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PASSING OF THE BADGE



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Pictured is Fairbank Police Department members Mark Gudenkauf, Andy Isley, new Chief Hunter Robinson, former Chief Dakota Drish, Mayor Jason Kayser, Mitchell Franck, Tristan Dilley and Brandon French during the farewell and congratulations gathering Thursday, June 26 at Fairbank City Hall.

Chief Drish, City appoints Robinson to police chief

BY TAYLOR NOHRENBURG
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The City of Fairbank's Police Department is small but mighty, and now the department will be headed by a Fairbank native following the departure of Chief Dakota Drish.

A farewell gathering and con-

gratulations celebration was held at the Fairbank City Hall Thursday as Drish turns his focus on being a father and working full-time as a natural resource officer in Buchanan and Delaware Counties. Officer Hunter Robinson will now carry the badge and title.

"I still plan on being here, and

we've got a bolstered police department as far as staff personnel, so I just felt like this was a really good time to turn over the position with Hunter [Robinson] living right here in town," Drish said Thursday.

The official title and badge was bestowed Thursday, June 26 upon

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RAGBRAI® rolls through Fairbank July 25



After much preparation and excitement RAGBRAI® is welcome by the community. Approximately 18,000 were currently registered for RAGBRAI® 2025, with the potential for more riders to join as unregistered riders. The total number of participants is estimated to be around 25,000 riders in the event. The event official got underway in Orange city on July 20 and concluding on July 26.

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A weekend on the Island



TAYLOR NOHRENBURG | OELWEIN DAILY REGISTER

Many flocked to Bentley Park for Fairbank Community Club eats and to check out Fairbank's sleekest rides.

Fairbank Island Days hosts weekend of fun

BY TAYLOR NOHRENBURG
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The Island stood strong during a minor downpour during Fairbank Island Days, and while attendees were grateful for the rain, the festivities could not be damped during this year's festival.

2025 attendees of Fairbank Island Days enjoyed countless food vendors, a parade highlighting local organizations and businesses that make Fairbank the place to be, and the bands

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER

In July, I met with state and county economic development officials, and we discussed the successful Catalyst Grant project at the Wesh Building. The purpose of the catalyst grant is to take a vacant or underutilized building and revitalize it both inside and out, and ultimately bringing in an appropriate business. Along with Buchanan County Economic Development, we are working with another downtown

building owner on an addition Catalyst project. If the project comes to fruition, there will be more to share later. As state economic development leaders toured our city, they expressed how impressed they were with Fairbank. They also made us aware of a very exciting opportunity that could potentially upgrade the appearance of the entire downtown district. Again, more on that later.

Finally, kudos to the Island Days Committee! Once again you managed one of Iowa's best town celebrations and hosted thousands of people in our fine city. A big thank you as well to our fantastic city public works and city hall employees as well as police officers on assisting the committee and ensuring a safe, fun event.

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Wapsie Valley FCCLA travels to Florida



Wapsie Valley FCCLA members Addison Franck, Arizona Franck, and Mira Schaefer traveled to Orlando, Florida at the beginning of July to attend the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. These members were part of a team that competed in the Interior Design STAR Event. STAR Events, which stand for Students Taking Action with Recognition, are competitive events in FCCLA where members choose a topic of interest related to family and consumer sciences education and related careers to showcase their knowledge and skills. There are over 30 STAR Event categories in FCCLA, from Interior Design, Culinary Arts, Clothing Construction, Baking and Pastry, Event Management, Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure.

Addison, Arizona, and Mira placed 2nd overall in Iowa at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March of this year in



Wapsie Valley FCCLA members traveled to Orlando, Florida in the beginning of July to attend the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference.

Cedar Rapids, allowing them to advance to the National Leadership Conference this summer. While at the National Leadership Conference, these chapter members participated in competition against students from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. Attendance at the conference was over 10,000 FCCLA members across the country, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands.

In addition to competition, chapter members had the chance to explore workshops, an expo, and various businesses and organizations, including the United States Military, at the Orange County Convention Center. Sightseeing and trips also took

place to Universal Studios, Aquatica Water Park, Daytona Beach, and more. Students also had the chance to participate in the tradition of pin trading. Each member is provided with 50 pins that represent Iowa, and the goal by the end of the conference is to trade them to have a full map of 50 states represented on their lanyards and pin maps.

In order to provide students with new learning experiences and sightseeing each year, the National Leadership Conference changes location. The FCCLA National Leadership Conference in 2026 will take place in Washington DC.

Passing of the badge

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Robinson, a Fairbank native with an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Hawkeye Community College and 2020 graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Robinson has previously been with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Bureau as a water patrol officer and the City of Jesup as a police officer. He has been with the Fairbank department since June 2023.

"I hope to continue to keep it community oriented and keep our officers safe and happy while making it an enjoyable place to work, along with the community still supporting us in keeping the community safe," Robinson said. "He's [Drish] been a lifelong friend and now a boss, so I couldn't imagine a better boss. He's been very supportive and understanding, and just kept us in a great working environment."

Robinson hopes to keep learning in the position and gain the experience of "being a leader," he said.

"Just very excited about that and to continue my experience with that," he added.

Drish spoke during the fare-

well, addressing each of his officers with an anecdote and a few tears. City employees, Buchanan County Sheriff's deputies and Sheriff Scott Buzynski, Fairbank officers and family members shared memories and lunch to commemorate a job well done and best wishes in his new adventure.

"It was a very difficult decision to make for my wife and I both. We love it here, but in the interest of time — there's only so much time in a schedule. I've got a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old now so it's one of those that they're getting older and I want to be able to spend more time with them," Drish said.

The department also added a reserve officer in Dave Wilson, bringing their team up to seven members with the departure of Drish.

After Drish's five-year stint with the department, Mayor Jason Kayser had nothing but great things to say and well wishes on the department's future.

"It's amazing how well this department has worked. You know, Dave Neidert, the Chief in Independence, he said these guys are known statewide as one of the best well-trained police departments for being part-time. It's going to be a very



TAYLOR NOHRENBURG | OELWEIN DAILY REGISTER

Fairbank Mayor Jason Kayser passes the official chief badge to newly minted Chief Hunter Robinson.

smooth transition," Kayser said. "It's going to be a wonderful opportunity for him [Robinson] and it's going to be great for us — we have a fantastic police department."

"It's no secret finding quality police officers in a small town is difficult, if not impossible, but we've figured out a formula — we, I mean the City, Dakota,

the whole team — following two tragic incidents back to back with our full-time chief dying suddenly of cancer and then a few months later our mayor was killed in a car crash," Kayser said. "To put it all together after that is kudos to them, that is truly amazing."

BIRTHDAY



Happy 10th Birthday Jett Coffin!

We are so proud of who you are! Love Dad, Mom, Ivy and Remi.

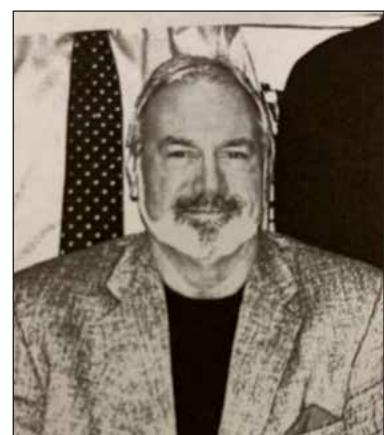
BIRTHDAY



Happy belated birthday to Alivia Weepie

She turned 11 on July 8th. Also Good luck at State fair, Alivia received two purple ribbons and one Best of Class on her Wall Hanging and Peace Post.

MEMORIAL



Jerry Van Daele Wapsie Valley school board 1986-2023. Serving in various roles during 1986-2023.

School board member, vice president and president. Proud to be a life long warrior.

Rummel earns AMVETS scholarship



COURTESY PHOTO

Oelwein High School graduate Hayden Rummel accepts the 2025 AMVETS Scholarship from Donald Shellenberger.

