reading of Ordinance 364 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
T. Woods/Williams to approve the first reading of Ordinance 365 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Gas and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Williams/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 366 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Electric and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Williams/Erickson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 367 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Rentals needed from D & S Portables, Inc. for this summer were discussed. Williams/Erickson to have three this summer and place the bathroom facilities in West Bentley Park, Riverside Park, and one at the south ball diamond at the Fairbank Ball Diamond. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Mayor Kayser shared an

event with the council that will be put on by the Iowa League of Cities and he also mentioned that the easements for the Fourth Street sidewalk were finished with two signed already. He mentioned the special election and wished good luck to both candidates. Councilman T. Woods and Councilwoman Erickson briefly talked about the pipeline meeting that they attended and said that there should be some town meetings starting regarding the topic. Councilman Williams said that Rick Trotter with Little Wapsie Communications asked if a couple city representatives could attend their meeting on May 6th.
During the department reports, Brian said that the milling on the west side of the bridge had begun, and that asphalt is scheduled to be done next Tuesday. The water connection at Grove Street and Fourth Street hopefully will be completed Thursday or Friday. They got the innerduct installed and the wired pulled along Lakeside Drive and have been doing some electric inspections and they believe four poles will need to be replaced soon. Police Chief Drish gave an update on the recent police activity and stated that he had completed all his firearms and rifle recertifications. He again thanked the council for their support and stated that he was proud of his department and that it seems they all really enjoy working for the City of Fairbank. Michael Gruetzmacher stated that ball season would be starting in two weeks and that he was working on ordering shirts. Brian also mentioned there was a pretty big sewer issue at the ball diamond that they had been fighting for a few years that they finally got cleaned out and should be good now. Signs will be put up to remind residents not to flush feminine products.
Ben Delagardelle submitted a letter of resignation to the council at the start of the meeting. At the end of the meeting, he was asked if the submission was still valid, and it was. T. Woods/R. Woods to approve the resignation of Ben Delagardelle from the Public Works Department for the City of Fairbank. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Erickson/R. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Motion carried. Jason Kayser, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday May 13, 2024. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.
Erickson/Gruetzmacher to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
There were no public hearings.
Williams/T. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: April 22, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Automatic Renewal of Liquor license for Casey's Marketing, Cigarette Permit for Casey's Marketing, Fireworks Permit for Fairbank Days, Agreement with IA DOT for Snow Removal, Setting the next Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm, and the Payment of Bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
There was no informal public comment.
T. Woods/Williams to approve the second reading of Ordinance 363 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Williams/T. Woods to approve the second reading of Ordinance 364 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Gruetzmacher/R. Woods to approve the second reading of Ordinance 365 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Gas and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the second reading of Ordinance 366 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Electric and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
T. Woods/Erickson to approve the second reading of Ordinance 367 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
A representative for the Fayette County Carnival will be asked if they could attend the next regular council meeting for more discussions on a possible sponsorship from the city.
R. Woods/Gruetzmacher to approve the proposal from Prairie Road Builders for \$22,983.40 for seal coating needed for the 2024 summer season. Ayes: Four. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None.
Brian stated that there were about ten concrete light pole bases along Main Street that were already cracking. He had been in contact with the city's engineers, and they said they would be able to review them during the final walk through. The poles are stable for now but need to be reviewed for potential issues down the road.
After training courses were taken, it was recommended by the City Clerk that the Deputy Clerk's position be

