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POET gives \$4,000 in Community Impact Grants



COURTESY PHOTO

Fairbank Little League athletes smiled in front while the \$1,000 Community Impact Award was made recently. From left Councilman Michael Gruetzmacher, POET plant manager Andrew Willard, and Mayor Jason Kayser.

FAIRBANK – POET Bioprocessing of Fairbank has awarded \$4,000 in grants to four local causes. Each organization received \$1,000 for its respective project.

The funds were donated through POET's 2024 Community Impact Grant Program, which awards grants to a variety of causes throughout the more than 30 communities in which the company operates.

The Fairbank Little League received a grant to resurface its baseball diamonds. The fields have been used for over 25 years and are used by more than 100 local youth athletes.

The Arlington Community Club will use the grant funds toward the cost of creating a city park. The park will provide a wide range of recreational activities, which will contribute to the health and wellness of the community.

Wapsie Valley Fairbank Elementary received a grant to purchase books, learning materials, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) equipment for the school library.

Dewar Park will use the funds to repair and update its swing set and tennis/basketball court.

"Giving back to our community is core to POET's culture," said Bryon Wilson, General Manager of POET Bioprocessing – Fairbank. "That's what our Community Grant Program is all about — helping

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August Is Back-to-School Month



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FRIENDLY NEW FACE

BY ROCHELLE WOODS



HATALA ILLUSTRATION

Striking mural recently completed in Fairbank, draws visitors to stop and admire its unique, larger-than-life beauty.

When you drive down Main Street Fairbank, you're greeted by Fairbank's new resident. While she doesn't have a name (yet), she is sure to bring a smile to your face. The recently painted mural on the northeast corner of the VanDaele Insurance Building has been met with glowing reviews.

The idea for the project started in 2020, during COVID-19 shut down. Jared and Rochelle Kane were planning a move back to Fairbank with their three children and Rochelle wanted to help make her hometown an even more special place to live. Moving back from a larger community with more opportunity to access public art, she thought it would be a great idea to bring a taste of the arts to Fairbank. That's when she reached out to a few community members, starting with co-chair Gayle Lehmkuhl, who she thought would be interested in pursuing the project, and The Fairbank Mural Project was born.

The committee partnered up with the Fairbank Historical Society, who welcomed them by allowing the committee to use their meeting space and got the itch for a

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR JASON KAYSER

areas around the school. Officers will again be patrolling in the morning and our school resource officer will resume his duties. Within the next week or two Prairie Road Builders will be working with our public works employees on resurfacing some streets that were identified for repair earlier in the year. Please be aware of them and give them room to work. We welcome a new employee to the public works department. Lonnie Brewer began working full time mid July. We will have more on introducing Lonnie in the next edition as well as in the Register.

I hope everyone is enjoying the remaining weeks left in the summer of 2024! That being said, school will be back in session soon with children traveling to and from. Pay extra attention at the cross walks and

ANNIVERSARY

BLAYLOCKS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



Rex and Barb Blaylock will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 11 with an open house in Readlyn, from 2-4 p.m. at Grumpy's Event Center.

Rex Blaylock and Barb Kehe were married on August 10, 1974 at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger, Readlyn.

Their family includes their children, Christy and

Jason Kayser, Dan and Kristin Blaylock and their grandchildren: Maria, Melody, Tanner (fiancee Lexi), Brody and Max.



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project of their own. The Fairbank Historical Society installed the panel with the historic view of the dam and island on the south side of their building in 2021.

The committee focused primarily on fundraising, securing a site for the mural, and finding just the right artist to create a work of art that would be reflective of small-town life and the magic of growing up in rural Iowa. After vetting a few artists, the committee settled on Dan Hatala, of Hatala Illustrations from Waverly. Hatala had produced murals in several communities in Northeast Iowa, and the committee felt his artistic style was a good fit for the project.

Fundraising was a challenge but was met with great community support. This included several generous donations from

local community members and the Fairbank Development Corporation, t-shirt sales at the annual Fairbank SXS Ride, a grant from the Max and Helen Guernsey Foundation, and equipment rental donation from Modern Building Products. The committee was also very appreciative to Chad and Amber VanDaele, owners of the VanDaele Insurance building, for housing the mural.

Hatala began the mural installation just after Fairbank Island Days and was wrapped up in about twelve working days, during the middle of a heat wave, wrapping up on July 12. She stands around 35' high looking east down Main Street, but her focus is on her firefly friends in a Mason Jar, a memory most small-town kids can relate to.

"I've worked on a lot of community service projects over the years, but this one holds a very special place in my heart," said

Rochelle Kane. Kane said fundraising was the biggest hurdle to overcome. "I was so excited to be done with the fundraising stage, and thought once we had this project wrapped up, I was going to enjoy a fundraising hiatus for a while. Now that the mural is up, every time I drive by, I can't help but let other project ideas pop into my head. While we weren't able to make the move home like we intended, that doesn't stop us from being a part of the community in other ways. Maybe you haven't seen the last of us yet."

The committee is working with the Fairbank Library to schedule a date in August for the Hatala and committee members to do a presentation about the mural. Watch their Facebook pages, Fairbank Mural Project and Fairbank Library for the announcement of the date and time.

Hatala finds beauty in blank canvases

BY TAYLOR NOHREBERG
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

Many say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Except, anyone that stumbles upon the two-and-a-half story mural on Fairbank's 2nd Street North at VanDaele Insurance would surely pause to take in the beautiful piece crafted by the hands and precise work of Dan Hatala of Hatala Illustration.

The murals fell into place for the Waverly native only within the last decade, but the work Hatala has sprinkled around Iowa's towns says more than words with his talent.

"I just like the feel-good kind of images," he said. "I'm not into politics and stuff like that. I like doing things involving kids, and these murals are going in small towns."