At the AMVETS (American Veterans) State Convention held Saturday, June 21, Hayden Rummel of Fairbank was presented with one of the three scholarships offered in Iowa.

Hayden was selected based on his outstanding academic record and athletic accomplishments.

In the past, Hayden has demonstrated his devotion to American veterans in many ways. His activities with the American Legion and attending Boys State are just some of many.

Hayden plans to attend Simpson College this fall and begin his studies in Pre Law to become a criminal lawyer.

“We veterans believe Hayden has the ability and desire to accomplish his goals and become one of the outstanding leaders our country so desperately needs,” said Donald Shellenberger, past Iowa Commander and Finance Officer.

Congratulations, Hayden.



Fairbank Community Club July meeting

The Fairbank Community Club met on July 16th at the Fairbank Legion, with 16 members attending. The meeting was called to order and the group welcomed a new member, Peggy Porter. The treasurer’s report was read by Amanda Jipson.

OLD BUSINESS

- The group discussed ideas for next summer’s “Music in the Park”. The entertainers will be Aryn Duffy, Emily Bauer, and Bruce Bearinger. The dates of the events will be decided on later.
- The last of this year’s “Music in the Park” events will be held on Thursday, August 21st at Riverside Park from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is our end-of-summer bash! Music will be provided by ‘3rd Offense’. There will be an Appreciation Dinner provided by Little Wapsie Communications from 5:00-7:00, and a drink vendor, ‘Sip By Sip’ offering refreshments. ‘Totally Rolled’ will be serving up their rolled frozen dessert. There will also be some fun activities for the kids. So bring your lawn chairs and coolers and join the fun! In case of rain, the event will be moved to the American Legion.
- Follow-Up Report on Fairbank Days: The Community Club food stand at the car show was a hit and raised about \$1,000 dollars for the club. The free tickets that were given to the club because of the donation that was made to the Fairbank Days committee, were put in a drawing and given to the winners.
- RAGBRAI: Members were urged to help out with RAGBRAI since volunteers were still

needed.

- A bouquet of flowers were sent to “The Farmers Kitchen” for their grand opening at the new restaurant. In the future Cindy Woods will be in charge of flowers and Sharon Woods will handle the book donations.

OLD BUSINESS

- Garage Sales: The Community Club will again be sponsoring the city-wide fall garage sales on October 4th. Sign up at the Library.
 - Fall Cemetery Clean-Up: Date is planned for October 4th from 8:00-12:00 a.m. at the City cemetery.
 - Welcome Bags: Kat Cripe volunteered to be in charge of seeing that the gift bags are assembled and delivered to newcomers.
 - Fire Appreciation Dinner: A tentative date of October 14th is planned. Kenny Little will chair the event. A menu was discussed and the possibility of having Fayette Cattlemen cooking the meat.
 - Fundraiser Ideas: The group discussed some possibilities for new fundraisers - a puzzle competition that could be paired with a Thirsty Thursday at the Legion this winter. Also discussed was a scavenger hunt. Plans are tabled until the next meeting.
- Kenny Little’s name was drawn, so he went home with \$10.00. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at the Legion, with doors opening at 5:00 and meeting starting at 6:00.
- Meeting was adjourned.



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Dear Warrior Families-
We are continuing to do school registration this year online! We appreciate all of the grace and understanding these past 2 years as it was still new to us in the implementation of this process. There will always be kinks to work out but overall, we felt it was a great experience and hope that you found it beneficial as well. There were several reasons we chose to go online for registration:

- 1) Eliminates the need for physical paperwork (in most cases)
- 2) Eliminates the need to travel to the school office
- 3) Provides convenience and accessibility by allowing registration to be completed at your own pace from anywhere with an internet connection

Please take a moment to read the information below and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

REGISTRATION TIMELINE AND ACCESS

Registration will be open starting Monday, July 28, at 8:00 am until Monday, August 11. (Please do NOT try to register before July 28 as the site is still under construction.) There are two ways in which you can access registration:

1) For those families who already have a parent portal account - On Monday, July 28, log into your parent portal, click the 3 lines in the upper left-hand corner, click 'More' at the bottom of the drop-down list, then click 'Registration.' This will take you to the school registration. (Please do NOT try to register before July 28 as the site is still under construction.) This is the easiest way for returning students to register. All of your information will populate and you will need to review and make changes if necessary.

2) For those families who do NOT have a parent portal account (including new students to the district) - the link is provided below. You can click on the link, type it into your web browser, or copy and paste it into your browser. (**You will want to use a computer, tablet, or iPad as most cell phone screens are too small to read the registration materials.**) You will be required to input all information requested for guardians and students.

Things to note:

- Parents registering students for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten - Please choose 00 for grade level under the Student heading in Demographics. For Previous School, if your child did NOT attend Preschool, put NA in the required fields.
- Parents registering students for Preschool - Please choose PK for grade level at the bottom of the drop down list in Demographics.
- When registering a 7-12 student - All 7-12 students must have a Bound account where most health documentation will be uploaded (physicals and immunization records) and where permissions will be obtained. Paper copies of physicals will not be accepted. The following forms may be turned in to the jr. sr. high school office prior to the first day of school, if applicable: Medication Authorization, Release of Health and Educational Information, Asthma Inhaler Authorization, Diet Modification Request Form, and Dental Forms.

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HELP DESK

If you need assistance with the registration process please call our help desk on the following dates and times:

Help Desk #: 319-638-6711

Dates: July 28, 29, 30, 31

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Help Desk Open at Elementary Buildings Only:

Date: August 1

Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Help Desk Open at All Locations:

Dates: August 4 - August 11

Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

If you need help completing your registration, or need access to a computer or internet, please contact any Wapsie Valley school office starting August 1st. IF you started the application, please have it filled out as much as possible and remember to provide your application number so we can help you complete it.

FEES

When you have completed online registration, please call your

A Big First-Day

HOORAY

For Our Students & Teachers

First Day of School is Monday, August 25
1:18 p.m. Dismissal

Preschool Starts Friday, August 29

child's school building after August 1, to have your parent portal account setup if you do not have one set up already. If you already have a parent portal account you will need to log into the portal to pay your registration fees.

(There will be a \$2 fee added to all payments through the Parent Portal. Paying by check or cash is always accepted by mailing or bringing it into any of our buildings at no additional cost. In order to use a debit or credit card, paying through the Parent Portal with the additional fee is the only option.)

FINALLY

1) Fairbank Families Only: Fairbank students will be able to see their assigned teachers under the Parent Portal by clicking the 3 lines at the top left-hand corner and selecting 'Schedule' sometime during mid August.

There will be some challenges again this year but we anticipate this will be a positive experience overall and look forward to helping you throughout the process. Please contact us with any questions that you may have. We are here to help! (Information submitted by Tara Sullivan)

This past legislative session saw many law changes. One of those changes deals with the use of personal electronic devices by students at school. The Wapsie Valley board of Education approved a policy to reflect this law change. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Policy 503.09: Use of Personal Electronic Devices by Students

In order to promote the best educational experience, students should feel connected to their educational environment and to others in the school community. Building meaningful connections can occur in a variety of ways. Technology has advanced peoples' ability to connect with one another across a variety of virtual platforms, and when used

appropriately, adds value to the learning environment. However, it is vital to the developmental health and growth of students that the district provides opportunities for students to connect with peers and other members of their school community in-person whenever possible. In-person learning and interactions teach vital life and social skills that students will need for their continued success in the community.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, a "personal electronic device" is a device that is used by a student to send or receive information or create or review content, including cellular and mobile phones, watches or other wearable devices in a receive or transmit mode, laptop or notebook computers, tablets, video game devices, portable media players, and any applications or programs installed by the student on a school-owned or issued device. A "personal electronic device" does not include a device possessed by the student for documented legal, health, and safety purposes.

The "school day" is from 8:15 AM to 3:18 PM

General Rules

Student use of personal electronic devices during the school day (8:15-3:18) is prohibited. Students have access to district-owned electronic devices as appropriate for the instructional needs of the learning environment and authorized by the classroom teacher. Parents or guardians who need to communicate with students during instructional time may contact the school building administrative office.