paid out hourly instead of salary and with that a resolution was needed to make the change. T. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2024-12 – Resolution Setting Deputy Clerk's Pay Restructuring. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
Discussions took place about whether the City Clerk should be paid for council meetings. The council seemed interested, so a resolution will be drafted and will be added to the next regular council meeting agenda for further discussions.
The current budget year is ending June 30, 2024, and there are some changes needing to be amended to the numbers passed and approved in the spring of 2023. Erickson/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2024-13 – Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for an Amendment of FY 2023-2024 City Budget. The public hearing will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 116 East Main Street, Fairbank, IA. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Mayor Kayser stated that the city had received some interest in the open public works position, and he also mentioned starting goal planning sessions for the city sometime in July.
During the department reports, Fire Chief Chris West, Kevin Bodensteiner, Janice Martins, and Collin Woods were present on behalf of the Fairbank Fire and EMS Department. Chief West gave a brief update and Kevin explained to the council information regarding an affiliation agreement they have been working on with Oran. Any approvals or more questions will be addressed at the next regular council meeting. Brian updated the council on the Main Street Project. Paving should be done in the next couple of days pending weather with an opening of the intersection at Fourth and Grove sometime next week. Aspro was going to be working in town and the repainting would be happening as well. A concrete slab would be poured next to the police office for a drug take back box after some planning with Sherriff Buzynski from Buchanan County. They had been working on some new gas services and getting some of their equipment for utilities updated. It was also mentioned that the picnic tables were taken from the ball diamond that last weekend and residents are reminded that they are not for borrowing. Police Chief Drish gave the council an update on the recent activities of the police department. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that his wife was interested in taking on the responsibility of the concession stand at the ball diamond and that he did believe it was profitable. A letter received from her will be considered at the next meeting.
Williams/Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Motion carried.
Bills for the Month of May 2024
Access Systems, Services \$182.16
Aero-Mod, Supplies \$312.31
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies \$69.25
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies \$12.58
Atlantic Bottling Co., Park Concessions \$112.06
Black Hawk Waste Disposal, Services \$6,060.72
BMC Aggregates L.C., Supplies \$512.48
Buchanan County, Special Election 4/23/24 \$3,532.94
Butler County Rec, Electric \$42,766.74

Butler County Rec, Services	\$1,153.50	10.00
Carrico Aquatic Products, Supplies	\$2,300.00	
Casey's General Store, Gas \$801.71		
Central Sait LLC., Supplies	\$ 2,450.43	
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$ 9,588.69	
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation	\$ 4,839.49	
Jordan & Amaleah Cowell, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00	
Creative Impact, Supplies	\$ 44.00	
D & S Portables, Inc., Services	\$750.00	
Brian Delagardelle, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00	
Display Sales, Supplies	\$ 4,028.00	
Kirk Drew or Britney Hershey, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00	
Dakota Drish, Mileage Reimbursement	\$131.52	
Elite Sports, LL Shirts	\$882.50	
Fairbank Food Center, Park Concessions	\$133.28	
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bills April 24	\$190.80	
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bills May 24	\$201.40	
City Of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$ 4,215.62	
City Of Fairbank, Utility Deposit Applied	\$200.00	
Farm Win Co-Op, Lease	\$ 2.00	
Fayette County Auditor, Special Election 4/23/24	\$ 1,795.61	
Fehr Graham, Engineering Fees	\$ 12,208.50	
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone/Mileage Reimbursement	\$282.25	
Gordon Flesch Company Inc, Services	\$114.14	
Grainger, Inc., Supplies	\$129.83	
Groebner & Associates, Services	\$657.72	
Haynes Equipment Co., Supplies	\$ 1,804.00	
Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport, Training	\$474.88	
IAMU, Services/Safety Training	\$ 2,151.38	
Iowa Codification, Inc., Services	\$285.00	
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Training	\$420.00	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water	\$ 9,035.28	
Iowa Sport Supply, Supplies	\$ 1,101.00	
Iowa State University, Training	\$200.00	
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 4,910.50	
John Deere Financial, Supplies	\$408.76	
Kay Park Rec Corp., Supplies	\$140.00	
Kirkwood Community College, Training	\$120.00	
Wilnat, Inc., Supplies	\$854.72	
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00	
Michelle Laube, Meal/Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 95.08	
Life med Safety, Inc., Inspection	\$ 99.00	
Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses	\$ 20.00	
Lumber Ridge Home Source, Shipping/LL Supplies	\$127.40	
Marc, Supplies	\$197.73	
Mediacom, SW Plant Phone Line	\$ 47.37	
Metering & Technology Solution, Equipment	\$ 2,185.68	
Michael Pint, Supplies Reimbursement	\$54.97	
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$824.75	
Modern Building Products, LL Supplies	\$53.77	
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$626.32	
Myers Polaris, Services	\$53.82	
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 4/1/24	\$ 75.00	

NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 4/15/24	\$ 8.85
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$ 625.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 100.00
Delwein Publishing, Publishings	\$616.48
Pratt's Pest Control, Monthly Pest Controls	\$235.00
Premier Technology, Services	\$115.00
Quad County Fire School, Training	\$ 90.00
Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing	\$453.66
Randy's Lawn Care & Snow, Services	\$ 2,925.00
Benjamin Reams, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Roberts, Stevens,Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$ 4,425.00
Hunter Robinson, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, Services	\$877.50
Rydel of Independence, Services	\$ 62.48
Sam's Club Mc/SYNCEB, Supplies	\$222.94
Scott Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies	\$ 47.50
Signs & More LLC, LL Banners	\$ 2,046.03
Corey Simon, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, LL Shirts	\$361.00
Stuart. C. Irby Co., Supplies	\$213.50
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$ 82.70
Superior Welding Supply Co., Oxygen	\$124.54
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp., Supplies	\$819.50
Treasurer-State Of Iowa, April 24 Sales Tax	\$ 2,615.10
Treasurer State Of Iowa, April 24 Water Excise Tax	\$ 1,106.22
U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes	\$ 7,171.05
U.S. Bank, April PEFA Commodity	\$ 1,982.40
Urban Services, Services	\$225.00
Utility Safety & Design Inc., Mailings	\$585.00
Van Meter Inc., Supplies	\$261.84
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	\$177.84
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts / Meals/Flags	\$923.57
Websites To Impress, Inc., Services	\$100.00
Wellmark, May Premium	\$ 3,979.56
Roxanne Wenner, Services	\$120.00
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$ 67.74
Kathie Wolfram, Rebate	\$325.00
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on May 1, 2024:	
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$358.97
Angela Berg, Mileage	\$170.30
Baker & Taylor Inc., Supplies	\$746.96
City Of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$173.92
IAMU, Safety Training	\$ 74.62
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 4/15/24	\$ 1.15
Overdrive, Inc., eBooks	\$500.00
Pratt's Pest Control, Monthly Pest Controls	\$ 45.00
Sam's Club Mc/SYNCEB, Supplies	\$ 39.98
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts /365 Subscription	\$152.06
Roxanne Wenner, Services	\$160.00
Jason Kayser, Mayor	
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk	

Area Veteran leads initiative to clean, straighten and refurbish tombstones

BY BETTY BRANDT PASSICK
bbpassick@comcast.net

“One definitely comes home from the military with a new perspective on things in life that most people see every day but don’t take any notice of,” said Benny Ruehs.

Born and raised in Jesup, he joined the U.S. Air Force shortly after graduating high school, and for the next six years he served in Germany, specializing in hydraulics systems, servicing F-4 fighter jets used in Viet Nam, and the B-66, a radar jammer.

He was honorably discharged from the military in 1970 and ten years later relocated to a place north of Fairbank. Around 2000, he joined the the Knights of Columbus, a service organization that supports Catholic families and parishes throughout Iowa that undertakes numerous works of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in their communities and parishes.

Benny became the Fairbank American Legion Post 552



COURTESY PHOTO

Above: Michael Gruetzmacher, Christie Kayser, and Vince Haislet. Right: Benny Ruehs at work in the Fairbank Cemetery straightening a tombstone with the aid of a skid loader owned and operated by Kenny Little (not pictured).

commander about ten years ago, as well.

One day he noticed a number of the stones in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery were really dirty and moss-covered. He purchased a power washer and went to work cleaning them—then



straightened the stones. Benny estimates he’s given sixty hours to that cemetery alone, before moving on to the cemetery two miles west of Oran.

At some point he realized the care of the cemeteries required more time than he was able to give, so he elicited the help of the Fairbank Community Club.

“I was tickled to death when FCC president Tammy Erickson announced in the April Fairbank Islander that a

Fairbank Cemetery cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, April 13—and a large number of people showed up to work on the stones in the public Fairbank Cemetery north of St. John’s Lutheran church.

To date, a lot of the tombstones in the town’s two cemeteries have been cleaned, straightened and refurbished, thanks to the following individuals: (I. C. cemetery) Joe Bovy, Bob Byersdorfer, Jack Duffy, Don Menuey, Orvald

Ott, Brian Ott, Jerry Plaster, Tony Salisbury, Jerry Shannon, Mike Tagtow, Maurice Welsh, and John Woods; (Fairbank Cemetery) Bob Bellis, Adam Costello, Michael Gruetzmacher, Vince Haislet, Christie Kayser, Emily (Nus) Kriens, Bill Land, Kenny Little, Lamar Little, J. J. Little, Mathew Myers, Jeff Nus, Mike and Trish Pint, Kathy Risse, LeAnne Sigglekov, and Carson Woods.