He stems some of his inspiration from things he experienced as a child, like catching fireflies or blowing bubbles. Other murals he considers the town's history or the places where they are painted.

His work has brought him all over Northeast Iowa, with most recent projects located in Denver, Traer, Sumner, Delhi, Fredericksburg, his hometown of Waverly and many more. His projects keep him mainly around the Midwest, and he's only ever traveled furthest to central Nebraska.

Hatala never thought he'd end up in the art business a couple decades ago. It wasn't until his high school art teacher pushed



Dan Hatala is the mastermind behind the girl and the fireflies mural in Fairbank outside of VanDaele Insurance.

him to pursue his craft that he started to take it seriously.

"I went to Hawkeye tech in Waterloo for a couple years and then I started at an advertising agency in Waverly for a number of years, then went to an illustration studio in Waterloo that was a nationally-accredited place," he explained. "In '96' I left there and started on my own doing illustration work."

From then on, it's murals when the weather cooperates and in winter it's creating paintings for jigsaw puzzle companies or commissioned work.

"I try to do three puzzles every year for that," Hatala said. "When COVID hit, everybody stayed home, puzzle sales were great — almost three times a normal year."

Hatala's portfolio features another painting series that focuses on childhood dreams.

"There's usually a kid in a pedal car, pedal tractor," he said of the art. "That's followed me for 10 or 15 years."

Hatala said he's found his favorites within his mural series, and each new one usually gets into the top-five list as they come, adding that Fairbank's is his favorite followed by Fredericksburg's and Traer's mural of a farmer with his dog.

"The murals have been the most enjoyable thing for me to do," he said. "I really felt like 'Ok, this is what I'm meant to do.' It's somewhat of a legacy that will stay for a number of years."

Hatala was an artist for the U.S. Air Force a while back and they would send him around to different bases to capture the work being done there. It wasn't a paid position, but he was provided housing and the joy of giving back to those who give their all.

"Every year they'd fly you to Andrews Air Force base in Washington, D.C. and they had a big turnover," Hatala said. "While I was there, one of the Air Force paintings, we did a tour of the Pentagon and I saw it hanging on the wall in the Pentagon. It really touched me."

Hatala said, "That one was my happiest moment."

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those who are working hard to make the world a better place. We're proud to support these organizations that mean so

much to our neighbors in Fairbank and the surrounding communities."

Through POET's annual Community Impact Grant Program, individuals and organizations are invited to apply for

funding for projects aimed at changing their community for the better. The next grant cycle will open in the spring of 2025. For more information, visit poet.com/grants.

ANNIVERSARY

BUZYNSKI'S CELEBRATE 40 YEARS



Tom and Melaine Buzynski, of Fairbank will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on August 25, 2024.

Please send us your celebrations. Celebrations are free to submit. fairbankislander@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We have SO many people to thank!! Lunch in the park today we served nearly 100 people. It was so good to see some local faces who made the drive over to support our lunch. So thank you so much!! We appreciate it so much!

We want to thank everyone who donated to make this meal happen. By doing so we were able to donate 100% of the profits to the playground.

Thank you so much for the food donations or cash to purchase the food:

- Andrew & Shelby Williams & Family
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- JJ & Emily Little & Family - Little Vending
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- Ryan & Alexis Rausch & Family
- Kody & Jennifer Kottke & Family
- Ed & Heidi Moessner
- Kyle & Taylor Odneal & Family
- Adam & Julie Costello & Family
- Michael & Christy Gruetzmacher & Family

Farmer's Daughter Beef for a salad donation

Windy Knoll Farm for all of the meat for our maidrites, 35#!!

Rochelle Kane - Fischels Residential Agent for all the buns

We also need to give a huge shoutout to everyone who came over to help us set up, clean-up, & serve lunch today:

- Elizabeth Kempf
- Jordan Smith
- Heidi Moessner
- Jazlyn Childers (Jason N Amber Childers)
- Steve & Donna Neverman
- Angie Sabers
- And POET!! They sent over 6 employees today to help us, how awesome is that!!
- Andrew Willard
- Bryon Wilson
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So, if you have gotten this far, our total raised today for our playground was \$1,250.



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4-H ATOM BOMBERS FAIR HIGHLIGHTS



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Alivia Weepie and her two junior purples.

Many members in their first year bringing either a clover kid or static building project to fair. Alivia Weepie received jr. purple ribbons for both her sewing project and creative arts project. We graduated clover kids, Cambree Happel and Jake Brennan into our 4H club as we also said goodbye to our two seniors, Brock and Brody Kleitsch. Our club wants to thank the Kleitsch family, especially Breanda, for being an amazing club leader for the last 15 plus years. Your dedication to your community, youth, and this club has not gone unnoticed.



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Charlie Sweeney: Grand Champion Breeding Heifer & Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman.

Cece Sweeney: Multiple class winners in goat show.

Rachel Kaufman: Mini Hereford class winner.

Destry Peine: Reserve Breeding Gilt & Champion Senior Showman

Atom Bombers 4-H and Clover Kids had a successful week at the Buchanan county fair! Here are the highlights!



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Kennly Happel: Grand Champion Market Lamb, Reserve Champion Market Lamb, Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe, Champion Jr. Master Showman (Large Animals)

Jake Brennan: Pigs Jr. Funday Reserve Champion. Clover Kid poultry, rabbit, and goats participants.

Morgan Jipson: Champion Intermediate Showman (Small Animals), Champion Rate of Gain Meat Goats



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Steinbronn: chiropractor by day, Tough Mudder by weekend

BY TAYLOR NOHREBERG
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

To local Nate Steinbronn, the usual monotony of running boring roads and side-walks turned into a hobby that some in the fitness realm are turning to to prove themselves worthy of the medal all while bearing the cuts, scrapes and bruises.