The following are the district-provided educational technologies and devices that will be made available to students for instructional purposes:

- Chromebooks
- iPads

A parent or guardian may communicate with a student via their school provided email or in the event of an emergency requiring the student's immediate attention, they may contact their student through the school's office:

- Fairbank Elementary: 319-635-2071
- Readlyn Elementary: 319-279-3323
- JH/HS: 319-638-6711

In the event of an emergency, the school will contact the parent or guardian by the method most recently listed by the parent in the school's student information system immediately when it becomes safe to do so.

If the student uses a personal electronic device during the administration of any assessment, the student may receive no credit for the assessment, and will also face the consequences identified in the prior paragraphs. If the student uses a personal electronic device in a state or federal mandated assessment, the school will follow any protocols for that assessment's security.

Health Concerns

A parent or guardian of a student may petition to allow their child to maintain access to a personal electronic device for a legitimate, documented health-related concern. The petition shall be addressed to the building principal. If not granted, a parent or guardian may appeal to the superintendent or designee, whose decision shall be final. A parent or guardian has the burden of providing a legitimate reason for allowing the child to maintain access to a personal electronic device contrary to Wapsie Valley School's policy.

A student who has a current Individualized Education Program, a plan under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, or health plan may maintain access to a personal device during an appropriate portion of the school day as documented in the plan. The device should be used solely in the manner necessary and documented.

Violations

Students who violate this policy will be held to the discipline policies in the student/parent handbook.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices Outside of the School Day

Students who choose to use personal electronic devices outside of the 8:15-3:18 school day, while on school property, at school-sponsored events, must use these devices in accordance with all applicable laws and board policies. Students who violate this policy may face disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension or expulsion. The Superintendent, in conjunction with building level administration, will develop administrative regulations in accordance with this policy.



Celebration of Life Loyola Kleitsch

June 25, 1927 - July 7, 2025

Loyola Kleitsch 98 of Fairbank passed away Monday July 7th, 2025 at Sumner Community Hospital.

She was born June 25, 1927 in Bryantsburg/Hazleton, Iowa to her parents Robert and Mary (Michels) Burke. Attended country school and graduated from Hazleton High school. She married Norbert Kleitsch September 10, 1947. They farmed in rural Fairbank where they raised their family of eight children. Loyola was a longtime member of the Immaculate Conception Church and the Fairbank American Legion Auxiliary.

Loyola loved quilting, playing cards, dancing, traveling, and watching sports. Loyola was a kind caring person who loved her family immensely. Her greatest accomplishment was raising her family as she was very proud of each and everyone of them. Though she was here on earth for 98 years, however, no amount of time is enough for those we love. Loyola has been a staple in the Fairbank community and you surely saw her at church or out on her front porch at some time. She loved our Lord and we know he met here with welcoming arms and a hug and a kiss from her husband Norbert and son Craig. She will forever be greatly missed.

Survivors include three sons; Ken (Judy) Kleitsch, Tom Kleitsch and Jim (Krista) Kleitsch, four daughters; Mary Ann Kleitsch, Susan Shannon, Gail (Denny) Goedken Jean (Mitch) Sauerbrei and one daughter-in-law, Jeanne Kleitsch. Loyola has 17 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 1 brother Leonard (Bud) Burke, 1 sister Roberta Clemens. 1 brother in law Dean Allen and 1 sister in law Betty Kleitsch.

Loyola was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Norbert, her beloved son, Craig, a son-in-law, Pat Shannon, a daughter in law Tami Kleitsch, a granddaughter, Andrea Shannon, two brothers, four sisters and two brothers-in-law.

Visitation was: 4:00-7:00 PM Thursday July 10th with a 3:30 Parish Rosary at Woods Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass was: 10:00 AM Friday July 11th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank, Iowa

Interment: Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Lunch will be served at the Parish Center following the services.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank.

Online condolences can be left at www.woodsfuneralhome.net



Celebration of Life Terry Lee Kane

September 17, 1946 - July 18, 2025

Terry Lee Kane, 78, of Fairbank, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly on July 18, 2025. A devoted family man, Terry was known for his strong work ethic, generous heart, and the deep love he held for those closest to him.

Born on September 17, 1946, Terry was raised on the Kane Family Farm near Fairbank, where he learned the values of hard work, loyalty, and perseverance—qualities he carried throughout his life and passed on to his children and grandchildren. He spent his years farming the land he loved and working as a skilled carpenter. Whether building with his hands or tending the fields, Terry poured his heart into everything he did.

He graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Fairbank in 1964. As a teenager, he met the love of his life, Judy Campbell. Their connection was instant and enduring. They spent many evenings dancing at the Coliseum in Oelwein—graceful, joyful, and perfectly in step. On February 19, 1966, they married and built a life grounded in love, family, and faith—a partnership that lasted nearly 60 years.

In 1965, Terry enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve, proudly serving alongside his brother Larry for six years. He earned a sharpshooter award and made lifelong friends during his service. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

Terry had a quick wit, a big heart, and a gift for storytelling. He loved telling jokes—always with a twinkle in his eye and a grin on his face. He was a character in the best possible way: larger than life, unforgettable, and full of heart. He was known for his signature one-finger wave—his index finger raised and shaken just so, whether passing someone on a gravel road or saying goodbye after a visit. It was unmistakably Terry. To those who knew him, he was “ten feet tall and bulletproof.”



He was especially proud of his 1949 John Deere ‘B’ tractor—affectionately known as Johnny Popper—which his father purchased when Terry was a young boy. It remains a cherished piece of family history, now spanning five generations and symbolizing his lifelong love for farming.

Terry found joy in life’s simple pleasures: fishing and boating with his favorite people, sharing picnics and laughter with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and giving four-wheeler rides around the farm. He had a special gift for creating lasting memories and bringing joy to others.

A talented carpenter, Terry helped his children, grandchildren, and friends with countless projects over the years—building not only homes, but lasting bonds and stories that will endure for generations. He shared his skills freely, always happy to lend a hand.

Above all, Terry treasured his family. He was a steady, loving presence—a man who led by example, gave without expecting anything in return, and always made time for those he loved. Terry and Judy have attended Triumphant Church in Independence for over 20 years. Terry always looked forward to Sundays and going to church. He loved the Lord and wanted his family to have that relationship. It blessed him to hear his great-grandchildren talk about Jesus, too, and to see them grow

in faith. Now Terry will be there ahead of us. His unique personality, unwavering support, and kind spirit will be deeply missed until we meet again.

Terry passed peacefully in his “office,” as he fondly called his shop on the family farm. He was in his favorite place, doing what he loved.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Kane, and his three sons: Jim (Sue) Kane, Marty (Robyn) Kane, and Kevin (Kathie) Kane. He was a proud grandfather to eleven grandchildren: Austin (Amber) Kane, Tyler Kane, Gavin (Bryanna) Kane, Brandon Kane, Brittney Kane, Valarie (Brian) Pont, Mackenzie Kane (Logan Sedoris), Mackaela (Luke) Askland, Stone (Trisha) Kane, Sammi Kane (Chris Haring), and Hunter Kane (Isabel Larue). He was also blessed with eleven great-grandchildren: Mason Sieverding, Myah Pont, Brexton Pont, Hayden Kane, Hudson Kane, Kashton Kane, Braylen Kane, Kolter Kane, Kingston Kane, Scottie Kane, and Charlie Kane, with another great-granddaughter expected in November.

He was the spirited and strong-willed brother of six incredible siblings:

Donnie (Joyce) Kane, Larry (Carol Ann) Kane, Kathy (Gary) Blake, Ron (Barb) Kane, Connie Kane (Maury McCaffrey), and Warren (Mary) Kane.

He was preceded in death by his wonderful parents, Laurence and Lucille Kane; his beautiful infant grandson, Brandon Kane; his loving in-laws, Milton and Exie Campbell; and his fascinating brother-in-law, Maury McCaffrey.

A Celebration of Life was held at IC Parish Hall in Fairbank, on August 2, 2025, at 11:00 AM, with a meal and fellowship that followed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family, for later designation.



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Waverly's Tapken Ordained Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jesup

BY BETTY BRANDT PASSICK
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On June 23, Rev. Grant P. Tapken was ordained and installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jesup. Both congregations are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and became partner parishes in 2011. Pastor Tapken received the call to serve both congregations on May 12 at a special service in Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree.

The service was attended by neighboring LCMS Pastors, members of both churches, and family and friends. Rev. Jonathan Nack, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana, delivered the sermon, "Treasure Filled Jars of Clay." Ordination was by the Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Iowa District East (IDE). A pulled pork dinner followed the service to welcome Pastor Tapken and his family.

The ordination and installation marked the end of a long journey to become a pastor in the Lutheran Church. Before attending seminary, Pastor Tapken studied religion and ancient history at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, where he received a bachelor's degree with an emphasis on biblical studies and the ancient Greek language.

The seminary program consisted of two years of classroom instruction in various disciplines, including Greek and Hebrew, Bible, church history, counseling, teaching, and preaching. In his third year, known as the vicarage year, he interned with an ordained pastor, applying his



classroom knowledge to real-world experience at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Highland, Indiana. He returned to the seminary for additional study in his final year before being called to serve as a pastor.

"My wife Sarah, formerly of Allan, Texas, and our five-year-old son reside in the parsonage next to St. John's church. We feel incredibly blessed to return to Iowa, and give thanks to God for this joyous occasion and His love for the church, which never ceases to provide every good gift."

Pastor Tapken, a native of Waverly, was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waverly. The couple was also married there.

The St. John's and Grace congregations invite one and all to attend services on Sunday mornings at 8:15 at Grace, 633 Purdy Street, in Jesup, or at 10:00 at St. John's, 208 North 4th Street, in Fairbank. Pastor Tapken may be contacted at pastortapken@gmail.com.

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that have returned to play once again on the greatest island in Northeast Iowa.

Fireworks dotted the skies Friday evening and finished with rock covers from Not Quite Brothers, whereas Saturday boasted the parade, food, inflatables, a car and tractor show, and ended the night with Sammy Kershaw's country lovin' hits.

Royalty was crowned Friday and Saturday and will represent Fairbank in respective county shows: 2025 Miss Fairbank Norah Oldfather, First Runner-Up Ella Schares, Miss Congeniality Ava Auel, Princess Heidi Schwartz, Prince Maddox Brandt, Queen Scarlett Hill and King Liam Woods.

Thank-you goes out to all those that attended and all that supported the town during their annual celebration!

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Hudson, 1.5 years, readies up for the fire trucks during the 2025 Fairbank Island Days parade.



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Little Fairbank Royalty poses with 2025 Miss Fairbank, Norah Oldfather. Prince Maddox Brandt, Princess Heidi Schwartz, Queen Scarlett Hill and King Liam Woods.

A weekend on the Island



Island Days Grand Marshalls: Cindy & Roger Myers.

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4-H ATOM BOMBERS at the Buchanan County Fair



Alivia Weepie: Sewing project qualifier or State.



Charlie Sweeny: 5th overall Heifer.



Jake Brennan: Champion Breeding Doe.



Jensen Beck: Goats: Champion Pen of Two.



Kennly Happel: Champion Market Lamb.



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Atom Bombers 4-H Club held their annual family pot luck on Sunday June 9th.

We had 19 members attend with their families. Our meeting started with planning the 4-H chicken dinner fundraiser for Fairbank Island Days. Please make sure to stop by the 4-H tent on Friday night, June 27th from 5:00- 7:30 during Fairbank Island days. We will be serving fried chicken with sides

of potatoes, beans, and coleslaw! It will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids (5-10 year olds) Our club will also be hosting the River Golf this year, so come say HI! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fairbank Days parade.

Cambree Happel gave a demonstration on how to show a club lamb. Other members were given a chance to try their best at showing the lambs also! It was fun for everyone to

try a new thing. Kennly Happel gave a presentation on how to prepare your sheep for the County Fair. She talked about the products she uses, demonstrated how to clip her sheep, and explained her daily routine for chores.

During our May meeting William Kempf gave a presentation on hatching a duck egg. William is also excited to show his duck at Buchanan County Fair this summer.



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WAPSIE VALLEY STATE SOFTBALL SENDOFF



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Members of Wapsie Valley state qualifying softball teams from 1968, 1969, 1977 and 2025 pose for a photo after a sendoff celebration Monday, July 21 in Fairbank. The 2025 team is the first team to qualify for the IGHSAU tournament since 1977.



Above left: Current Wapsie Valley athletics bus driver Tracy Gruetzmacher, whose mother Barb Ross played for the 1977 state-qualifying team, reads a prepared statement during the sendoff ceremony for the 2025 team. Above right: JP May speaks to an overflow crowd at the sendoff ceremony.

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Wapsie Valley opens state with a loss

BY GIDAL KAISER

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FORT DODGE — New experiences can be fun.

They can also be harrowing.

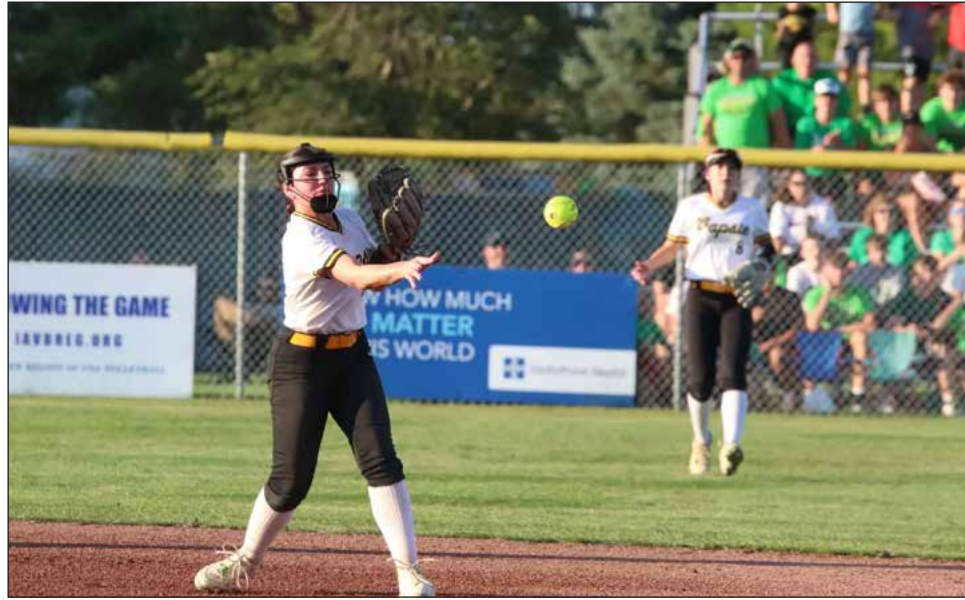
It was more emotional pain than physical for Wapsie Valley's softball team during its first foray into the IGHSAU Class 1A state tournament, as the No. 3 seed Warriors fell to No. 6 seed Fort Dodge Saint Edmonds, 11-2, Tuesday night at Iowa Central Field at the Harlan Rogers Sports Complex.

Wapsie (25-4) scored the first and last runs of the game, but it was between those runs that things unraveled. The loss ensured the Warriors just a two day on-field venture, with Wednesday afternoon's consolation game as their final appearance of the 2025 season.

"We still have a lot to be proud of, and we're not done yet," head coach Austin Jeanes said. "Hopefully we can refocus and recenter."

Jeanes believed his team was ready, and it looked that way early in the bottom of the first inning.

Peyton Curley led off with an infield single off Gaels pitcher Toryn Helle, and stole second.



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Natalie Gray throws to first for a putout.

Lola Destival popped up a bunt, but Taylor Buhr and Espyn Decker cracked back-to-back singles.

Buhr's line drive to center field plated Curley for a 1-0 lead, and she and Decker were on base with one out.

Helle earned consecutive strikeouts to end the frame.

"We started off how we wanted to," Jeanes said. "We got out of that first inning feeling really good — that's exactly how we wanted to start."

The Warriors began the game 3-for-4 at

the plate, but went cold from there. They went 6-for-25 the rest of the way as Helle scattered eight hits across seven innings and struck out six. Wapsie, who came into the game batting .374 with 81 extra-base hits and 261 RBI, batted .276.

Saint Edmonds (25-10) stranded two in the first, then Buhr got the Gaels to leave another on base in the second.

The Gaels scored two on one play in the top of the third to begin their surge.

Faith Shirbroun singled, then stole second. After Shirbroun stole second, Jeanes

intentionally walked Mariah Myers — she of 11 home runs and a .620 average coming into the game — and Lauren Gibb drilled a single to right field, scoring Shirbroun.

Myers went for third on the play, and the throw was mishandled. That allowed Meyers to score for a 2-1 lead, and turned things around for the tournament host. The Gaels scored two apiece in the third, fourth and sixth innings, one in the fifth and four in the top of the seventh.

"They had a lot of baserunners, really, and that's how it started. Their continued pressure — I wouldn't say we made a ton of mistakes, but we made some that ended up hurting us. Especially in the middle innings."

Saint Edmonds participated in its third consecutive state tournament at its home complex, which it shares with the Iowa Central Triton baseball and softball programs.

Jeanes intentionally walked Myers three times. Gibb (.551 average) and Helle (.347) made the Warriors pay for that decision, going a combined 6 for 9 with four runs batted in (two apiece) and a double from Helle.

"Not pitching to their No. 2 hitter, just to run into [Gibb and Helle], I mean — those two delivered as well," Jeanes said. "I give a lot of credit to them."

Myers also went 2 for 2 with three RBI on a three-run homer and scored twice.

Shirbroun was 3 for 4 with three runs scored as the Gaels top 4 batters went 11 for 15 with six RBI and five runs scored.

"They have a lot of hitters that are good, swing the bat well," Jeanes said. "And their bottom of the order, they bunt pretty well. They do what they do really well."

Myers' three-run shot highlighted the Gaels' seventh. All four runs came with two outs on the board.

"Our girls battled. I never once really saw our energy die, I felt," Jeanes said. "I know that when things get stressful, things look bad. It is hard, it looks hard. But I don't feel we ever gave up."

Taylor Buhr and Decker each went 2 for 3 while Curley went 2 for 4 with a run. Sawyer Buhr and Maddie Ladeburg went 1 for 3. Sawyer and Taylor each doubled.

Curley, Decker and Jaylin May each stole a base. Maya Barnes threw out a runner at third.



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Above: Peyton Curley skies to snag a flyout. Right: Espyn Decker catches a flyout in right field.



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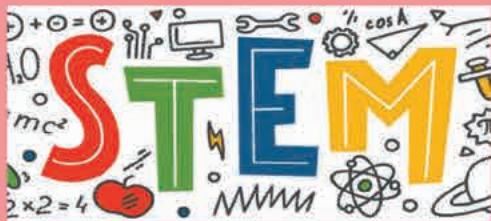


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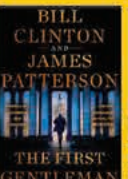
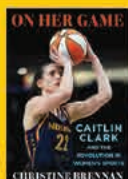
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War Bride

BY PAT PINT

My favorite veteran entry at the Fairbank Library rewarded us a beautiful quilt donated by Joan Fox.

Norman and I 'semi-met' in 1971. In September of that year, as a Red Cross volunteer in Cincinnati, Ohio, I sent four Christmas boxes with letters to be delivered to "Any Soldier" serving in Vietnam.

As directed, these boxes contained non-perishable items like hard candy, playing cards and stationery.

One of these packages wound up on the desk of Army Sp4, Norman Pint of Fairbank, Iowa stationed in DaNang.

Norman thanked me for the goodies, initiating a correspondence that continued thru his tour in Vietnam, followed by a year in the Pentagon.

In April, 1973, Norman was honorably discharged, returned

home and continued farming with his dad.

Meanwhile, I was living at home, working at the family business, Gable Electric, and studying for my B.A. at the University of Cincinnati.

Finally, Thanksgiving weekend of '73, Norman drove the 550 mile trek so we could meet. The five days went so well, that I flew to Iowa just after Christmas to visit his family. Later, I learned my dad called the parish priest at Immaculate Conception Church, to be certain the Floyd and Kathryn Pint family was legit.

Letters and phone calls flew back and forth. With his farming duties and my school schedule, we were able to visit each other about every ten weeks.

We were married June 7, 1975, recently celebrating our 50th anniversary. Our clan includes two daughters, three sons, and 13 grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pint, 1975.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wapsie Valley CSD
Regular School Board Meeting
July 21, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:31 PM.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbri & Wolfe. Declared a quorum
B. Administration - Supt. Hoover. Board Secretary Arndt (excused)
C. Online participants

2. Motion by Sauerbri second by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public comment: None

4. Consent Items: Motion by Auel second by Kaufman to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Sauerbri and the open enrollments as follows: Kurtis Foley request to open enroll his daughter to Waterloo after a family move. Motion carried 5-0

5. Communication & Reports: Board: None
Superintendent Hoover: Congratulations to our baseball and softball teams on their successes this summer! Report includes thoughts on WV logo use; DLT retreat, facilities updated, and AEA Service Agreement District & PK Principals: None

6. Personnel: Resignations: Motion by Aiello second by Kaufman to approve the resignation of Melissa Hingtgen-Lead Cook as presented and thank her for her service to the students and staff at WV. Motion carried 5-0
Contracts: Motion by Aiello second by Auel to approve the contracts as presented: Mentee-\$1,000/5 days, Jaylyn Gibbs, Tyler Fall, Gunner Rogers, Reese Balvanz, Marlene Franzen, & Kristin Sadler, Mentor-\$1,250/5 days-Jacqueline Faust, Jennifer Merdinger, Duane Foster, Kari Pleggenkuhl, Jaime Henning, & Angie James, Building Leadership Team-\$2,500/10 days; Angie Wagner, Jennifer Merdinger, Melanie Curley, Jacqueline Faust, Kayla Ott, Jody Busch, Brianna Hayward, Amy Stessman, & Jess Miller, Leader In Me \$750-3/days; Heather Robinson, Amanda Bockholt, & Katelyn Cusick, Corynn Downs-Elementary Guidance Counselor-BA+30/0-\$45,670 (Base Contract) + \$4,780 (TSS) = \$50,450; Reese Balvanz-FB Elementary Teacher-BA/0 -\$38,339 (Base Contract) + \$11,661 (TSS) = \$50,000; Jenna Platte - Custodian - \$16.84 P/H and \$25 per month cell phone reimbursement. Motion carried 5-0

Addendum: Motion by Aiello second by Auel to approve the addendum presented: Heather Sullivan - Increase per hour salary from \$16.29 to \$17.29 due to obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Motion carried 5-0
7. Old Business: Motion by Auel second by Kaufman to approve the second reading of Board Policy 503.09: Use of Personal Electronic Devices. Motion carried 5-0

8. New Business: Motion by Kaufman second by Aiello to approve 25-26 School Resource Officer (SRO) 28E Agreement with Bremer County's Sheriff's office. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Sauerbri second by Auel to approve 25-26 CAPS agreement for facilities at Grumpy's Event Center, Readlyn, IA. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Kaufman second by Sauerbri to approve 25-26 SBO Resource Only sharing agreement with Sumner Fredericksburg. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Aiello second by Auel to approve 25-26 Concurrent Enrollment Contract with NICC. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Kaufman second by Aiello to approve the use of the Warrior head logo but not the WV logo or Wapsie Valley name for Ackerman's car wash. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Sauerbri second by Auel to approve Emergent Architect fixed fee for track/football field improvements. Motion carried 4-1;

Kaufman-Nay Motion by Auel second by Sauerbri to approve 28E agreement for Librarian with Gladbrook/Reinbeck. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Aiello second by Kaufman to approve 2025-26 AEA Service Agreement. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Auel second by Aiello to approve the Talented and Gifted handbook. Motion carried 5-0
Motion by Kaufman second by Auel to approve an additional \$1000 stipend to Tara Sullivan for services due to Online Registration through Infinite Campus. Motion carried 5-0

9. Board Talking Points: None

10. Motion by Auel second by Sauerbri to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Motion carried 5-0
Written by Chris Hoover, Respectfully submitted by Kim Arndt

Thinking about building a grain bin?