Benny’s grandson, Seth Gregorsok, 15, who has helped multiple times at the public cemetery, will clean every stone in the cemetery located on 20th Street for his Eagle Scout service project. This is among the cemeteries in the area without a church associated with it.

Benny says his ultimate goal is to get more young people involved in the care of the cemeteries.

“If we don’t take care of the stones, who’s going to?”

Anyone interested in helping with the project should contact Kenny Little at 319-238-2828 or Adam Costello at 319-239-5298.

BUILDING

OUR REPUTATION ONE CUSTOMER AT A TIME

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



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



JUNE SPECIALS OF THE MONTH

Special of the MONTH

STANLEY

While Supplies Last!

9⁹⁷

10-Pc. Slotted & Phillips Screwdriver Set w/Coated Tips

375101

Special of the MONTH

Best GARDEN

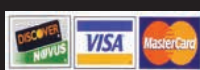
While Supplies Last!

9⁹⁹

25' x 5/8" Medium-Duty Garden Hose w/Guard-N-Grip

710833

50' 718977 \$14.99 75' 738096 \$19.99 100' 719684 \$24.99



MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS

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

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





DAVIS LAWN SERVICE
FAIRBANK, IOWA
319-239-5011

We offer:

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

*Knowledgeable and helpful.
Locally owned and operated.*

FAIRBANK, IOWA



FAIRBANK Food Center We're Proud To Serve You!

Your Local Full Service Grocery Store

We Offer Catering

- ◆ Weddings ◆ Birthdays
- ◆ Graduations ◆ Retirement Parties

Fresh Meat and Produce
Dairy ~ Frozen ~ Grocery

Fairbank Deli - Best Around

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

102 N. 4th St., Fairbank, IA ~ 319-635-2139
Open: 7:30am - 7:00pm M-F; 7:30am - 6:00pm S&S
Check Out Our Complete Ad at fairbankfoodcenter.com

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

We hear you.

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

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



190 CHANNELS

AMERICA'S TOP 120
All-Time Favorites and Locals




Plus More!

Control your TV and Smart Home with your voice.

Turn on ESPN

Dim the living room lights

Google Assistant




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

prime video NETFLIX

YouTube

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



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



Schmidtke Video Systems | 319-238-6114
303 N. Water St., Fairbank, IA 50629



Offer for new and qualifying former customers only. Important Terms and Conditions: **2-year commitment:** Early termination fee of \$20/mo. remaining applies if you cancel early. **NOT included in 2-year price guarantee or advertised price (and subject to change):** Taxes & surcharges, add-on programming (including premium channels), DISH Protect and transactional fees. **Remote:** The DISH Voice Remote with Google Assistant requires internet-connected Hopper, Joey or Wally device. Customer must press Voice Remote button to activate feature. Google Assistant Smart Home features require Google account and compatible devices. Google is a trademark of Google LLC. **Other:** All packages, programming, features and functionality and all prices and fees not included in price guarantee are subject to change without notice. After 2 years, then-current everyday prices for all services apply. For business customers, additional monthly fees may apply. Free standard professional installation only.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Automotive

B & K Automotive
BRIAN MOHLIS
101 6th St., Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2058

Building & Repairs

Fairbank Floor Covering, Inc.

CARPET - VINYL - CERAMIC - WOOD
LYNN PLASTER
301 East Main St., Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2056

Fairbank Plumbing & Heating

BRAD & ADAM BACHMAN
Fairbank, Iowa
(641) 330-1233 (319) 635-2229

Legacy Roofing of Iowa

LEWIS BOEHME & MITCH COFFIN
(319) 415-5547 (319) 415-2472
lew@legacyroofingia.com
mitch@legacyroofingia.com

Gingerich Roofing Solutions, LLC

DAN GINGERICH
Specializing in Commercial Roof Coatings and Roof Restoration
(319) 505-3938

Modern Building Products

RICK & CINDY WOODS
511 N. 4th Street N.E.
Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2355

Woods Construction Inc.

RON, CAROL, COLLIN & CHRIS WOODS
505 2nd Street N.E.
Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2308

Family Needs

Fairbank Elementary School

505 Forest Street, Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2071

Fairbank Housing Inc.