While you may be thinking this is a marathon race that would strain any normal person's physical habits, this is instead running with a muddy twist. The Tough Mudder challenge can be various lengths with five miles or those with 12-14 miles of rough terrain, Steinbronn explained, including obstacle courses that test participants' willingness to continue.

"I've done them in Indiana on a hunting reserve and they had swamps you had to run through," he said of one of his adventures. "A lot of Spartan Races are a grip-strength based thing... you just have to be comfortable with grip strength even when you're really tired."

Steinbronn, who currently works at Fairbank Chiropractic helping patients with their pain and flexibility, is challenging his own body as he jumps into his eighth year of Spartan races.

"I like to have something to train for other than working out to work out," he said of the races. "It's my 31st birthday in October so I want to prove I can still do them."

Recently, Steinbronn competed outside of the Twin Cities in Minnesota for a three to five mile Tough Mudder challenge



COURTESY PHOTO

Nate Steinbronn (right) and friend Aaron Schrock recently competed in a Tough Mudder challenge up near the Twin Cities. Steinbronn has competed in Mudder challenges and Spartan Races for eight years now.

after friend Aaron Schrock wanted to try out a course.

"I'm hoping to convince him to do a longer race in December, but we'll see," Steinbronn said of the upcoming 21k race.

The courses are not for the weak willed. Spartan Races are known to challenge the person's mental and physical abilities, hence the name "Spartan" Races. The Tough Mudder series is a slight variation of

Spartan Races with often the same obstacles, Steinbronn said. The only difference is the latter is individual-based instead of companions helping others get through the obstacles.

"It's a lot of community kind of thing, you just want to do those things with someone," he said. "My little boy came with me and it was fun because he ran a little bit along with me through the last mile and a

half."

Along with running through various terrains, Tough Mudder participants go through a series of obstacle courses that would make anyone shy away or get excited at the thrill. During Steinbronn's course, he and Schrock had to climb the "Mudderhorn," or a giant A-frame structure with netting that reaches 40-feet high; scale a greased 13-foot quarter pipe called "Everest;" and participate in electroshock therapy, to which the Tough Mudder website states is a "rite of passage for most participants."

Electroshock therapy is a path of wires that dangle from the structure that will shock 10,000 volts into the toughest participants as they scramble through mud, hay, water and trenches.

To train for these kinds of events, Steinbronn spent his Memorial Day weekend doing a Murph Challenge. The challenge was founded in memory of Navy SEAL Michael Murphy who was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 and awarded the Medal of Honor.

Steinbronn explained that a Murph Challenge involves wearing a weighted vest, usually around 20 pounds, running a mile, doing various exercises in between and running another mile. While his workout isn't exactly this, he says he completes a variation that will suit his distance goal that day.

"I don't typically train continuous running because I find it monotonous and boring, which is why I do these kinds of things," he admitted.

This last race was a shorter

variant of what he's used to, and Steinbronn said he was confident going into it.

"This one I was really confident because I've done a lot longer races and I've been training pretty hard recently," he said. "The one that would be in December I will be a little bit stressed out about, and I've done them before and I didn't have enough time to adequately train."

He will be running a 10k in the future between his next Tough Mudder event in December to prepare for the next race.

The events bring in people from all walks of life, including the most unlikely suspects. Steinbronn said in one of his races he saw a woman competing in her 70s and he helped her up a hill, and that the community has notable figures of its own.

"There's a legend in the Spartan community who is in his 80s now who does four or five races a year," he said. "I don't know if he does the obstacles or if he just does them as a trial to test the elevation to continually move."

"You see fathers, sons and grandfathers running together," he remarked.

The Tough Mudder finisher says it's about pushing yourself and seeing what the community has to offer that you wouldn't find elsewhere.

"They seem unapproachable but there's so many types of people," he said. "If you can run a 5k, you can compete in most of these kinds of things. It's a fun experience that's worth trying."

Little Wapsie Communications donates to community

COURTESY PHOTO

Little Wapsie Communications held a campaign for new customers that signed up before the Fairbank Island Days - the installation fee of \$50 would be donated back to the community. On July 10th, 2024, at the Music in the Park Event, Ethan Kleitsch of Little Wapsie Communications, presented a check for \$1,400.00 to Tammy Erickson, President of the Fairbank Community Club.



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Wapsie Valley 2024-25 School Year Set To Kick Off On August 23

We are excited to be starting a new school year at Wapsie Valley in a few weeks! Last year was an extremely successful year with activities and academics and we look to continue to improve in the 24-25 school year.

LETRS

Last year, Fairbank and Readlyn Elementaries completed year 1 of an initiative called LETRS. LETRS stands for Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling. LETRS is a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling, and related language skills. It provides educators with in-depth knowledge and tools that they can use with any reading program.

The second year of LETRS training focuses on language comprehension. It covers the strands of Scarborough's Reading Rope model, including vocabulary, language and reading, comprehension, and writing. This program helps all of our teachers to better understand the issues children encounter with reading and how to help them through those issues.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Another research-based initiative that all staff have been doing for several years at Wapsie Valley is called Professional Learning Communities, or PLC. A professional learning community is an organizational structure by design that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students. The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices are monitored through the PLC design to ensure teacher effectiveness and most importantly student learning.

Leader in Me (LIM)

Finally, Leader in Me is an evidence-based, social emotional learning process that helps schools proactively design a culture that reflects their vision of their ideal school. It also empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

JH/HS Facility Improvements

The Wapsie Valley Board of Directors approved borrowing against future proceeds of SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education- AKA one cent sales tax) monies to make facility improvements at the Junior High/High School building. These improvements will include continuing with the HVAC system and updating the track and football field. Please understand that these updates, and where the money comes from, do NOT affect property tax rates.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to another great year at WV! Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!