If you're planning to build or move a grain bin, either on your property or for someone else, you need to be familiar with Iowa's law on required distances from overhead electric lines. This law was put in place to provide protection from the hazard of contacting overhead electric lines to anyone working around grain bins with augers, elevators, or other equipment.

The drawings inside this brochure show the specific clearance requirements related to permanently installed augers and portable augers. There must be at least 18 feet between the top of any grain bin and any overhead electric lines. These distances were developed by the American National Standards Institute. Figure 232-4(b) can be found in the 2017 Edition National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). As your electric service provider, we're responsible for ensuring that these specifications are met. In fact, in any situation where minimum clearance requirements are not observed, the utility may refuse electric service.

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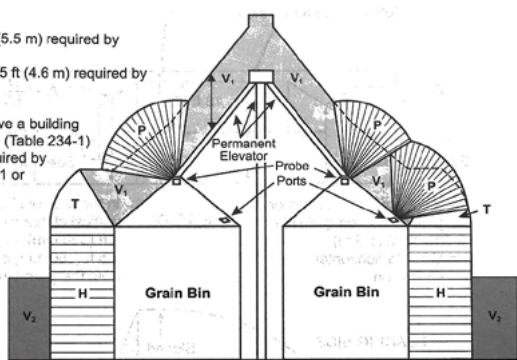


Figure 234-4(a)—Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevators

Grain Bin Clearance Guidelines

Source: The 2017 Edition National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI C2-2017).

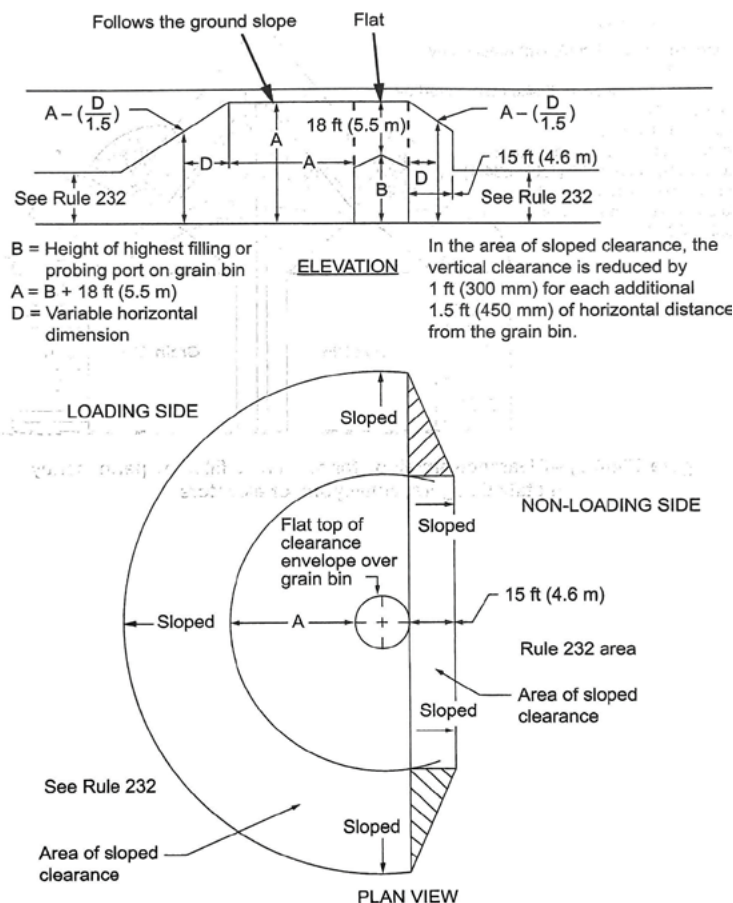


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday July 14, 2025. 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: Hunter Robinson, Police Chief; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to open the public hearing at 6:00 pm on the Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. Motion carried. There were no comments received orally or in writing. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to close the public hearing at 6:01 pm. Motion carried.

Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve Resolution 2025-23 – Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation corporate Loan Agreement. The resolution states that the City of Fairbank is proposed to enter into a loan agreement to borrow money not to exceed \$1.4 million for the Main Street Project. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: June 23rd Regular City Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report for June 2025, Approval of Liquor Licenses for Costa's and the Fairbank Development Corporation for Ragbrai, and the payment of bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Four. Abstain: Williams. Williams abstained as he is the President of the Fairbank Development Corporation. Nays: None.

The Treasurers Report for the Month of June 2025: Revenues - General, \$53,966.58; Special Revenue, \$29,990.06; TIF, \$291.14; Capital Projects, \$40,041.35; Permanent Funds, \$18.17; Proprietary, \$176,709.94; and Transfers In, \$1,300,270.77. Disbursements - General, \$74,292.98; Special Revenue, \$36,827.19; Proprietary, \$397,254.02; Capital Projects, \$40,876.00; and Transfers Out, \$1,300,270.77. Balance on hand at close of business on June 30, 2025 was \$5,780,497.54.

There were no comments during the informal public comment section. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve Resolution 2025-24 – Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Fairbank Urban Renewal Area Plan Amendment. The public hearing on the proposed amendment to the urban renewal plan for the Fairbank Urban Renewal Area to add the property at 99 East Main Street and to approve a new urban renewal project was set for August 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The city intends to enter into a development agreement with Costa's Sports Bar & Grill with respect to the construction of the completed outdoor addition. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The tiling needed for Christian's Trail was discussed. Four quotes were received for the tiling portion of the project. Baker Enterprises, Inc. for \$27,495.00, Earthworx Civil Solutions, LLC for \$19,650.00, Mehmert Tiling, Inc. for \$25,159.00, and Woods Construction Inc. for \$18,157.50. R. Woods/Williams to approve the estimate from Earthworx Civil Solutions, LLC. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The resurfacing needed for Christian's Trail was discussed. Two quotes were received for the resurfacing portion of the project. Aspro, Inc. for \$35,978.00 and Kluesner Construction, Inc. for \$33,670.00. Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the estimate from Kluesner Construction, Inc. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

An updated final report was received from Dave Berg with Dave Berg Consulting, LLC in regard to an electrical study that the council had done. It showed proposed rates that included lowering the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) and moving it to the base electricity rate. He also suggested 1.2% annual increases. The council was in agreement with the suggestions and wanted to move forward with an ordinance update. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 375 – Electric Rates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday June 23, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dakota Drish, Part-time Police Chief; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Councilwoman Erickson stated that the Approval of the Class C Retail Alcohol License for Sip by Sip LLC could be removed. Gruetzmacher/Williams to approve the agenda with that change. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: June 9th Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. There was no informal public comment.

Dave Berg with Dave Berg Consulting, LLC was present to review the electric rate design study that he was conducting for the city. Attorney Prendergast arrived at 6:03 pm. He went over the draft report that highlighted some suggestions about reformatting the City's electricity rates. This draft report included keeping the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) the same, but the Council wanted to see what lowering the ECA and moving that amount to the base rate would look like. He will update his report with that information and have the final report to the council soon.

Williams/R. Woods to table the presentation regarding library renovation concepts and discussion since nobody was able to attend the meeting. Motion carried.

One bid was received from the request for proposals on auditor services for FY 2025. Attorney Prendergast opened the RFP during the meeting. It was from Keith Oltrorggee out of Denver, IA and was for an exam with a cost not to exceed \$3,700.00.