Quality Housing for Senior Citizens and Disabled Regardless of Age
(319) 635-2124

Fairbank Public Library

212 E. Main Street, Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2487

Little Wapsie Communications

121 Main St., PO Box 159
Readlyn, Iowa 50668
(319) 279-3375
Email: office@littlewapsie.com

Schmidtke Video Systems

DUANE SCHMIDTKE
303 N. Water St., Fairbank, IA
(319) 238-6114

Wapsie Valley High School

2535 Viking Avenue
Fairbank, Iowa
Ph. (319) 638-6711
Fax (319) 638-7061

Financial

Fidelity Bank & Trust

Adam Schaufenbuel - V. Pres., Waverly
Morgan Niewoehner - Loan Officer, Oelwein
Ph. (800) 403-8333

Financial Decisions Group

NEIL WILKINSON
903 N. Frederick Ave.
Oelwein, Iowa 50662
(319) 283-1514 office (319) 440-2868 cell

Northeast Security Bank

120 Main Street
Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2811

Food & Restaurants

Aronia Berry Services of Iowa

DEAN & DONNA MANGRICH
Fairbank, IA
(319) 240-4104 (319) 240-5627

Costa's Sports Bar & Grill

BENI RUSHITI and NITA NUHUI
99 E. Main Street, Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2449

Fairbank Food Center

JENNIFER DAVIS
102 N. 4th St., Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2139

His Hands Food Pantry

5002 Main Street
Oran, Iowa
(319) 638-4357

Health & Well Being

Balanced Nutrition

Serving the community 1 tasty drink at a time!
ELSIE VAN DAELE
119 East Main St. Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-8012

Fairbank Chiropractic

DR. NATHAN STEINBRONN, D.C.
101 South 4th St., Suite C, Fairbank, IA
(319) 849-5155
Steinbronndc@gmail.com

Parkview Assisted Living

114 Forest St., Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2585
www.fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com

Insurance

Ozark National Life Insurance

JOE KLEITSCH
319-635-2297 home
319-269-1443 cell
joseph.kleitsch@ozark-national.com

Security Mutual Insurance

JAKE LOHMANN
234 Main St., Readlyn, IA
(319) 279-3893 (319) 267-2035

VanDaele Insurance, LLC

CHAD & AMBER VAN DAELE
119 E. Main St., P.O. Box 467
Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2526

United Healthcare, Dual Complete

Amy Rechkemmer, Licensed Sales Agent
VAN DAELE INSURANCE
119 E. Main St., P.O. Box 467 Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2526, TTY 711

Lawn & Garden

Davis Lawn Service, LLC

SHAWN DAVIS
104 Industrial Drive
Fairbank, IA
(319) 239-5011

Machine & Repair

DHK Welding

LAYNE HILSENBECK
2688 Y Avenue, Fairbank, Iowa
(563) 608-1400

Municipal

Fairbank American Legion

109 E. Main St. Street Fairbank, Iowa
319-493-7393

Fairbank Aquatic Center

511 W. Main St. Street Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2533

Fairbank City Hall

BRITTANY FULLER, City Clerk
116 E. Main Street Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2869

Fairbank Fire Department

301 Grove Street Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2981
Emergency: Call 911

Fairbank Police Depart.

116 E. Main
Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 269-1020
Emergency: Call 911

Fairbank Post Office

201 E. Main Street
Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2772

Fairbank Sewage, Streets,

Water, Electric & Natural Gas
(319) 635-2869

Real Estate

Advanced Realtors, LLC

LORI BEIERSCHMITT
814 S. Frederick Avenue
Oelwein, Iowa 50662
(319) 283-2242
advancedrealtors@qwestoffice.net

Woods Agency

SHARON, JOHN, RON & CHRIS WOODS
Fairbank, IA | (319) 240-3212

Recreation

AJ's Camper Rentals

AMANDA JIPSON
1080 102nd St., Fairbank, IA
(319) 404-6475
ajscamperrentals@gmail.com

Gavin Marine

SALES - SERVICE - PARTS
TOM HYDE
101 Industrial Drive, Fairbank, IA
(319) 231-8242

Myer's Polaris

304 E. Main Street Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2311

Specialty Businesses

Fairbank Historical Society

MUSEUM
103 E. Main Street, Fairbank, IA
(319) 269-6795

Woods Funeral Home


RANDY & JODI WOODS
400 Lakeside Drive, Fairbank, Iowa
(319) 635-2207

WCI Trucking LLC

CONNER & RANDY WOOS
Fairbank, IA
(319) 231-2805



DHK Welding Inc.
563.608.1400 Fairbank, Ia
Stainless and Aluminum Repair / Machining /
CNC Plasma Cutting / Sandblasting /
Powder Coating / Portable Welding



