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Community Christmas Party at Parkview Assisted Living

'Tis the Season!

Mark your calendar - and join the fun at the Community Christmas Party at Parkview Assisted Living in Fairbank on Thursday, December 8th. The festivities start at 1:30 pm.

Entertainment will be provided by the Union Dicken's Carolers. This is a great show with many of your favorite holiday carols, and will surely get you in the Christmas spirit! There will be lots of holiday snacks and goodies, too!

Everyone welcome to attend, both men and women. If you like, bring a friend! This event is sponsored by the local Fairbank churches. Plan to attend... it will be a great way to kick off the holiday season!



There was a great turnout for the first Ladies Night at the Fairbank Legion on Thursday, Nov. 10th. There were lots of vendors offering some nice Christmas gift items and décor, along with drink specials and lots of snacks and socializing!! If you didn't attend, you missed a good time!! Hopefully this will be an annual event!!

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Saturday, December 10th
10:00am – 11:00am

FAIRBANK AMERICAN LEGION

Sponsored by Fairbank Community Club

Buchanan County Tourism
Presents
Holidays at the Depot
November 25 - December 11
ONLINE AUCTION

There's still time to celebrate the spirit of the season by supporting this fundraiser! Holiday at the Depot is an event that takes place every year at the Depot in Independence. The building is filled with Christmas trees, wreaths, and miscellaneous decorations that have been decorated & donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals in the county. Live viewing will take place yet this Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon to 4:00 pm. The Depot is located on

Hwy. 150 as you come into Independence from the south (close to the fairgrounds.) All items are available for purchase by bidding at the online auction which runs thru December 10. just go to: www.32auctions.com/holidaysatthedepot2022. All bidding will be conducted through the website. Pickup will be managed Sunday, Dec. 11th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

The public will pick the Holiday Lighting Contest winners

Are your holiday decorations all in place? It's time for the Holiday Lighting Contest to begin. This is an annual event sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club. The top ten households will receive \$25.00 in Fairbank Bucks.

But there's something new this year. The public will be the judges. Look for the ad on page 9 and cut out the entry form. Write in your choices and drop the form off at Fairbank Food Center or Northeast Security Bank. There will be a box at each location. On the ad, there is also a barcode you can scan and do your voting on-line.

Your entry needs to be received no later than Dec. 10th. The committee hopes to announce the winners on December 12th.



"Good Record By Baptist Churches"
Reprinted from: Oelwein Daily Register, 1913
Submitted by Betty Passick

GOOD RECORD BY BAPTIST CHURCHES

Following is a statistical report of the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Cedar Valley Association of Baptist Churches, which was held at Fairbank on Sept. 24, 25 and 26, 1913.

An increase in membership of 121 was made during the year, which makes the total membership 817. Number of baptisms, 101. The amount given for benevolences, including the cost of Champlin chapel, \$4,804. The total contribution for all objects was \$11,564. The average Sunday school attendance was 400.



By Brylee Bellis

I think it is safe to say that the warm weather has officially left for the year. With frigid temperatures quickly approaching, snow is beginning to decorate surfaces for

miles, trees are beginning to light up windows, and Christmas tunes are being heard from locations in all directions.

Even with all the spirit, this time of year can bring so many emotions for people. Find some time to enjoy the opportunities and time spent with family. Make those unforgettable memories with the ones who bring you so much joy, find peace and comfort in remembering your

dear loved ones, and most importantly, gratefully celebrate the true reason for this beautiful season!

With that said, I challenge you to take time from gift wrapping and getting your last minute online shopping done to attend a church service, donate to those in need or contribute to some community service.

Wishing everyone a very, Merry Christmas!

Northeast Iowa Dance Academy students to appear in Williams Center Production

OELWEIN: Northeast Iowa Dance Academy Director, Anna Kerns, is proud to announce that some of NI-DAS advanced students performed in the Williams Center for the Performing Arts holiday show, Christmas with the Celts, on Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

The students worked with the stage manager and were thrilled to have the experience of performing onstage with the Celtic company. The choreography for the dances showcasing the NIDA students was developed by Anna Kerns and the students themselves.

Participating in the show were MacKenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Izsy Fauser, Karlee Fuelling, Ellianna Meike, Jory Mortenson, Addison Penhollow, Autumn Sullivan, and Isabella Weig. Christmas with the Celts originally aired on PBS in the US, Canada and on the BBC in Ireland.



Front Row (L-R): Ella Weig, Ellie Meike. Middle Row (L-R): Karlee Fuelling, Elsie Fauser, McKenzie Christian. Back Row (L-R): Izsy Fauser, Jory Mortenson, Autumn Sullivan, Addison Penhollow

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You are invited to an Ugly Sweater CHRISTMAS PARTY & FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY December 17th Starting at 7:45pm
FAIRBANK AMERICAN LEGION
Fundraiser - 100% proceeds go to Hadley Brown & Andy Harter.
Prizes will be awarded for the most outrageous outfits!
Starting the night off with FREE Beer... so come early!

As many of you know, there are two families within the Wapsie Valley community that were dealt some unfortunate news over the recent months. We wanted to bring this event back to help raise money for these families and come together as a community during the holidays to show our support. #thewarriorway

We are holding an Ugly Sweater Party with 100% of all money collected being donated towards the families of Hadley Brown and Andy Harter. Hadley was recently diagnosed with a complicated Brain Tumor and is currently undergoing proton beam radiation over the next six weeks at Mayo. Andy was recently diagnosed with ALS and is currently living life to the fullest.

We will have a DJ playing those beats starting at 8pm. Prizes will be awarded for the most outrageous outfits. We will start the night off with FREE beer (yes FREE) so make sure you come early.

There will be a silent auction the night of the party, so please reach out to one of us if you would like to donate something to the cause. If you are unable to attend but would like to mail a check, please reach out to one of us for information (phone #s below).

Again, this is just an event to come together as a community for a great cause and show the support within our town and surrounding communities.

Call us for information about donations! JJ & Emily Little 319-238-2929
Connor & Alyssa Woods 319-231-2805

SILENT AUCTION (see info at right)

DJ starting at 8pm

Atom Bombers 4-H club install new officers



Atom Bombers 4-H officers include (left-right): Kennly Happel, Brock Kleitsch, Destry Piene, Morgan Jipson, Clayton Hershey and Brody Kleitsch.

By Morgan Jipson

The Atom Bombers meeting was on November 13, 2022, at the I.C. Church Hall. The meeting was called to order by Brock Kleitsch at 5:18 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kennly. This month's role call question was "What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?" and there were a lot of answers like turkey, green bean casserole and pie! There were 16 members at the meeting and 7 guests. The secretary's report was given by Destry Piene and the trea-

surers' report was given by Brody Kleitsch.

At this month's meeting we installed officers. At the October meeting, we held elections and this month, they were all instated. Another thing we talked about was the winter clothing donations that we took for Helping Hands and ideas for our club Christmas party.