R. Woods/Williams to approve Keith Oltrorggee to do the services for the FY 2025 required city annual exam. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion was held on the Main Street Project bill and what the council was wanting to bond for. R. Woods/Williams to move forward with bonding for a 10-year \$1 million bond. The difference will be paid with the cash reserves that have been set aside for the project. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve tabling the Christian's Trail Street repairs until the next meeting in hopes that more quotes will be received by then. Motion carried.

Erickson/T. Woods to wait to order park trash cans. It was discussed that maybe they could be ordered next summer. Motion carried.

Williams/T. Woods to table the personnel policy manual updates and changes until the Council was able to review all the proposed changes. Motion carried.

Matt Egan with the Fayette County Fair Board was present to discuss the City's participation with the Fayette County Fair this year. The fair dates will be July 22nd – 26th. Last year the city donated \$600.00. The money would be used to make the entire carnival free for everyone. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to donate \$600.00 this year. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the purchasing of a trash basket for the Northeast Lift Station from Iowa Pump Works for \$4,804.75. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the contract with Edmunds Govtech for the City's accounting software pending satisfactory references that will be done. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the first change order for the Fourth Street Sidewalk project removing Fehr Graham as the construction surveyor under the contract with Midwest Concrete, Inc. and approving Fehr Graham to still do the construction survey just not under the IA DOT contract with Midwest Concrete, Inc. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Annual cathodic protection for the water tower was discussed. Nick explained that he had heard from many that it is not something that is needed and is a waste of money. He is going to ask Fehr Graham if he knows if cathodic protection is being installed in new water towers and do some more research on the topic. T. Woods/Williams to approve tabling until more information can be obtained. Motion carried.

Dakota Drish offered to stay on as a part-time officer to help when needed in the transition with the new chief. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2025-25 – A Resolution Hiring Part-Time Police Officer. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

During the council/mayor comments, Councilwoman Erickson said that the night swim held at the pool was a huge success. They are talking about doing a couple more and are hoping for a good turnout like the first one. Councilman Gruetzmacher wanted to thank Kevin Bodensteiner for power washing the ball diamond bathrooms. Mayor Kayser stated that he appointed Samantha McCombs to the library board.

During the department reports, Nick stated that the natural gas main had been installed for the Outer Road natural gas project and if pressure tests and all else is good then they can start the service lines. Lonnie passed his Wastewater 2 Certification and Oran Telephone is going down Hwy 281 and they have been trying to keep up with all of those locates. Mayor Kayser said that the Iowa League Conference this year is in Des Moines. If any of the council members want to attend it is September 17th, 18th, and 19th and he also mentioned the office will be closed during that time. Williams/Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Motion carried.

Bills for the Month of July 2025	
Access Systems, Copier/Printer Maintenance	\$189.28
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$145.49
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies	\$60.17
Atlantic Bottling Co., Concessions	\$231.52
Boulevard Tarp Shop, Services	\$ 25.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Supplies	\$520.98
Lonnie Brewer, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Buchanan County, 1st Half FY 26 Dispatch Fees	\$7,831.00
Butler County Rec, Electric	\$74,966.14
Butler County Rec, Services	\$1,159.60
Carrico Aquatic Products, Summer Management Agreement	\$2,210.68
Casey's Business Mastercard, Gas	\$471.63
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation Invoice	\$6,443.62
Cole Bram, Balance Refund	\$47.80
Cole's Ace Hardware, Supplies	\$737.64
Collin Woods, Services	\$1,050.00
Cy & Charley's, Inc., Tires	\$766.00
D & D Tire Inc., Services	\$180.00
Danny Sickles, Umpire Fees	\$500.00
Electrical Engineering & Equip, Supplies	\$249.05
Elle Voy, Umpire Fees	\$300.00
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bills Postage	\$190.40
City of Fairbank, Utility Deposit Applied	\$200.00
Fehr Graham, Engineering Fees	\$3,292.50
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Gall's Inc., Supplies	\$155.39
Garrison Houge, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00

The capping of well #4 was discussed. The well that is located at the Fairbank Ball Diamond. This would be the next well that was in the plans to remove over the next few years as mandated by the IA DNR. Nick received two quotes for the capping of the well. Cahoy Pump Service quoted \$8,407.00 with \$500.00 deducted if the city does their own excavating. The second quote was from Shawver Well Company for \$10,973.00. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to go with Cahoy Pump Service to cap well #4 this year and to have public works investigate the excavating. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2025-20 – A Resolution Hiring Reserve Police Officer. Dave Wilson was hired at the same rate of pay as the part-time officers. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve Resolution 2025-21 – A Resolution Setting Rate of Pay for Police Department Event Duty. The rate was set at time and half per hour during city-approved events. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The Council was given an update regarding the accounting software that the city uses that is no longer going to be supported and its replacement. There have not been any updates received regarding the new software and the issues that other communities are experiencing with it.

A listing of end of the year transfers was presented in the form of a resolution. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve Resolution 2025-22 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Gruetzmacher to approve the payment of bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

During the department reports, Heather Mangrich and Brigitte Mangrich, both pool board members, were present to discuss getting some upgraded seating at the pool and a smaller picnic table for an area that kids can sit at. Nick stated that he was given some nice pool play items from another community that will hopefully work in the time being since the snake is not able to be put in the water. He also stated that a transformer went out by the bank that last week, new outlets and power were added to the island and that he was working on trying to figure out why a business in town with 3 phase keeps losing a phase. Butler County REC has been in town and installed a monitoring system. And lastly, they got the natural gas piping bored under the road in Oelwein for that new addition. Police Chief Drish stated that Hunter Robinson would be sworn in on June 26th and that he enjoyed working for the city all of these years.

Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Motion carried.

Bills for the Month of June 2025	
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$41.79
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies	\$47.40
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Ambulance Supplies	\$748.57
Buchanan Co Landfill Commission, Assessment	\$1,111.00
Butler County Rec, Services	\$3,206.00
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$1,255.60
Corner Market & Greenhouse, Supplies	\$469.97
Danko Emergency Equipment, Supplies	\$439.65
Dave Berg Consulting, LLC, Electric Rate Study	\$6,518.00
Delta Dental of Iowa, July Premium	\$21.96
Don's Truck Sales, Supplies	\$6.03
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$5,731.98

Gordon Flesch Company Inc, Copier Printer Maintenance	\$114.14
Groeber & Associates, Supplies	\$665.03
IA Dept of Natural Resources, FY26 Water Supply Fee	\$120.79
IA Dept of Public Safety, FY BOT Services	\$1,200.00
IAMU, Safety Training	\$512.50
Iowa League of Cities, Member Dues	\$1,066.00
Iowa One Call, Locates	\$40.50
Iowa Pump Works, Supplies	\$216.20
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water	\$9,430.73
Ipers, Benefits	\$6,566.05
Jason Kayser, Supplies Reimbursement	\$125.61
Jetco, Inc., Service/Equipment	\$2,090.12
Ken Schnor, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Kluesner Sanitation, LLC., July Pick-up Fees	\$7,761.80
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Kwik Trip Inc., Gas	\$85.32
Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
Lead Custom Engraving, Supplies	\$120.00
Macqueen Equipment LLC, Services	\$1,319.00
Michael Pint, Supply Reimbursement	\$19.99
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$472.50
Midwest Breathing Air, Annual Air Test	\$1,288.06
Myers Polaris, Supplies	\$306.50
Myers-Cox Co., Concessions	\$459.50
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$520.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$200.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publishings	\$558.15
Powerplan, Services	\$3,090.28
Pratt's Pest Control, Monthly Pest Control	\$140.00
Premier Technology, ClientCare Managed Services	\$187.90
Print Express/Brennan Printing, Supplies	\$127.36
Rack'em Up Promotions, Supplies	\$594.00
Racom Corporation, Maintenance	\$303.75
Randy's Lawn Care & Snow, Services	\$2,500.00
Roberts, Stevens, Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$1,187.00
Sam's Club Mc/Synbc, Concessions/Supplies	\$1,603.08
Stan's Small Engine Repair, Services	\$61.04
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$88.05
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp., Supplies	\$1,540.50
Treasurer-State of Iowa, June 25 Sales Tax	\$3,112.59
Treasurer State of Iowa, June 25 Water Excise Tax	\$1,422.00
Turf & Landscape, Inc., Services	\$1,820.00
U. S. Treasury, 941 Benefits	\$12,523.12
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	\$178.26
Visa, Training/Microsoft Emails/Avaya Phone System/Concessions	\$1,042.16
West Union Trenching, Services	\$1,590.00
Wilnat, Inc., Supplies	\$1,774.15
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$68.36
The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on July 2, 2025:	
Amazon Capital Services, Books & Supplies	\$1,024.49
Baker & Taylor Inc., Books	\$375.07
Brock Berg, Services	\$160.00
Biblionex, Subscription	\$880.00
IAMU, Safety Training	\$102.50
US Cellular, Hotspots	\$117.96
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts	\$52.72
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City of Fairbank, Replenish Postage Fund	\$23.17
Fehr Graham, Engineering Fees	\$876.00
Brittany Fuller, Mileage	\$186.76
Gateway Hotel & Conference, Training	\$295.68
Groeber & Associates, Supplies	\$142.57
Iowa Pump Works, Equipment	\$4,804.75
Iowa Sport Supply, Supplies	\$684.50
Ipers, June Benefits	\$5,315.90
John Deere Financial, Supplies	\$163.06
Michelle Laube, Mileage	\$179.48
Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses/SW Phone	\$64.06
Macqueen Equipment LLC, Equipment	\$990.00
Metering & Technology Solution, Equipment	\$776.78
Myers-Cox Co., Concessions	\$782.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 6/2/25	\$10.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 6/16/25	
NE Security Bank, Non-Sufficient Check Charge	\$9.23
\$4.00	
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$520.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$100.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publishings	\$99.12
Prairie Road Builders, Inc., 2025 Seal Coating Project	\$29,637.43
Pratt's Pest Control, Monthly Pest Control	\$140.00
Premier Technology, Services	\$862.50
Quad County Fire School, Training	\$30.00
Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing	\$276.68
Roberts, Stevens, Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$1,312.50
Ron Myers, Services	\$1,450.00
Sam's Club Mc/Synbc, Concessions	\$346.79
Signs & More LLC, Supplies	\$355.24
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Supplies	\$91.42
Superior Welding Supply Co., Oxygen	\$33.00
Treasurer-State of Iowa, State Withholding Tax	\$2,053.35
TruGreen Payment Processing Center, Ash Tree Injections	\$2,128.00
U. S. Treasury, 941 Benefits	\$4,873.46
U.S. Bank, May 2025 PEFA Commodity	\$1,755.84
Visa, Training/Equipment/Postage/Concessions/Supplies	\$2,652.55
WBC Mechanical, Services	\$695.93
Wellmark, July Premium	\$3,025.28
The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on June 20, 2025:	
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$1,043.24
Baker & Taylor Inc., Books	\$286.38
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$139.45
Overdrive, Inc., EBooks	\$1,500.00
Pratt's Pest Control, Pest Control	\$45.00
Premier Technology, Equipment & Services	\$2,497.50
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 6/16/25	\$0.77
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Cody coaches our beloved Warriors – practice is 5 days a week & watching film is never done. Calvin & Carver play in their own flag football leagues on separate teams.

Carissa is yet to decide if she wants to get in the action – but will have a busy fall along my side chasing everyone around regardless. As we do every year, we will survive it by embracing the chaos! So much of what we learn in sports and in coaching translates to what I do as an advisor every day so I look forward to the adversity to happen and the lessons to learn.



“You think you know the game—until you see it through the eyes of a coach. As a player, you focus on your assignment, your performance, your moment.

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- former NFL Linebacker, current Offensive Asst. Coach, Ryan Shazier

In my 3.5 years as an advisor, I have always said this is way more of a COACHING job than it is a career in financial literacy. A coach has to get to know his players. Understand how they learn. Find a way to connect. Be able to see their potential and find a way to draw that out of them... sometimes on a short time schedule of only a few months.

My prospects and clients have goals that are just like this. They may never experience playing in a Superbowl in the literal form, but their Superbowl might be retiring early. Or gifting to charity. Or helping their children buy their first home. Everyone has ambitions and optimistic hopes for the future – but not everyone knows the best playbook to get there.

Getting to know a prospect and deciding whether or not to take them on as a client is just as important to me as a coach recruiting their starting QB. Onboarding someone for the wrong reasons results in frustrations for both sides. Honesty is the best policy for all parties. Some just “show up at practice & do the bare minimum”. Investors like this are hard to help. You have to care more about your future than your advisor does. Some have been lifting and practicing and doing reps on their own all off-season without being told. No matter who they play or what the score is, they’ll stay optimistic and rise to the occasion and leave every ounce of effort on the field. Obviously, an investor like this is much easier to serve – they know exactly what they want and they are willing to do what it takes to get there. Some are even “do-it-yourselfers” and do an amazing, efficient job being self-taught.

Then there is a middle ground where people want good things for themselves and their communities, and they’re willing to do the work to get there... they just don’t know exactly how to put their visions into play. People like this need and appreciate a coach for their guidance and mentorship along the way. This is the common prospect type that comes across my desk. They’re great people that have worked hard for what they have. They genuinely want to have a partner that helps them achieve their potential and avoid mistakes. They want the truth... not fluff. They want to be told if they’re on track or need to make adjustments. They want a partner to navigate their investments at the best interest of their goals so they can give their full focus to their own families, goals, and passions. Good Financial Advisors get the pleasure of wearing a coaching hat, a teammate hat, AND a cheerleading hat when we see the goals of our partnerships come to fruition. We might take some hits, we might lose some yards, but as long as we keep showing up together at the whistle, we will keep persisting down the field no matter what stands in our way!

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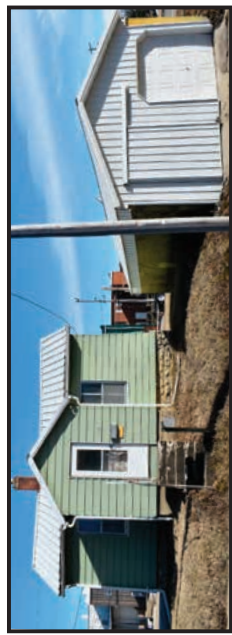




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**NEW FAIRBANK LISTING -
VIEW OF RIVER**
306 WISCONSIN ST, FAIRBANK
4-5 Bedrm Ranch (1,288 Sq Ft Main) 1 &
3/4 Baths, Large Lot, 2 Car Gar, Updated
Oak Kitchen, Main flr Laundry, Sunroom



1115 2ND ST. SE, OELWEIN
\$190,000
3 Bedrms, 1.5 Baths,
2 Car Garage



**NEW FAIRBANK LISTING -
AMAZING VIEW OF RIVER/PARK**
301 W. MAIN ST, FAIRBANK
CLOSE TO 1 ACRE
UPDATED 3-4 Bdrm 2-story, 1 & 3/4
baths, Character Woodwork, 1 car att + 2
car det. garage w/ Hobby space



24878 PLEASANT ST, ORAN
f/k/a Oran School Bldg
Has rental income already, with some
updates; each classroom can be used
as efficiency apartments or small busi-
ness rental space. So many updates
done by current owners. Call for details!!



16283 50TH ST., OELWEIN
\$275,000
Bigger than it looks Ranch, 2 Car Tuck
Under Garages, 3 L Bedrms, 2 baths
up, ¾ bath LL, Lg Family Rm, Extra
Gar/Hobby Shop.

Corner Lot to Build on **Corner**
of 2nd St NW/8th Ave NW
\$10,000



816 2ND AVE. NE, OELWEIN
\$149,000
2.5-3 Bedrms, 1.25 Baths, Heated
Gar. Appliances Included.



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