Sincerely,
Chris Hoover
Wapsie Valley Superintendent

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Wapsie Valley FFA Involvement at the 2024 Buchanan County Fair

Buchanan County Fair was held July 16th-21st, 2024 at the Buchanan County Fair Grounds in Independence, Iowa. During the fair week, Wapsie Valley FFA members were involved in various community service and fundraising activities in addition to member's livestock projects.

Destry Peine exhibited swine and was named senior showmanship champion. Destry also received reserve champion breeding gilt, as well as blue ribbons in multiple classes. Destry Peine and Dallas Tisue exhibited sheep and received blue ribbons in multiple classes. Madyson Richards exhibited dairy cattle and was named senior showmanship reserve champion. Richards also received banners for exhibiting the reserve grand



COURTESY PHOTO

Wapsie Valley FFA Members Even Wedemeier, Mae Wedemeier and Ryker Oberle at the Tenderloin Supper working alongside Independence FFA members.

champion calf/yearling and reserve grand champion supreme dairy.

In addition to the livestock shows, Andrew Matthias repre-

sented the chapter as an candidate escort at the fair queen coronation and multiple members assisted at the Buchanan County FFA Tenderloin Meal.



Above left: Madyson Richards and her reserve grand champion calf/yearling. Above right: Destry Peine and Dallas Tisue exhibiting sheep at the 2024 Buchanan County Sheep Show.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe bus trip

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Amish First Responder Fundraiser

Chris West Fairbank Fire Chief and Shawn Streetmatter Hazleton Fire Chief were contacted by some of the members of the Amish Community about having a fundraiser for the area Fire Departments and Ems Services. "This is the first time the community has done something like this for the Fire Depts and Ems services" Chief Shawn Streetmatter and Chief Chris West said.

Both Chiefs said, "they could not be more Grateful and humbled by what the Amish Community wants to do for the area departments." "We cannot express how much gratitude we have for our neighbors wanting to put something like this together for us. We usually do our own fundraising, but having them wanting to support us in their own way is truly amazing. Thank you."

The Fundraiser will be held on August 16th, 2024 from 4pm-7pm at the Wapsie Produce Auction House located at Amish BLVD and C-57.

This is a free will Donation Supper serving Fish and Chicken with sides. They will have assorted raffles and a Live Auction starting at 6:30 pm. This is open to the public to come enjoy some great food and camaraderie.



IMPORTANT SUMP PUMP INFORMATION NOTICE

The Iowa DNR requires the city to limit the infiltration of rainwater into the sanitary sewer system.

One of the requirements is to reduce the flow from outside sources such as rainwater infiltration and inflow, sump pump connections, and exterior foundation drains. All eave trough spouts should have extensions which discharge a minimum of six (6) feet from the foundation. The ground around the foundation should also slope away from the house to maximize drainage.

The city personnel have been working to reduce rainwater surface inflow into the sanitary sewer by examining and modifying manhole castings and lids, manhole structures, and diverting storm water at the wastewater treatment plant site. However, we also need the help of Fairbank property owners. Please take a few minutes to check the sump pump to make sure it is working properly and is discharging outside the house.

Listed below are selected portions of Chapter 95 of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining surface water drainage and right of entry:

***95.04.2 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE.** No person shall connect a roof downspout, exterior foundation drain, area drain, sump pump, or other sources of surface water runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain that is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

***95.07 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters.

The Superintendent or representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

***95.09.1 NOTICE OF VIOLATION.** Any person found to be violating any provision of the chapters except subsections 1, 3, and 4 of Section 95.04, shall be served with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated, permanently cease all violations.

***95.09.2 CONTINUING VIOLATIONS.** Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection 1 hereof shall be in violation of the Code of Ordinances. Each day in which any such violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

***95.09.3 LIABILITY IMPOSED.** Any person violating any of the provisions of these chapters shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the City by reason of such violation.

If violators are observed in the near future, a fine may be assessed to the property owner. We don't want to have to report a bypass of raw sewage to the Department of Natural Resources, so your cooperation is needed! Direct any questions to Brian Delagardelle at 319-635-2869.

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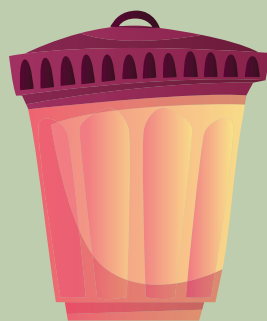
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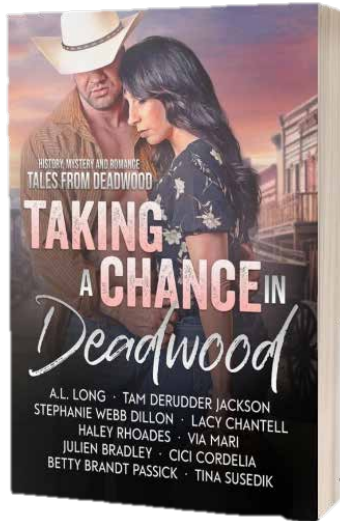
Author John Steinbeck wrote: "I wonder how many people I've looked at all my life, but never really seen."

This is largely the reason I write historical fiction. Researching and retelling the stories of people—both ordinary and famous—who lived long ago, is repeatedly eye-opening.

Growing up in the Fairbank area during the 1950s-60s, my siblings and I played "cowboys and Indians," and we knew of legendary names like "Wild Bill Hickok" and "Calamity Jane." Those days were a time of innocence, really; we knew little of the real stories that transpired in U.S. history in the developing Wild, Wild West.

When I signed up to attend Wild Deadwood Reads 2024 in Deadwood, South Dakota, June 13-16, and learned the book fair planned to publish its seventh annual anthology of stories set in Deadwood, I decided to research and write a novella, "A Thousand Miles from Boyhood," and tell the story of Wild Bill Hickok.

Born James B. Hickok in 1837, I imagined his life beginning with that day in May 1876 he departed Cheyenne,



My novella was among ten stories chosen to be included in the WDR anthology, and received a nice mention in the book review, "Stories set in SD shine in 'Taking a Chance in Deadwood' anthology," by the Black Hills Pioneer, July 24, 2024.

Legendary authors attend the WDR multi-genre book fair—this year, the event attracted over eighty authors, many who are New York Times or USA Today bestselling writers of romance, suspense, thriller, and mystery genres.

Three renowned authors made up the sixty-minute panel discussion that I moderated, "Tools of the Trade: Researching Historical Mysteries":

Carol Kjar is a history lover and a former volunteer and seasonal employee with the Black Hills National Forest heritage staff and the South Dakota Archeological Society. She graduated from Black Hills State University with a minor in history and a love of doing research. She's published one historical romance, has a historical women's fiction in draft, and is writing a third. Having spent her youth in what is now considered a historical era, she feels rather historical herself.

Lynn Donovan is an author, playwright, and director who

chasing her muses trying to write their stories. The results are over 100 published books and one play. You never know what her muses will come up with for a story, so you could see a novel under any given genre. All that can be said is keep looking, these muses won't sit still for long! Oh, there they go again...

Parker J. Cole is an USA Today Bestselling author of historical romance, as well as a speaker, podcast host, and CEO of the podcast network PJC Media. She lives in Michigan with a plethora of interests and her four-legged daughter Princess.

My introduction to the audience: I grew up in the small town of Fairbank, Iowa, where few people would expect the idea for a Gangster Series, yet this is where I drew inspiration for my premier historical mystery novel, Gangster in Our Midst, Bookkeeper, Lieutenant, and Sometimes Hitman for Al Capone (2017). I returned to "Oxbow" during the pandemic to write The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie (2021), which tells an earlier piece of the gangster story. A third novel in the series will follow in summer 2024. I invite you to visit my hometown of about a thousand people...a lovely community of 'towns-

folk and farmers; hobos, Amish and gangsters' (a quote from Gangster in our Midst).

The year 2024 marks my tenth anniversary since publishing my first book, a memoir.

Along the way, I've uncovered a few gold nuggets (of truth) myself: No two stories of people living in a given era are exactly the same. Human nature never changes. When one makes mistakes along the way, it's best to learn from them and get on with life. None of us gets out of this alive. We should all live the life we know in our DNA that we've been called to live—now.

If Wild Bill Hickok was alive today, he'd probably add an additional insight: "Pick your stool at the table carefully, very carefully."

* Purchase any of my books at the Fairbank Food Center, and \$5.00 from the sale of each book will be donated to the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation. Donations are made at year-end.

NEW PROJECT: I'm hoping to write a series of articles about some of the oldest farms in the Fairbank area: "Farming -- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!" Contact me if you're interested in telling your farming story.

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3rd/4th Grade Baseball: Back row: Jace Willwerth, Kade Willwerth, Ray Murphy, Collin Laube, Calvin Jones. Middle Row: Dryden Etringer, Eastyn Henderson, Huxton Freese, Breckyn Schultz, Kamden Mangrich, Colton Williams, William Kepmf. Front Row: Silas Coffin, Easton Kleitsch, Jax Klendworth, Colton Hesse. Coaches: Cody Jones, TJ Murphy, Mason Kleitsch. Congrats on an undefeated season! 16-0.



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1st/2nd Grade Baseball: Back Row: Hudson Kane, Sawyer Rechkemmer, Jett Coffin. Middle row: Daxton Destival, Ryken Parkes, Wyatt West, Leo Kempf, Carver Jones, Jed Wedemeier. Front Row: Hoyt Hutschenreuter, Jaxson Tiedt, Drayson Etringer, Isaac Kleitsch, Killian Leach. Coaches: Ryan Kleitsch, Mitch Coffin, Cody Jones. Congrats on an undefeated season.



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Back row: Coaches Amy Becker, Tammy Kaufman, Jenna Beck. **Middle Row:** Bella Tiedt, Addison Bockholt, Samantha Becker, Jensen Beck, Brielle Schellhorn. **Front row:** Alivia Weepie, Riya Kelly, Anika Bate, Kate Stuber, Rachel Kaufman.



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Back row Kallie Kleitch (coach)
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Brooklyn Laube,

Front row :
Parkes Kambreii
, Foster Kimber
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, Close Kinzlee,
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Another great season in the books: T-Ball



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Neal Beck Jayden Beck Louis Beck Julian Nate Hudson Kane kallen Bentley ivy coffin not pictured coach tiffany coffin



Coaches Cortney Matthias and Jennifer Kottke. Kids Rowdy Stewart, Joseph Gallery, Caden Matthias, Spencer Hill, Eden Downs, Sloane Janssen, and Parker Kottke



Coach Michael Gruetzmacher. Russell Ceras, Breela Fenton, Avery Hauersperger, Mila Stottmeister, Penelope Stoner, Ayden Donahue



Red Team: Ashlea Jones, Coach, Zane DeLance, Carissa Jones, Adelaide Myers, Maija Farley, Ruby Land, Atticus Bartels and Tessa Irvin, Coach.



Coaches Mandy Bockholt, James Stammeyer, Megan Stammeyer 2nd row Madison Shonka, Daklyn DeLance, Scarlett Hill, Kiley Willard, Grace Begley, Gloria Ruplaugh Front row Finley Stammeyer, Jaelyn Wilken, Lexi Bockholt, Elsie Weepie, Ayla Schultz, Berkley Close



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The beginning of August is a trigger for big season change in our house! No more laying by the pool and watching the days go by...

Cody and the WV Football coaches are chomping at the bit to see where all of their off-season work stacks up. There is always work to do and fundamentals to pin down, so our family will see Coach Jones again sometime in November.

Calvin and Carver are also in two leagues of flag football having their own fun making plays and making memories. This is their favorite sport. There is nothing better than watching them compete and make new friends.

Carissa (a.k.a. Squish) and I squeeze in Ice Cream Cone dates whenever we can while we chauffeur the madness. She makes friends on the sidelines and is her brothers' and Dad's biggest cheerleader!

No idle hands in our house! Hopefully there is a smooth transition from summer to school for all of our WV and CLS students!



Something that translates from our coaching adventures to my profession as a Financial Advisor is prioritizing the best interest of those we serve. Not all kids are at the same level of athletic ability just like not all clients have the same amount of assets or the same goals and ambitions. Our fiduciary duty requires us to customize our approach to each individual's needs. In addition to the fiduciary rule, I am a huge believer in a collaborative team approach! I don't think any single advisor has the bandwidth to navigate clients + the constant changes in investments and legislation + financial planning + market volatility at all times.

I am lucky enough to work alongside my mentor and Partner of the firm, Joe Harrish, as well as our Financial Planner, Taylor Yaw, who keeps us organized and efficient. Between the three of us, we are so much more effective than anything we can do alone and of course, it is much more fun!



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June Library Fun!



Story Time Fun!

We welcomed a new Library Pet named Spots!



Art Explosion Day Camp was brought to us by the Iowa State Extension office! What a fun-filled day!



Summer Reading on July 18th we made bug catching jars!



In Loving Memory

Mary Lou Weepie

The Housemaid is Watching from Adam, Julie, Sylvia & Weston Costello
Music For Tigers from Tony Salisbury
Forgotten on Sunday from Vince, Ashley, Brantley & Brody Nolan
50 States 1,000 Eats from Brian & Dorothy Ott
Expiration Dates from Crystal, Mitch, Matthias & Ashton Thompson
The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians from Brian & Dorothy Ott
California Golden from Ron & Carol Woods
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Jules vs. The Ocean from Alex, Michelle, Tate, Joanna, Addi & Jett Weepie
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In memory of Mary Lou Weepie

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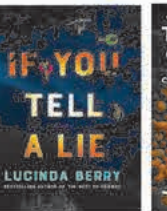
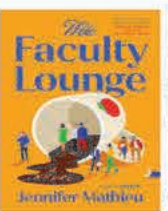
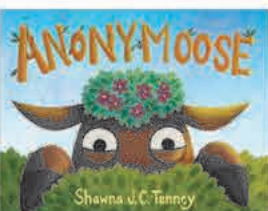
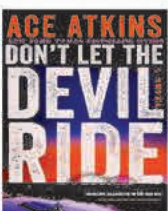
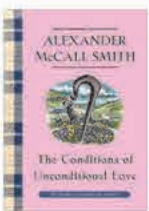
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday July 8, 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; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. Motion by Erickson, second by Gruetzmacher to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: June 24, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report for June 2024, and the Payment of Bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Treasurer's Report for the Month of June 2024: Revenues - General, \$40,358.62; Special Revenue, \$31,449.56; TIF, \$1,218.39; Capital Projects, \$534.00; Permanent Funds, \$20.93; Proprietary, \$162,844.16; and Transfers In, \$402,771.09. Disbursements - General, \$52,330.59; Special Revenue, \$7,601.37; Proprietary, \$365,659.74; Capital Projects, \$2,175.75; and Transfers Out, \$402,771.09. Balance on hand at close of business on June 30, 2024, was \$5,579,846.93.

There was no one present for the informal public comment section. Councilman R. Woods stated that the utility committee interviewed applicants over a month ago and had narrowed it down to one. The utility committee recommended hiring Lonnie Brewer as a public works employee. They felt that he would make a great fit. R. Woods/Williams to approve the hiring of Lonnie Brewer as Public Works for the City of Fairbank. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The quote received from GameTime for the replacement part needed for the glider at the Fairbank Ball Diamond was \$2,059.09. The Council felt that was expensive and Councilwoman Erickson and the City Clerk will look for any additional options and those will be presented at a future meeting.

The start of the ball diamond upgrade project was discussed. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that there was around \$23,645.00 in the bank for the project and another \$15,000.00 coming from the Buchanan County Grant Foundation but won't be received until later July. He had talked with Cody Kleitsch, and he said he would haul the material to town for a cheaper price than the original quote from Ogden Turf & Grading LLC. Approval was needed from the council to get Fairbank added to their schedule for this fall. Erickson motioned to go ahead with the project contingent with money raised and funds received. There was worry about committing to a project before all the money was received and how it would be paid for if something fell through or if the quotes changed. The quote from Ogden Turf & Grading LLC was \$42,527.15 and the quote from Daktronics was \$9,870.84 for a total of just under \$52,400.00 and there is currently only \$23,645.00 in the bank. Gruetzmacher was asked to get more of a contract to approve and that would update the quotes that were dated March of 2024. Councilwoman rescinded her motion. Erickson/Williams to approve tabling the item until a contract could be received and reviewed. Motion carried.

The goal setting session will be held on July 22, 2024, starting around 7:00 pm.

Plans were submitted by Benny and Nita Nuhiji to the Council that showed an outdoor patio area at Costa's. Collin Woods from Woods Construction and Benny Nuhiji were both present and stated that Costa's currently only owns about two feet past their building towards the west and the plans included a twenty-foot wide by thirty-two-foot outdoor patio area. Mayor Kayser stated that the City Attorney had mentioned that the City could make a lease agreement with the owners of Costa's for them to use that portion of the land for the outdoor area. They could start with an approval to draft a lease agreement and go from there. Benny stated that he would rather own the land instead of dealing with a lease. Councilman Gruetzmacher agreed that he'd rather see that portion sold. Gruetzmacher/Erickson to move forward with pursuing the steps needed for possibly selling that section of the lot. Ayes: Three. Abstain: R. Woods and Williams. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to purchase a couple of no parking signs for the area by the concession stand at the Fairbank Ball Diamond. Motion carried. The ordinance will be updated and passed at future meetings.

T. Woods/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2024-19 - Resolution Naming Depositories. Ayes: Four. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None.

A resolution was drafted as part of the process of tracking how the American Rescue Plan Act Funds are being spent. Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve Resolution 2024-20 - Resolution Establishing a Project Using the Second Portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. The resolution stated that the second half of the funds received of \$85,260.48 will be used towards the 2023-2024 Main Street Project. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk's attendance at the 2024 Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and Exhibit. Motion carried.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Councilwoman Erickson wanted to remind everyone of the Music in the Park event happening that coming Wednesday evening. She also stated that Mitch Coffin had told her that they would donate the shingling of the roof if the shelter was rebuilt at Veteran's Park. Councilman T. Woods brought up maybe seeing about adding some pavement to an area by West Bently Park to make getting into the park easier and to have the least amount of damage done to the grass. New sand at the volleyball courts was discussed. Hoping for some good weather so that project can be completed.

During the department reports, Police Chief Drish said that they had to send in their camera DVR system to be fixed. He also updated everyone on the activities the department had been up to. Brian stated they had another walkthrough for the Main Street project and the area at the corner of Fourth Street and Grove Street was being corrected. He also wanted to let the council know that the sewer plant had been running nonstop with over

10 million gallons since the first of May. He wanted to remind everyone that the DNR requires the City to limit the water flow of rainwater infiltration into the sewer system and to check their sump pumps to make sure they are working properly and are discharging outside the house and not into the sanitary sewer system. Mayor Kayser stated that Heather Hanson will be stepping away from the pool board at the end of the season if anyone knows someone who would be interested in that roll next year. Councilman Gruetzmacher said that Little League was over and that he wanted to thank all the coaches. Slow pitch softball will be starting Sunday. He asked if the tree next to the concession stand at the Fairbank Ball Diamond could be trimmed by Public Works. He also asked what is charged to rent a shelter in the parks. Currently it is free will donation for any shelter rentals in town but only two people have provided any donation money so far this year. He thought maybe charging a fee for the rental could be a way to bring in some money for the parks.

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

Bills for the Month of July 2024

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Buchanan Co Secondary Roads, Overlay Project	\$ 155,260.17
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Butler County Rec, Services	\$ 1,200.58
Carrico Aquatic Products, Supplies	\$ 2,113.13
Casey's General Stores, Gas	\$ 573.00
City of Fairbank, Replenish Petty/Postage Cash	\$ 69.47
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation	\$ 5,569.54
Peyton Curley, Umpire Fees	\$ 50.00
Dakota Supply Group, Supplies	\$ 165.25
Brian Delagardelle, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Don's Truck Sales, Reimbursement	\$ 704.35
Engineered Equipment Solutions, Supplies	\$ 222.77
Fairbank Food Center, Concessions	\$ 6.79
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Gall's Inc., Supplies	\$ 67.98
Gateway Hotel & Conference, Training	\$ 293.44
Gordon Flesch Company Inc., Services	\$ 114.14
Grainger, Inc., Supplies	\$ 325.16
Haynes Equipment Co., Supplies	\$ 201.89
IA Dept of Natural Resources, Water Supply Fee	\$ 121.89
IA Dept of Public Safety, BOT Services	\$ 1,200.00
Iowa Codification, Inc., Services	\$ 361.00
Iowa League of Cities, FY25 Dues	\$ 1,032.00
Iowa One Call, Locates	\$ 28.80
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water	\$ 10,618.24
Sandra Iversen, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
John Deere Financial, Supplies	\$ 16.58
Kluesner Sanitation, LLC., July Pick-up Fees	\$ 7,534.80
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Lifemed Safety, Inc., Tests & Inspection	\$ 1,390.00
Macqueen Equipment LLC., Annual Services	\$ 1,096.01
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$ 528.00
Midwest Breathing Air, Annual Air Test	\$ 1,569.10
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$ 675.91
Myers-Cox Co., Concessions	\$ 379.58
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 50.00
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publications	\$ 204.12
Randy's Lawn Care & Snow, Services	\$ 3,900.00
Sam's Club Mc/Synco, Concessions	\$ 585.53
Scott Pharmacy, Supplies	\$ 3.00
Danny Suckles, Umpire Fees	\$ 100.00
Patricia Scott, Services	\$ 20.00
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, Supplies	\$ 114.78
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$ 74.55
Treasurer-State of Iowa, June 2024 Sales Tax	\$ 2,826.09
Treasurer State of Iowa, June 2024 Water Excise Tax	\$ 1,204.45
U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes	\$ 5,647.77
UnityPoint Clinic-Occupational, Drug Testing	\$ 84.00
USA Bluebook, Supplies	\$ 395.27
Van Meter Inc., Supplies	\$ 293.53
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	\$ 177.84
Visa, Training/Microsoft Email Accounts/AVAYA Phone System/Supplies	\$ 1,043.53
Elle Voy, Umpire Fees	\$ 400.00
Roxanne Wenner, Services	\$ 150.00
Brent Wierck, Services	\$ 825.00
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$ 67.74
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on July 3, 2024:	
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$ 126.28
Angela Berg, Mileage	\$ 26.20
Baker & Taylor Inc., Supplies	\$ 1,305.42
Biblionex, Subscription	\$ 880.00
Kinetic Performance, Services	\$ 75.00
Premier Technology, Services	\$ 200.00
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Visa, Microsoft Email Accounts/AVAYA Phone System	\$ 53.37
Roxanne Wenner, Services	\$ 200.00
Jason Kayser, Mayor	
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk	



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Public Release for Schools Operating the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program

The Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services, has finalized its policy for free and reduced price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program and the Afterschool Care Snack Program. State and Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective 7-1-2024)

Household Size	Free Meals					Reduced Price Meals				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	19,578	1,632	816	753	377	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536
2	26,572	2,215	1,108	1,022	511	37,814	3,152	1,576	1,455	728
3	33,566	2,798	1,399	1,291	646	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919
4	40,560	3,380	1,690	1,560	780	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110
5	47,554	3,963	1,982	1,829	915	67,673	5,640	2,820	2,603	1,302
6	54,548	4,546	2,273	2,098	1,049	77,626	6,469	3,235	2,986	1,493
7	61,542	5,129	2,565	2,367	1,184	87,579	7,299	3,650	3,369	1,685
8	68,536	5,712	2,856	2,636	1,318	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,752	1,876
For each additional family member add:										
6,994	583	292	269	135	9,953	830	415	383	192	

Households may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits one of four ways. Households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for reduced price meals or free meals, if they complete an application for free and reduced price school meals/milk. Households may complete one application listing all children and return it to your student's school. When completing an application, only the last four digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member is needed.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households, students receiving benefits under the Family Investment Program (FIP) and students in a few specific Medicaid programs are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Most students from SNAP and FIP households will be qualified for free meals automatically. These households will receive a letter from their student's schools notifying them of their benefits. Households that receive a letter from the school need to do nothing more for their student(s) to receive free or reduced price meals. No further application is necessary. If any students were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free or reduced price meal benefits extended to them. If you feel you would qualify for free meal benefits and received notification qualifying for reduced price benefits, complete an application for free and reduced price meals. Households must contact the school if they choose to decline meal benefits.

Some SNAP and FIP households will receive a letter from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) which will qualify the children listed on the letter for free meals. Parents must take this letter to the student's school to receive free meals.

SNAP or FIP households receiving benefits that do not receive a letter from Iowa HHS must complete an application with the abbreviated information as indicated on the application and instructions, for their students to receive free meals. When the application lists an assistance program's case number for any household member, eligibility for free benefits is extended to all students in a household.

Eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same school for up to 30 operating days into the new school year. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their students are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the students must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility. An application cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. If a family member becomes unemployed the family should contact the school to complete an application. Households notified of their student's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits.

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. Some foster students will be qualified for free meals automatically through the state direct certification process. Their host family will receive notification of these benefits. Families that receive this notification from the school need to do nothing more for their foster students to receive free meals. If a family has foster students living with them and does not receive notification and wishes to apply for such meals, instructions for making application for such students are contained on the application form. A foster student may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other students. Including students in foster care as household members may help other students in the household qualify for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster student from receiving benefits. Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals based on a completed application.

When known by the school, households will be notified of any child eligible for free meals if the children are enrolled in the Head Start/Even Start program or are considered homeless, migrant or runaway. If any children are not listed on the notice of eligibility, contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits. If households are dissatisfied with the application approval done by the officials, they may make a formal appeal either orally or in writing to the school's designated hearing official. The policy statement on file at the school contains an outline of the hearing procedure. School officials may verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal criminal statutes. Households should contact their local school for additional information.

There will be no discrimination against individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in the school meal programs.

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**Wapsie Valley CSD
Special School Board Meeting Minutes**

July 24, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 PM

A. Directors: Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe

B. Administration: Chris Hoover, & Principal Forsyth (6:13-6:20 PM)

C. Board Secretary: Kim Arndt

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

3. Discussion was held on the decision to sell Rural 3 building to Erwin & Laura Gingerich or have it moved off

their land. Wapsie Valley CSD received an offer of \$20,000 from the Gingerich's. Decision was made to

counter offer approximately \$56,000 to cover the cost of materials to construct the building and add bath-

rooms.

4. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to table the resolution to set a public hearing date for the sale of Rural #3.

Motion carried 5-0

5. Setting public hearing date died to lack of motion.

6. Mr. Hoover will discuss the best options to accommodate people that park in the handicap spots with Mr.

Bergman. Can add spots if needed.

7. Other Business-Kaufman would like to see Don Bosco taken off the wrestling schedule if we have

meets scheduled with them for the upcoming school year.

8. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to adjourn at 7:22 PM Motion carried 5-0. Respectfully

submitted

Kim Arndt

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School registration takes place online

Dear Warrior Families-

We are continuing to do school registration this year online! We appreciate all of the grace and understanding last year as it was our first year of implementing this process at Wapsie Valley! 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 Thursday, July 18, at 8:00 am until Tuesday, August 6. (Please do NOT try to register before July 18 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 Thursday, July 18, 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 'Online Registration'. This will take you to the school registration. (Please do NOT try to register before July 18 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.

https://iacloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/wapsie_valley.jsp

2) For those families who do NOT have a parent portal account (including new students to the district)- On Thursday, July 18, a link will be sent to ALL families, via email, that can be used to access school registration. The link will be active by 8:00 a.m. that day. You will be able to click on the link, type it into your web browser, or copy and paste it into your browser. The link will also be found on the home-



age of the Wapsie Valley School District website at www.wapsievalleyschools.com (**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.

3) Parents registering students for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten- Please choose 00 for grade level under the Student heading in Demographics.

4) When registering a 7-12 student- All 7-12 students must have the Athletics Participation section completed even if they are NOT participating in any athletics.

HELP DESK

If you need assistance with the registration process please call our help desk on the following dates and times: (Please do NOT try to register before July 18 as the site is still under construction.)

Help Desk #: 319-638-6711

Dates: July 18, 22, 23, 24, 25

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

If you need help completing your registration, or need access to a computer or internet, please contact any Wapsie Valley school office. 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 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.)

FORMS

All forms that are required are available online and at all the buildings. They may be uploaded during the registration process OR turned into the building your child attends before school starts.

If your 7th-12th grade student is participating in any school-sponsored athletics, physicals will be required to be uploaded through the Bound app. The link is below:

FINALLY

1) More information will be coming about Elementary Fall and Spring Conference Sign-Up.

2) 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. Thank you and Go Warriors!

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