This month's presentations were given by Espyn & Gentry Decker on softball pitching drills and Kendalyn, Kaleah, and Kylie Belinsky

gave a presentation on how to make winter hats. The Decker and Belinsky families also brought drinks and snacks for us to enjoy after the meeting!

The next meeting will be the yearly Christmas party on December 11th, 2022, at the Get Air Trampoline Park in Waterloo from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The meeting ended at 5:31 pm and the 4-H pledge was led by Espyn Decker.

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When a settlement doctor passes away, it is cause for great mourning. (Christmas 1876)

by Betty Brandt Passick

Myriad circumstances existed to cause an immigrant's death in the wild, wild Midwest in the 1800s.

The simplest miscalculation – resulting in a broken bone or a prolonged chill to one's body – often turned fatal. The most feared ailment was the common cold. The average life span of an immigrant was 39.4 years. Thus, every pioneer village considered itself fortunate indeed, should a country doctor choose to settle in the region.

The death of Dr. Alexander Wiltse, whose passing occurred in November 1876, would have sent shock waves throughout the community and beyond.

Dr. Wiltse was the patriarch of the Wiltse clan that included his wife Phebe and their three children under the age of 5 years. The family had immigrated from Ontario, Canada to northeast Iowa in the mid-1800s. Initially, they stayed with relatives in the Colesburg area before settling near Strawberry Point.

Their narrative of why they came to America was probably similar to that of most immi-

grants: They had left their beloved homeland to make a better life for themselves and their families. And in most instances, those dreams were realized – though daunting hardships awaited them at every twist and turn.

Alex and Phebe's youngest child, Edwin, grows up to graduate Bennett Medical College in Chicago as an Eclectic Physician and Surgeon; a few years later, he – and his wife Lucy Dean Wiltse – build Hotel Wiltse in Fairbank, where he establishes a medical practice. For the next hundred years, the two-story structure on Main Street stands as a reminder of the fulfillment of a dream of one immigrant family.

Dr. Alexander Wiltse was in his early thirties when he and his family arrived in the state. He and Phebe almost certainly breathed a sigh of relief at having survived the arduous journey by ship down the St. Lawrence Canals and onto the Great Lakes, where overloaded steamers quickly turned into floating petri dishes, spawning outbreaks of yellow fever and other diseases among passengers.

More dangers awaited them on their journey inland by wagon

train from attacks by marauding Indians and wild animals – and, in the end, at the hands of fellow travelers, as food rations became depleted, and conflicts broke out.

Dr. Wiltse sets about establishing himself as a farmer-physician. Alongside the back-breaking work of clearing land and building a homestead, he treats settlers for broken bones, measles, cholera, smallpox, and sundry other illnesses, all from the contents of his black bag.

Regularly, he faces robbery at the hands of those, who, a moment earlier, he had attempted to heal. He learns to carry a gun.

The number of stabbing and gunshot wounds rise, too, as immigrants quarrel over land and property rights. Sometimes the perpetrators are Indians.

Surely, he is surprised to find himself in the middle of a heinous murder. Then, authorities begin seeking his help with solving other mysterious mu

Still, he aids one and all who seek his services. Above all else, he considers himself a Guérisseur, Healer.

In early November of 1876, Dr. Wiltse has reached age fifty-four –



Hotel Wiltse, Fairbank, IA

unaware that within 5 days' time, he will be dead.

Without a physical record of his final hours for treatment of bronchial pneumonia, we are left to examine medical books from the era to fully grasp the care he likely received.

Perhaps his day began at sunrise on the morning of Nov. 3rd, similar to most days of the week; after dressing and eating, he departs his home to speak with his hired man about farming matters. Winter was approaching...were there preparation yet to be made?

He then sets off in what has become his iconic black carriage

hitched to a black mare colt to begin a round of sick calls that will take him to places that require crisscrossing the prairie and traversing deep into marshes only accessible by foot. The weather shifts from light snow to hail and then to rain. Late afternoon he comes home and chooses to remain in his damp attire while laboring at his desk. After dinner, he retires to bed early.

The next morning brings a sore throat. Despite feeling unwell, he again seeks out his hired man. This time they travel to a wooded plot several miles from the home-

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WV FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

The fall sports programs at Wapsie Valley High School gave the fans a lot to cheer about this year. These young men and women were a force to be reckoned with, and now they have the awards and honors to prove it. Congratulations to all the athletes!

FOOTBALL

Class A Iowa Print Sports Writers/ Iowa Football Coaches Association All-State Football Team

- Mason Harter – First Team Defense
- Braden Knight – Second Team Offense
- Hunter Kane - Second Team Defense
- Dawson Schmit - Second Team Defense

Excellence on the field starts in the classroom.

All-Academic Football All-District

1st TEAM (GPA 3.5+)

- Jackson Adair Keegon Brown
- Kanen Decker Brok Grober
- Hunter Kane Brock Kleitsch
- Braden Knight Drew Lansing
- Garrett Miller Casey O'Donnell
- Dawson Schmit Caleb Schneider
- Elle Voy Brady Weepie

2nd TEAM (GPA 3.25-3.49)

- Clayton Hershey Derek Hilsenbeck
- Tucker Ladeburg Aidan Oldfather
- Traeton Sauerbrei Kane Schmitz
- Braden Strottman

Dale Howard Athlete of the Week

Braden Knight

Class A District 3 All-District Honors

SPECIAL TEAMS MVP:

Braden Knight

MOST VALUABLE LINEMAN:

Mason Harter

1st TEAM:

- Casey O'Donnell Hunter Kane
- Traeton Sauerbrei Jaxson Kuhlmann
- Dawson Schmit Keegon Brown

2nd TEAM:

- Tucker Ladeburg Jake Schoer
- Jackson Adair Aidan Shannon
- Cannon Joerger Brok Grober

HONORABLE MENTION:

- Kane Schmitz Kanen Decker

Golden Award: Brady Weepie

KWAY All Area Defense

- Mason Harter Dawson Schmit

KWAY All Area Offense

- Keegon Brown Casey O'Donnell
- Braden Knight

VOLLEYBALL

American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)




NICL NICL-EAST CONFERENCE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
HANNAH KNIGHT

#WARRIORPRIDE

30 Under 30 Award

Head Coach Austin Shepherd

NICL – East Champions

For the first time since 2015 and first time outright since 2010

100th Career Block

Anna Curley against #4 (4A) Western Dubuque at the Western Dubuque Bobcat Invitational.

Lisbon Invitational All-Tournament Team

Sydney Matthias & Hannah Knight

New School Record – Career Solo Blocks

Kalvyn Rosengarten – 146 against #5 (3A) Union, passing Mikenna Joerger's 145

School Record – Most Solo Blocks

Kalvyn Rosengarten – 60

Iowa Girls Coaches Association – IGCA

2A Northeast All-District Team

- Emma Jones – SR Libero
 - Hannah Knight – SR Outside Hitter
 - Sydney Matthias – SR Setter
 - Kalvyn Rosengarten – SR Outside Hitter
- Taylor Nitz: "These players have done something incredibly impressive, considering 8 of our 10 schools spent time in the rankings, they were able to distinguish themselves as the cream of the crop! Congratulations to everyone who made it!"*

Iowa Girls Coaches Association All-State

2nd TEAM

Sydney Matthias

HONORABLE MENTION

- Emma Jones Hannah Knight
- Kalvyn Rosengarten

The KWAY All Area Volleyball

1st TEAM:

Emma Jones

2nd TEAM:

Sydney Matthias Hannah Knight

HONORABLE MENTION:

- Taylor Buhr Anna Curley
- Kalvyn Rosengarten

1,000 Club

Hannah Knight

Hannah dug her 1,000th Career Dig during the IGHS AU 2A Quarterfinal match against Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont.

NICL-East All-Conference Teams

1st TEAM

- Emma Jones Hannah Knight
- Sydney Matthias

2nd TEAM

- Taylor Buhr Anna Curley
- Kalvyn Rosengarten



Wapsie Valley senior captain quartet (from left) Hunter Kane, Dawson Schmit, Mason Harter, Braden Knight were all voted to the 2022 IPSWA All-State Team.

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HONORABLE MENTION

Macy Ott

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Hannah Knight

COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach Austin Shepherd

FAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Blake Buhr

All-Oelwein Daily Register Team

1st TEAM

- Emma Jones Hannah Knight
- Sydney Matthias

2nd TEAM

- Anna Curley Kalvyn Rosengarten
- Taylor Buhr

3rd TEAM

- Reagan Barnes Kallie Franzen

SWIMMING

Congratulations to Wapsie Valley Junior Lily Schwickerath on qualifying for the state swim meet in 3 relays with the Waterloo United team!

GIRLS RUGBY

Congratulations to Wapsie Valley Junior Kaliya Lampe, and the Waverly-Shell Rock Girls Rugby Team who finished second in the state!! Lampe plays in the prop position on the team. The team had an undefeated regular season, and after a hard fought state tournament with wins over Des Moines Roosevelt and Indianola, they earned state runners-up honors!

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

New Record

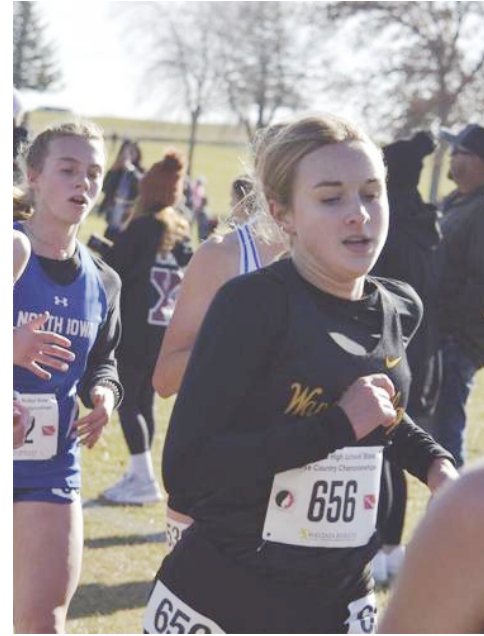
Ava VanDaele

No record is safe, not even her own! Once again the girls cross country 5K record falls. This time at the hands of the most recent holder, Ava VanDaele. VanDaele dashed around the course shattering her previous mark (20:13.15) by nearly 22 seconds to the tune of a 19:51.23 performance!

New School Record

Brylee Bellis

Brylee Bellis had speed on her mind as she eclipsed teammate Ava VanDaele's girls cross country 5k time (20:33.0), finish-



ing the course in 20:27.2 for a new school record!

NICL All-Conference Honors

1st TEAM

Ava VanDaele

2nd TEAM

Brylee Bellis

HONORABLE MENTION

Brooklyn Etringer

All-Oelwein Daily Register Teams

1st TEAM

- Brylee Bellis Brooklyn Etringer
- Ava VanDaele

2nd TEAM

Jaylin May

Congratulations to Brylee Bellis and Brooklyn Etringer who powered through a grueling course @ South Hardin in the state qualifying meet to punch their tickets to the IGHS AU Class 1A state championship meet!

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

All-Oelwein Daily Register Team

2ND TEAM

Finn Schafer

Congratulations to all our talented athletes, on yet another exceptional season. The list of awards and honors says it all. Hope we haven't missed anyone.

DR. WILTSE
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instead to land recently acquired by Dr. Wiltse. There, he selects trees for removal over coming months by the hired hand, as it's his wish to have an additional field ready to plant with wheat in the spring.

As the hours pass, his voice grows hoarse. It's dusk before he returns home, in a state of exhaustion. Once more he retires early, believing rest will help stave off the growing germs in his body. He awakens in terrible discomfort at around two in the morning. Phebe suggests sending for Dr. Albert Boomer, a trusted friend and physician of thirty years. Dr. Wiltse objects because of the inconvenient hour.

Morning arrives and Dr. Wiltse finds himself experiencing greater difficulty

breathing. Phebe sends the hired man for Dr. Boomer who arrives within the hour. He bleeds his patient to reduce inflammation, extracting a half-pint of blood.

Later, he gives Dr. Wiltse a mixture of molasses, butter, and vinegar to soothe his throat. The mixture is difficult to swallow, causing Dr. Wiltse to convulse and nearly suffocate.

Phebe scratches a notice on a piece of paper which she directs the hired hand to post on his office door in town: DR. WILTSE IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING CHILLS AND A FEVER AND HOPES TO RETURN TO THE CARE OF HIS PATIENTS WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.

Word spreads throughout the county of about eighteen hundred people of Dr. Wiltse's illness.

On day four, seeing her husband's condition appear to worsen, Phebe becomes alarmed and calls for Dr. Boomer, who appears around nine in the morning. He examines Dr. Wiltse and produces a blister on his throat in an attempt to balance the fluids in his body.

The blistering requires applications of a fine powder composed of cantharides, a powerful-blistering substance obtained from blister beetles. The fine powder and stimulants are mixed with plasters and spread on the skin's surface to produce a blister. The concoction is left on the skin only a few hours, as blistering, if applied too long, over excites the organ. When the blister is fully raised, it is "snipped" open and dressed with a healing ointment on a linen rag.

Dr. Boomer returns at sunrise November 7, 1876. He waits until noon to administer an enema. When Dr. Wiltse's condition does not improve, he bleeds his patient

again, recording in his notebook that a total of thirty-two ounces of blood was extracted during this bleeding.

An hour later, still seeing no improvement, an emetic is administered to induce vomiting, though without beneficial results. Dr. Wiltse's condition worsens. At eight at night more blisters and cataplasms are applied, this time to his feet and legs.

From his bedside, Dr. Boomer — and Dr. Wiltse's family — look on as Dr. Wiltse's labored breathing diminishes, until finally he dies.

As word of his passing spreads, mourners from miles around begin a steady trek to the Wiltse home to pay their respects. Three days later his funeral is officiated by the Methodist preacher in the parlor of the home. Burial follows in the family plot in the Strawberry Point, cemetery.

Several weeks pass before an obituary appears in the Dubuque Herald:

Death of an Old Citizen

Strawberry Point, IA, Dec. 22, 1876—An old and respectable citizen, Dr. A. Wiltse of this place, died on the 7th of November of bronchial pneumonia after a sickness of 5 days. He was 54 years of age, had resided here since [1859], was an active business man and had accumulated a fine property.

The pioneer physician is survived by his wife Phebe; 3 daughters Vidella Ennes (Clinton), Lucetta Thompson (Francis), and Sophia; 2 sons Charles (Anna) Wiltse, and Edwin (Lucy) Wiltse; and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip Mark Wiltse and Rachel Dunham Wiltse, and an infant twin daughter, Annetta.

Dr. Alexander Wiltse's illness and death had transpired suddenly. Without time to write a will, he left instructions that Sophia,

age sixteen, should inherit a 3-year-old cow, valued at \$25.00. The remainder of his property was to be divided between Phebe and his other children.

One can easily imagine the anguish of Dr. Wiltse's survivors. What was to become of Phebe and Sophia? His probate would likely take several years to process.

Indeed, the whole community would have been grief stricken. The approach of Christmas surely made the loss feel even more tragic.

At some point, a 12-foot obelisk is erected (photo, courtesy J. Kevin Kitzman, Strawberry Point, Iowa) at Dr. Wiltse's gravesite.

Hotel Wiltse (photo, courtesy Howard Durham, Fairbank Historical Society) was first introduced in the historical novel Gangster in Our Midst, Bookkeeper, Lieutenant, and Sometimes Hitman for Al Capone (2017). Gangster Louie La Cava selects the hostelry to house visitors who come to town to conduct "business" on behalf of Chicago Kingpin Al Capone.

The structure remained a hotel until Lucy's death in 1933. A string of owners followed — until 1971, when the property was deeded to the town of Fairbank. In late 1970, the building at 212 E Main Street was demolished to make way for construction of the Fairbank Public Library in 1980.

The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie (November 2021) tells an earlier piece of the town's story. Hotel Wiltse is a common character in the Gangster Series.

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I enjoy interviewing and writing articles about long-time residents (town & farm) from the Fairbank area for publication in the Fairbank Islander. Please contact me to nominate yourself, or someone else: bpassickauthor@comcast.net

Dr. Alan Wiltse
Nov. 7, 1876
Aged 54 Years



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SIDEWALK ART

by Betty Brandt Passick

If you haven't done so already, everyone is encouraged to take a walk-about Fairbank to see the sidewalk art that has appeared in recent months, as in spring 2023 the art will all disappear into a cloud of dust!

That's when Fairbank is scheduled to have Main Street, a portion of Highway 281, torn-up and replaced, including the sidewalks.

The sidewalk art was the result of the Fairbank Mural Project, headed up by Rochelle Kane, who in May 2022 applied for an art grant from the State of Iowa. At least two community projects were requirements for the grant. One project was to paint the sidewalks, which the Fairbank City Council approved.

To make a long story short, the project application didn't get approved by the State of Iowa. This meant no mural artist would be coming to town to paint the murals.

At the August Fairbank Historical Society meeting, Arnola Siggelkow encouraged Gayle Lehmkuhl to continue with the project. Joe Miller suggested calling Hailey Tiedt about having the Curriculum Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS) students paint their logo on the sidewalks outside Miller Hardware store. Pastor Scott Jans offered his linoleum cut prints as source material.

Ultimately, CAPS painted their logo in the Wapsie Valley black and gold. Gayle, with help from Jen Kempf, painted the flowers in front of Fairbank Floral plus the hopscotch mural by the Post Office. Northeast Security Bank chose Scott's "Cow" print, also painted by Gayle.

"The good news is in the end a few of Fairbank's sidewalks got a lovely facelift - and aren't they a lot prettier, even if the art will all be gone come spring?" Gayle said.



CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

TOP 10 WINNERS

\$25 FAIRBANK DOLLARS

HANG LIGHTS BY DECEMBER 4TH TO PARTICIPATE.
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 12TH.

PUBLIC VOTING

DECEMBER 5-10

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CARMEL CORN

- 8 qts. popped popcorn (no unpopped kernels)
- 2 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. butter
- ½ c. white corn syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. baking soda



Mix brown sugar, corn syrup, and butter together over medium heat, stirring continuously until mixture comes to a boil. Stop stirring, and boil mixture for 4-5 minutes. Remove from heat and add baking soda and vanilla until well combined. Pour syrup over popcorn and stir until evenly coated. Put popcorn mixture on greased cookie sheets and bake at 225 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on waxed paper or foil greased with cooking spray to cool, then break apart and store in an airtight container.

Kids like to help, so here is a tasty treat they will love to make and eat.

CRUNCHIES

Makes 24

- 12 oz. white almond bark
- 1 c. coarsely crushed pretzels
- 1 c. M&M's (seasonal holiday M&M's make the treat extra special)
- 1 c. roasted peanuts



Break bark into small chunks. Melt, stirring occasionally. When the bark pieces are almost melted, remove from heat and stir well. Let set 1-2 minutes and then blend in the pretzels, peanuts and M&M's. Blend well. Use a spoon to drop into clusters onto waxed paper. Add some M&M's or sprinkles on top to make this treat even more festive (optional). Let set until hardened.

Another favorite sweet is Mounds Candy Treats (and often the first gone from the cookie plate). I got this recipe from my grandmother. And yes, it has mashed potatoes as an ingredient.

MOUNDS CANDY TREATS

Makes 36-40

- ¾ c. mashed potatoes (without added milk, butter, or other seasonings)
- 3½ c. powdered sugar (1 pound)
- 12 oz. pkg. sweetened, shredded coconut
- 1 tbsp. butter
- ½ tsp. almond flavoring (if desired)
- ¼ tsp. salt



1 lb. semi-sweet or dark melting chocolate or candy coating (coarsely chopped)
 Mix together potatoes, sugar, salt and butter. Add coconut and blend well. Form 1 inch balls and place on a wax paper lined tray. Cover and refrigerate for several hours. If mixture is too soft to form balls, refrigerate first then roll into balls and refrigerate again.

Dip each ball into melted chocolate. Once completely coated, place onto waxed paper lined tray. Let chocolate harden (can place in refrigerator to firm up quicker). Store in airtight container.

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Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76

God’s grace and peace be unto you in Christ Jesus!

It is that time of year again. Halloween and Thanksgiving have come and gone, so everything has turned green and red. The gas station radios have been playing Christmas music for some time already and the requisite candy is already sold out. This is the time of the year where our days are meant to be full of cheer, to be “merry and bright.” But, alas, the sorrows of our lives and the difficulties from the first bulk of the year don’t just disappear when the tree lights turn on.

Thankfully, Christmas is not about the lights and colors. It’s not about the candy, and, not even, the gifts. Christmas is even about what we do for each other; it’s about what God did for us. Way back in the Garden of Eden, our parents Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s will. They brought sin and its consequences into the world. From their fall came the sorrows we endure daily. God, however, was not content to let His creation lie in ruins. He came up with a plan. This plan would be to send His own Son - the second person of the eternal trinity - into the flesh.

What we celebrate and give thanks for on Christmas is this: that the Son of God is now become one with our human flesh. He, in tender mercy, joined Himself to our sorrows so that, in Him, they might have an end. Jesus was born so that He might bear in Himself our sadness and be crucified together with our sins on the cross. Now that He is risen again, we may rejoice, for our earthly sorrows become just that - temporary.

I imagine that all our town churches will be having services for Christmas. I confess, I don’t know all of them, otherwise I’d list them here. I encourage you to attend at your own, and not just on Christmas but every Sunday. If you do not have a church to call home, you are welcome to join us at St. John’s. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30 p.m. and our Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. on the 25th. They are different services, so consider joining us for both - we’d be honored to have you.

“The world may hold her wealth and gold; but thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure. To Him hold fast, until at last a crown be thine and honor in full measure.”

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TIMOTHY TODD MILLER
November 23, 1963 ~ October 23, 2022

Timothy Todd Miller, 58, previously from Oran and Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away at his home on October 23, 2022. Tim was born on November 23, 1963, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the son of Clarence Leo and Mary Darlene (McKillip) Miller. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1982. Tim lived in Tuscan, Arizona for several years and worked as a pressman. After moving back to the Cedar Valley, he completed the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers apprenticeship program. On October 3, 1998, Tim was united in marriage to Tamara Schupbach; the couple later divorced. Tim worked as a journeyman electrician for numerous contractors in the area.



Tim was a member of IBEW Local #288, the Iowa Firefighters Association, Whitetails Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited. He served for 14 years as a volunteer firefighter for the Oran Fire Department and was chief for three years. He then volunteered on the Hudson Fire Department. Tim really loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was extremely proud of his children and grandson. He was kind and caring and loved his family and friends fiercely.

Tim is survived by three children: Jordan Cornwell of Sioux Falls, SD, Todd (Brooke) Miller of Waterloo, and Hannah Miller of Hiawatha; a grandson, Noah Cornwell and another grandchild due spring of 2023; six siblings: Joy Adams of Monticello, Tom Miller of New London, WI, Mike (Denise Kremer) Miller of Cedar Falls, Mark (Nancy) Miller of Cedar Falls, Matt (Barb) Miller of Indianapolis, IN, and Terrie (David) Hoefler of Ames; sister-in-law, Nanny Miller; and many nieces and nephews that he dearly loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, John.

A Celebratory Gathering was held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, with a Bell Ceremony provided by the Buchanan County Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to Tim's family for later designation and online condolences may be left at www.kaiser-corson.com. Another way to honor Tim's memory would be to become an organ donor. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly assisted the family. 319-352-1187

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Family: Has a son and two daughters.
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Dec. 11 **Football Sunday, 12PM**
Dec. 14 **Members/Auxiliary Meal & Meeting, 6:30PM**
Dec. 15 **Thirsty Thursday, 4PM**
Dec. 17 **Ugly Sweater Party, 7:30PM**
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October 2022 Report

Ambulance Calls: 10
Car Accidents: 0
Fire Calls: 6, including mutual aid
Search & Rescue: 1
Natural Gas Leak: 1
EMS Training Hours: Approx. 18
Fire Training Hours: Approx. 12

~ EMS Training was the Simulation Trailer from the University Of Iowa Hospitals. We ran a multi-system trauma call and a chest pain medical call which turned into cardiac arrest. This hands-on trainer will be back in the future.
~ Fire Training continues to be back to the basics: hose loads, hose rolls, hydrant connections.
~ Fire Prevention: We reached approximately 400 children through our efforts at the Fairbank Elementary as well as fire prevention activities at the 6 Amish schools within our fire district. We also conducted Operation Edith with 95 households participating via a count of porchlights.

Membership: Nothing to report this month.

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LEON ROBERT HEINEMAN

May 17, 1939 ~ November 26, 2022

Leon Heineman, 83, of Fairbank, Iowa passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

Leon was born on May 17, 1939, the son of Harold and Ruth (Tegtmeier) Heineman in Waverly, Iowa. He was baptized on June 11, 1939 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Oran and confirmed on March 29, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He graduated from Readlyn High School in 1959. He entered the US Army serving until his discharge on May 31, 1964. Following his discharge, he returned home and started tiling with his father. Leon also worked as a carpenter, employed at John Deere and mainly farmed.

Leon was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He enjoyed restoring cars, trucks and tractors, reading books, traveling, however, his great enjoyment was spending time with his family.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Heineman of Fairbank; his children: Mike (Jane) Heineman of Readlyn, Beth (Mark) Pottebaum of West Des Moines, Joel (Melissa) Heineman of Mesa, Arizona, and Sara Heineman of Des Moines; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and sister: Marjorie Brunscheon of Waverly. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Tami Ott; infant daughter; and two sisters: Imogene Kuhlmann and Corella Kuhlmann.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 2, 2022 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Phil Girardin officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Heineman family for a later designation in Leon's name and online condolences for Leon can be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Readlyn assisted the family with arrangements. 319-279-3551.



JORDAN TODD "BONES" RATHBONE

April 20, 1990 ~ November 21, 2022

Jordan Todd "Bones" Rathbone, 32, of Dubuque and formerly of Readlyn, passed away on November 21, 2022 in Dubuque.

Jordan was born on April 20, 1990, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Todd and Christine (Burke) Rathbone. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Jordan attended Readlyn Elementary and graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 2008. While in high school Jordan participated in football and was part of the State Championship football team. Following high school, he attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. He previously had worked construction and most recently was working in the Nordstrom warehouse in Dubuque.

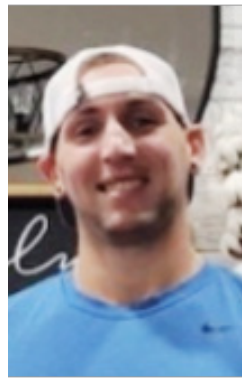
Jordan liked watching the History Channel, playing chess, reading books, sports and working out. His love for the outdoors found him enjoying kayaking and hiking. Jordan always loved nothing more than a good-hearted debate. He always enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Jordan is survived by an infant daughter, Rose Mary Rathbone; his parents, Todd and Christine Rathbone of Readlyn; his sister, Taylor (Kyle) Cory-Yaeggi and their son, Ezra of Incline Village, Nevada; a brother, Brandon Rathbone of Dubuque; his paternal grandmother, Ruth Rathbone of Readlyn; his maternal grandparents, James and Rosemary Burke of Eitzen, Minnesota; his aunts and uncles, Beth (Brian) Weepie and their children, B.J., Ben and Brady Weepie; Dr. Christopher (Nahir) Rathbone and their children, Claudia and Caleb; Michelle Kirchhoff and her children, Devin (Kym) Kuenstling and Shelby (Teylor Trent) Kuenstling; Sean (Michelle) Burke and their children, Jacob, Jaime and Joseph Burke.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ronald Rathbone.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 27, 2022, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn followed by a visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family. 319-279-3551



JODY LYNN BUHR

June 6, 1957 ~ November 7, 2022

Jody Buhr, 65, of Oelwein passed away Monday November 7, 2022 at home. Funeral services were held on November 11, 2022 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oelwein, with Pastor Josh Schunk officiating. Interment was at Buck Creek Cemetery in rural Sumner. Memorials may be directed to St. Croix Hospice.

Jody Lynn Buhr was born in Sumner on June 6, 1957 to parents Lawrence and Dorothy (Boevers) Judisch. She attended Readlyn Elementary School, Oran Jr. High and then graduated from Wapsie Valley High School. Jody continued her education at Hawkeye Tech (Hawkeye Community College). On December 27, 1975 Jody was united in marriage to Rickey Buhr at St. John Lutheran Church at Buck Creek in rural Sumner. Jody was employed as a coding auditor with MercyOne Clinic in Waterloo, retiring in 2021.

Jody's life revolved around four things: family, faith, music and sewing. She devoted her life to helping and serving others. She dedicated many years being the Sunday School Superintendent, which included elaborate and meaningful Christmas programs. She was a soprano in Kairos Singers with her beloved friends for 20+ years and shared ministry through music to countless people. She volunteered hundreds of hours sewing for Oelwein High School cheerleading and dance team programs when her daughters were involved. After her daughter Darci became the vocal music teacher at OHS in 2007, Jody volunteered altering show choir dresses and hemming choir robes. In 2020, she made 150+ Singer's Masks so the OHS choir students could continue to sing during the pandemic.

Jody's greatest joy in life were the titles of Mom and Grandma. There were few concerts, games, competitions, and county fairs that she missed. She was so proud of her daughters and grandchildren and loved them fiercely. Jody often shared with others that her greatest blessings in life were her daughters. They made her so proud. Jody was filled with faith. It only seemed fitting that the final song she listened to as she passed from our Earthly world, was a recording of her singing with Kairos Singers "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" with her daughters and husband by her side.

Left to celebrate Jody's life are her husband Rick; her children: Jennifer (Darin) Steege of Waterloo and Darci (Matthew) Fuelling of Independence; her grandchildren: Karlee Fuelling, Jacob Steege, Dawson Fuelling, Emma Steege and Brecken Fuelling; her mother Dorothy Judisch of Sumner; her brother Timothy Judisch of Sumner; her beloved puppy, Zoie; her brothers-in-law Larry Buhr and Roger (Connie) Buhr; her sister-in-law Connie (Denny) Donat-Nuss; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father Lawrence Judisch (2020); her father and mother-in-law Wilbert and Geneva Buhr; her sister-in-law Linda Buhr and her brother-in-law Ray Donat.

Jody's family wishes to thank the countless friends and family who kept her company, helped our family, sent food, prayers and love as her disease progressed. She was loved beyond measure. "To have a friend is to be a friend. It has been very evident Jody was a loyal, caring friend to all she met.



MARY C. OTT

March 18, 1939 ~ November 9, 2022

Mary C. Ott, 83, of Sumner, Iowa died peacefully November 9, 2022, at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner, Iowa. Mass of Christian Burial was held November 14, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein with Rev. Ray Atwood officiating. Interment: Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Fairbank, Iowa.

Mary Catherine Phillips was born March 18, 1939, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence William & Philomena Elizabeth (Kass) Phillips. She graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic High School in Fairbank with the class of 1957. On August 11, 1959, she was united in marriage to Gary Russell Ott at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank.

Mary loved her cat, Missy, the outdoors, milking cows, riding horses and all farm animals. Mary and Gary spent many fun nights playing cards with friends and going to horse shows and sales. They also loved to dance for over 60 years and recently Mary expressed how she missed dancing with Gary. Mary also enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, fishing with the family, coffee with friends and spending time with her family. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein.

Mary is survived by her 4 children: Pamela (Daniel) Schmitt of Sumner, Roland "Rollie" (Deb) Ott of Tripoli, Carolyn (Dave) Schmitz of Fairbank and Helen (Mark) Klemp of Tripoli. Mary was the proud grandmother of 19 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; 7 siblings: Delphine Marrah of Oelwein, Delores Stewart of Oelwein, John (Shirley) Phillips of Oelwein, Roger (Beth) Phillips of Oelwein, Bonnie (Larry) Bender of Oelwein, Eugene (Cheryl) Phillips of Ionia and Shirley (Craig) Frana of Phoenix, Arizona; and many nieces; nephews and a sister-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Gary on April 15, 2019; infant son: Kenneth Ott; a brother-in-law: William Marrah.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2022. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

The agenda needed to be changed by moving item number seven up to right after number three which was approval of the minutes to allow for attendees to leave as soon as possible. Williams/T. Woods to approve the amended agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no public comments during the public comment section. Coffin/Erickson to approve the minutes of the October 10th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Buchanan County engineer, Brian Keierleber, was present along with Alex Davis to answer any questions the council had on the final plans that were received for the V62 project. Alex put the plans together and briefly talked about what the project will consist of. Letting will be in February of 2023 and they are hoping for a start date of late August of 2023. The County will be entering south of town along V62/South Walnut Street and overlaying the existing concrete with 6" of concrete to the intersection of Fairbank Street. Around the curb and gutters the concrete will be sawed out and there will be an 8" of rock base placed and then 8" of concrete placed on top of the rock base. The curb and gutter will all remain. During that time both lanes will be worked on at the same time to keep costs down. The City's engineer, Jon Biederman, reviewed the final plans provided by Buchanan County and recommended the City of Fairbank approve the Bu-

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022. Mayor Bill Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Erickson/R. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. There were no comments during the public comment section.

Williams/Erickson to approve the minutes of the October 24th Regular Meeting and the November 3rd Special Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of October were: General, \$135,646.93; Special Revenue, \$29,200.50; TIF, \$3,927.64; Capital Projects, \$56.57; Permanent Funds, \$16.87; Proprietary, \$176,390.69; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of October were: General, \$24,236.71; Special Revenue, \$21,514.95; Proprietary, \$136,615.48; Capital, \$50,104.50; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on October 31, 2022, was \$5,130,326.31.

Jon Biederman was present to update the council on the Main Street project. He went over the final plans and stated that they were able to work out plans to hopefully allow for single lane traffic across the bridge during the construction. West of the bridge will have 2 inches milled with a 2-inch overlay and the shoulders will be paved 2 extra feet. West side will also be getting the ditch on the southside of Main Street filled in with all new storm sewer. The east side of the bridge will be getting portland cement concrete. All new sidewalks throughout. The City's portion of the estimate is just over \$2 million, and the construction will more than likely be the entire construction season of 2023 with the hopes of little rainfall.

The IDOT Cooperative Agreement for the primary road project was not ready to approve yet.

The updated Code of Ordinances for the City of Fairbank has reached its final draft. The proposed ordinances will need to be reviewed under a public hearing so the council can consider arguments for or against the adoption. Williams/Erickson to approve Resolution - 2022-31 - Resolution Directing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairbank, Iowa". Ayes: Four. Nays: None. The public hearing was set for Monday, November 28th at 6 PM at City Hall. The official copy is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office.

Erickson/R. Woods to approve the Annual Financial Report and to submit the report to the state. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the liquor and beer license renewal for the Fairbank Food Center. No issues were reported. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Amanda Jipson with Sandee's out of Waterloo was able to drop a sample of a memorial plaque off for the council to review. Erickson/T. Woods to order the memorial plaques from the sample that was dropped off for the memorial trees that were bought this year. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The City Clerk received a letter from the pool board president, Jason Kayser, of his notice to not serve on the pool board this next year. The council and mayor will seek out any candidates interested in the position.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS, POP Services \$300.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies \$59.88

SPECIAL MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

There were no public comments during the public

comment section. chanan County V62 roadway plans. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the final plans prepared by Buchanan County for the work to be done within the city limits of Fairbank. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The council previously participated in a closed session on October 10th after receiving an offer to purchase city owned land from Jared and Rochelle Kane. Upon exiting the closed session at the previous meeting, they voted to set the public hearing for October 24th regarding the offer received. Erickson/Coffin to open the public hearing regarding the disposal of city owned property. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The offer received stated that Jared and Rochelle Kane proposed to receive a section of land along the river from the city and for the city in exchange to receive a section of land connected to West Bentley Park. The section of land that the Kane's offer proposed is located along the east side of their property located on Water Street and runs to the river and the land the city would receive as consideration from them was along the south side of their property and runs to West Bentley Park. There would be no cash exchanged and an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 would be used for revenue stamp purposes. The offer also indicated the Kanes would be responsible for the survey cost in order to determine the legal description. City Hall received two written objections to the offer from Dean Mangrich and one from Donna Mangrich. Those were both read in their entirety during the public hearing. Donna was present and commented shortly referring to her written objection. Rochelle Kane was present to comment on her and her husband's support of the real estate transaction. There were no other comments received in writing or orally made. T. Woods/Coffin to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The council had discussions amongst themselves regarding the proposal and the drafted resolution authorizing the disposal of city owned property.

APGA, Annual Dues	\$445.00
JASON BECKER, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
B & K AUTOMOTIVE, Services	\$58.10
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,817.90
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Equipment	\$9,529.88
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$42,442.03
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$872.98
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$3,835.13
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposits Applied	\$400.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$5,396.18
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$4,321.57
COMMUNITY MOTOR CO INC., Services	\$3,933.87
D & S PORTABLES, INC., Rentals	\$380.00
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$1,402.00
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP, Equipment	\$337.60
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$140.48
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Nov 22 Utility Bills Postage	\$154.00
FARM WIN CO-OP, Diesel	\$3,564.93
FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees	\$45,378.25
BRITTANY FULLER, Mileage	\$202.50
ROBERT GIPPER, Training/Conference Reimbursements	\$880.92
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES, Supplies	\$669.06
GWORKS, 2023 License & Support	\$5,704.00
GARY HAMMERS, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT, Training	\$448.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Construction Permit	\$199.20
ICAP, Radio Tower Premium	\$127.00
IEMSA, 2023 Membership	\$100.00
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC., Services	\$1,000.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, Workshop	\$100.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$7,433.84
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, 2023 Membership	\$275.00
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, IUB/OCA Direct Assess Charges	\$871.00
IPERS, Benefits	\$5,018.61
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY, Supplies	\$359.16
KODY KOTTKE, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
NICK KUKER, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Addresses	\$20.00
MANATT'S, Supplies	\$509.50
MEDIACOM, Phone Line	\$46.58
MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, Drug Testing	\$50.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$401.25
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$692.11
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 10/3/22	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 10/14/22	\$8.67
NE SECURITY BANK, ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$500.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Payroll Deductions	\$270.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$270.12
OPERATION THRESHOLD, Donation/Customer Contributions/Balance	\$2,523.10
Returns	\$2,523.10
LINDSEY POUND, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00

There was discussion on the benefit this would provide to the city due to increasing the size of the already existing park. There was also discussion that without the acquisition of the land connected to the park, it could result in another residential location there in the future which is not preferred. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2022-29 - Resolution Authorizing Disposal of City Owned Property. Ayes: Two. Nays: Coffin. Abstain: R. Woods and Williams.

Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc. was present to present and deliver the 2022 TIF Report and city debt reports. She provided a summary of the reports and discussed the financial health of the city. She also provided some preliminary numbers and scenarios for financing the City's upcoming projects include the Main Street Project in 2023.

Amanda Jipson with Sandee's out of Waterloo was present to give the council more options on what they could do for the plaques needed for the memorial trees. The council will look through the information and it will be on future agendas for discussion.

Brian Delagardelle stated that they got the pole replaced by the clinic and that it was in bad shape. They are working on another replacement tomorrow. He also stated that they had an IDNR water inspection earlier that day that he believed went well. The council talked briefly on the locked yard waste location. Another citizen dropped off a load of sticks and burnable tree debris. The yard waste area is locked now and is for compost only. A key can be checked out from City Hall during the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday.

Williams/Coffin to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Bill Cowell, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$95.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$65.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$250.40
ROBERTS, STEVENS, PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$2,216.00
RYDELL OF INDEPENDENCE, Services	\$53.84
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCRB, Supplies	\$58.47
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$82.27
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMP, Nov. Life Policies	\$82.70
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Supplies	\$30.61
TRAFFICM SYSTEMS, Equipment	\$602.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Oct WT Excise Tax	\$1,128.82
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Oct Sales Tax	\$1,987.46
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$6,556.34
U.S. BANK, Sept PEFA Commodity	\$1,955.34
ULINE, Supplies	\$186.05
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Drug Testing	\$84.00
VAN WERT, INC, Services	\$1,680.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$48.63
VISA, Training/Microsoft Emails/AVAYA Phone System	\$530.50
WELLMARK, Premium	\$2,665.54
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$120.00
WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP., Equipment	\$4,333.16
WILNAT, INC., Equipment	\$682.50
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, GS Phone Alarm	\$67.12
AARON WUJST, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
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SYNCRB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$58.31
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$870.00
ANGELA BERG, Supplies/Mileage Reimbursement	\$56.90
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$140.52
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$55.00
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$12.07
FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Replenish Postage	\$44.69
MEDIAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY, Book	\$25.07
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$14.37
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 10/14/22	\$1.33
OVERDRIVE, INC., EBooks	\$500.00
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$45.00
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCRB, Supplies	\$19.49
VISA, Microsoft Email Account/AVAYA Phone System	\$52.88
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$160.00

Chief Drish presented the council with a summary of what the department had been up to and requested an area indoors to park the police car over the winter months. Brian Delagardelle stated that they had some conduits put in the ground in Riverside Park to hopefully get some new primary wires pulled to help with an issue which causes electrical outages. They will be working on Christmas lights later that week and are working on getting four more manholes lifted. There will also be a quote submitted for a contractor to clean out the lift stations and capping the unused wells were brought up again during a water inspection. Jon Biederman, city engineer, is going to work with him on those.

Erickson/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. =Bill Cowell, Mayor
=Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

comment section. The council started reviewing the financing options available for the upcoming Main Street project. Discussions took place on informing the council of what that means regarding TIF. Councilman Williams arrived at 4:13 PM. Using TIF dollars for part of the payback would be very beneficial for the city. To do that, they needed to amend the Urban Renewal Plan to add the Main Street project with a max project estimate amount of \$1.5 million which will be collected over future years.

The council is hoping to bring in around \$100,000.00 every year to help with the payments that will be owed for the Main Street project. That amount will be recalculated each year to adequately use the TIF dollars allowed and to pay off Main Street as quickly as possible. Councilman R. Woods arrived at 4:24 PM. A public hearing was needed to be set as part of the Urban Renewal Amendment process. Williams/Coffin to approve Resolution 2022-30 - Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Fairbank Ur-

ban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. The public hearing was set for November 28, 2022, at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to adjourn at 4:28 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
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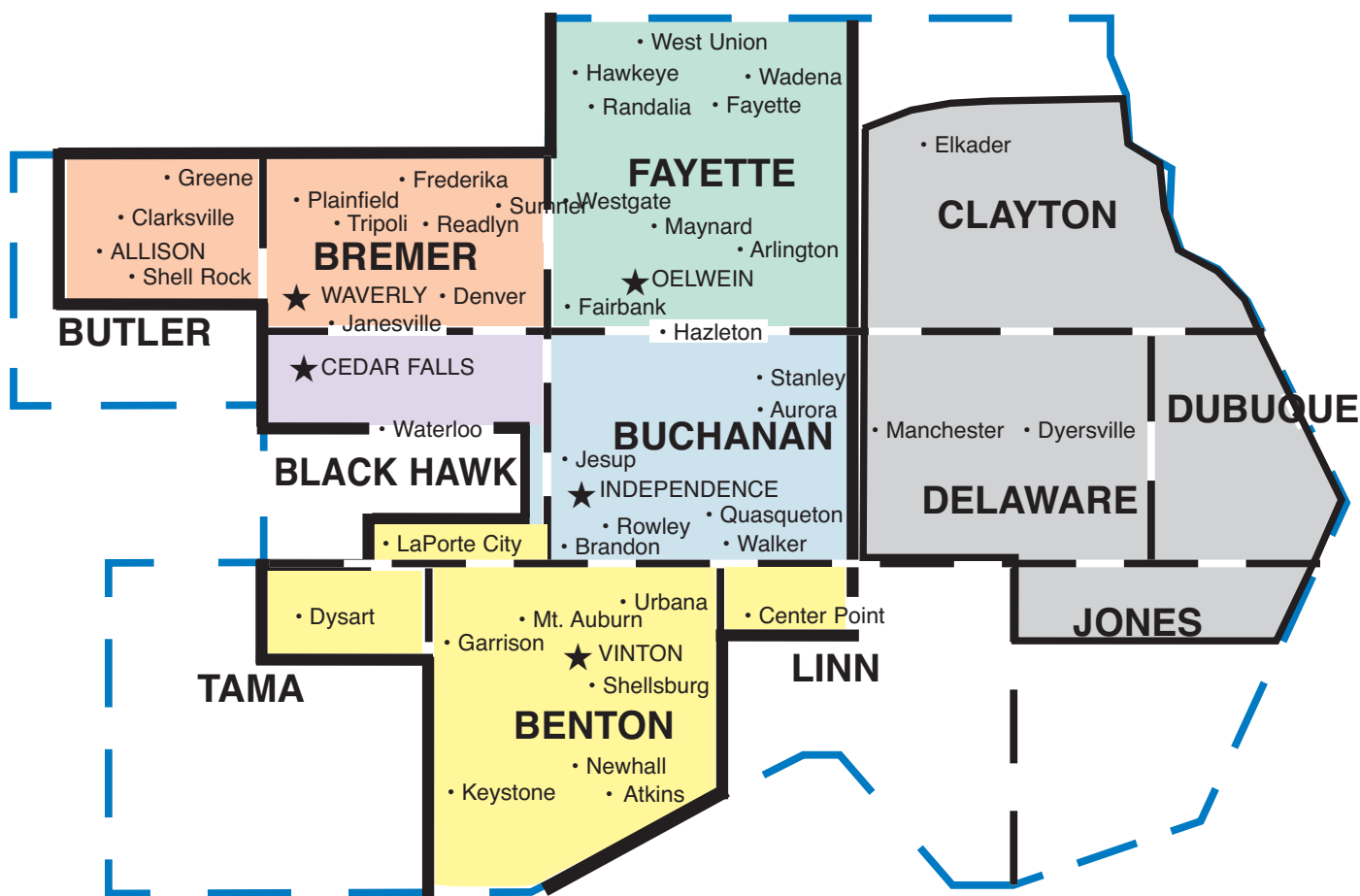


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"Stick Built" in 1974. Very well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOTS
105-107 12th Ave. NW
Oelwein
• 3 Lots - \$25,000

\$290,000 !!!

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Sprawling Ranch – 2,668 sq ft on Main + 2,668 fin bsmnt, 2-3 Large Bedrms, 2.5 baths on main, 3/4 + 1/2 in bsmnt, wet bar, Several family rooms, formal LivRm & DinRm, Eat in Kitchen, Dining Rm, & Den/Home Office. Newer Shingles, Updated Furnace & Breaker Box. Heated/AC attached 2 Car Garage w/Bonus room Above. Very Well Landscaped Corner Lot. Original Mid-Century Appeal, 2 f/p, so many built-ins, Master Bath, 2 staircases. **Perfect Family Home or Entertaining!**

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