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



HIS HANDS FOOD PANTRY
5002 Main Street
Oran, Iowa
We Serve the following communities:
Denver, Fairbank, Fredericka, Maynard, Oran,
Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, Westgate
Brief application required.
HOURS:
Tuesdays 5-8 P.M.
Fridays 9 A.M. - 12 Noon
319-638-4357



Gingerich Roofing Solutions, LLC
Specialize in Commercial
Roof Coatings
Roof Restoration
Don't Replace Your Roof -
Restore It!
Call 319-505-3938
Free Estimates
Bonded & Insured



The "What" Berry Farm?
... **Aronia Berry LLC**
FAIRBANK, IA
Frozen Aronia Berries
Call: 319-240-4104 or 319-240-5627



NSB
NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK
Planting Dreams. Growing Success.
MEMBER FDIC
120 Main St | Fairbank | 319-635-2811
WWW.BANKNSB.COM

KUENNEN'S HOUSE OF POWER

BUILDING SITE, PERFECT FOR YOUR BUSINESS! \$175,000
455 W MAIN ST., MAYNARD NEXT TO CASEY'S



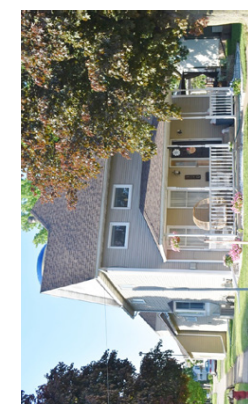
SOLD



PENDING
2005 SPENCER ST, GRINNELL
SHARP RANCH - JUST MOVE IN!
3 BEDRMS, 2.5 BATHS, XL GAR,
FINISHED BSMNT, NEXT PARK,
SO MANY UPDATES - DON'T MISS IT.



117 - 6TH AVE SE, OELWEIN \$150,000
BEDRMS, 1.5 BATHS, NEW
CHERRY KITCHEN, FENCED YARD, NEW SOLAR
PANELS, 1 CAR GAR.



NEW LISTING

120 W 2ND ST, SUMNER \$175,000
3BD, 1 3/4 BATHS, NEWER KITCHEN, HOME OFFICE,
BRAND NEW ROOF, 2 YR OLD FURNACE & AIR



118 - 7TH ST SW, OELWEIN \$79,900
3 BEDRMS, 1.5 BATHS, 2 CAR GAR, 2 LOTS,
MAIN FLR LAUNDRY.



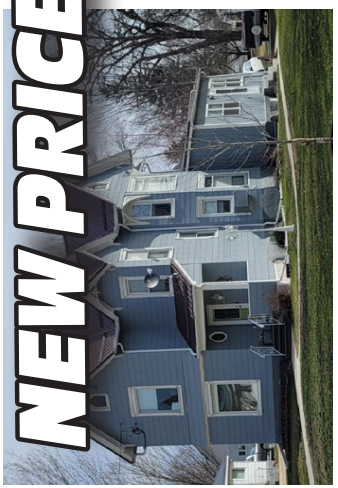
SOLD

210 W MAIN ST, STANLEY



SOLD

105 S. WINSLOW, STANLEY

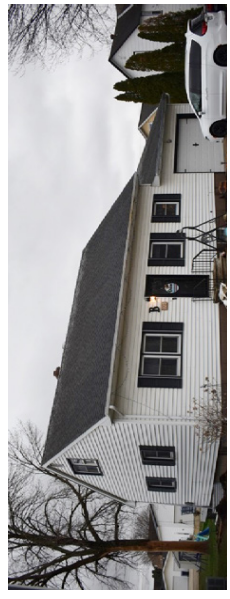


NEW PRICE!

730 PROSPECT ST, LAMONT
4 BEDRMS, 2 BATHS, 2 CAR GAR, MAINFLR
LAUNDRY, CHARACTER WOODWORK,
STAINGLASS WINDOWS, ROOM GALORE,
PARK LIKE YARD.



448 - 3RD AVE SW, OELWEIN 2 LOTS \$20,000



SOLD

105 E MILL ST, FREDERICKSBURG



ADVANCED, REALTORS®, LLC

814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242

Lori Beierschmitt, Broker/Owner

Cell: 319-238-1700



REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM