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Casino Night to be held Feb. 11 at American Legion

Get ready for some fun when the Fairbank American Legion sponsors their annual Casino Night on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The event begins at 7:00 PM.

The casino games include: Spinning Wheel, Black Jack, Wild Left Right Center, and Dice Games. All food items will be available for purchase from the American Legion Auxiliary. There will also be drink specials from the bar.

Grab some friends and head on down. They're hoping to see you there!

Maurice Welsh retires from Fairbank Housing Management

Maurice Welsh, of Fairbank, retired as Manager of Fairbank Housing on December 31, 2022. He was one of the original board members and shareholders. These shares were sold at twenty-five dollars per share to purchase the land at 605 Grove Street in order to construct a six plex unit. In 1975 another four apartment unit was added. The first tenant moved in during June of 1973.

In 1982, the Board saw a need for more Senior apartments. Three buildings were constructed on the other side of town at 201 W. Wisconsin Street. They consisted of fourteen apartments. These three buildings have two laundry rooms with washers and dryers, as well as a community room which was furnished by the Fairbank American Legion.

The present requirement of tenants now must be 62 years of age and/or qualified as handicapped. These apartments have been very beneficial to the residents of Fairbank, as well as non-residents.

Maurice wishes for the continued success of the Fairbank Housing. The new management is: KarTay Management, 320 1st St., Independence, IA 50644.

The future of the Fairbank Islander is in jeopardy

by Kathy Risse

The Fairbank Community Club would like to find someone from the area who would be interested in working on the Fairbank Islander newspaper. The first issue of the paper came out in June of 2020, so this May marks the end of the third year. I have given notice to the club that I will be stepping down from my position as editor of the newspaper.

In January of 2020 (right before Covid hit) we decided to take on the project of providing a monthly newspaper for Fairbank. Since I had experience in the newspaper business, I was asked to help get the paper started.

It's been a fun project, but I really feel that it is time to reclaim my retirement and get back to the things that I've put on hold. The Community Club is hoping that there are one or two people in the Fairbank area that might be interested in do-

ing something like this. It would be best if we could find two people that could work together and share the responsibilities, as well as fill in for each other when needed.

It's hard to believe that it's been almost three years already, things have run pretty smoothly. We have great support from the local businesses who continue to run their ads each year. Their contributions are what makes it possible for you to receive a free paper in your mailbox each month.

We really had hoped that we would have a little better response from the community as far as submitting articles and news items. I'm always running across things that could have been in the Islander, if only we'd have known about them. It really is a great way to promote your clubs and organizations. Keep us in mind and send your articles and pictures to the Fairbank Library.

You can drop off your items/pictures at the library or e-mail them to: library@fairbank-ia.org

I would really like to see the newspaper continue. It was a lot of work getting it started, but I'm proud of how it has turned out. But now the future of the Fairbank Islander hinges on whether the Community Club can recruit some helpers. If that person is you, contact the library and let them know that you would like to speak to someone and find out more information. They will pass your name and number on to us, and someone from the Community Club will contact you.

If our efforts fail, the May 2023 issue of the Fairbank Islander will be the last paper published. For those outside the area that subscribe to the paper, we will have to reimburse you for the papers you have coming.

'The Lehmkuhl Clarinet' A Family Tradition

By Betty Brandt Passick, bbpassick@comcast.net

London Smith, Deane (Lehmkuhl) Fink's great-grandson, was recently given a family clarinet (refurbished) for a Christmas gift. The clarinet has been a favorite instrument in the Lehmkuhl family.

Deane played her father's, Melvin "Mud" Lehmkuhl, old silver clarinet during the first two years she attended Fairbank High School. He had played the clarinet

for personal pleasure, but drums in the FHS band in the 1930s.

Deane was then given a newer clarinet, which she played until graduation in 1953; Sister Linda played the clarinet is the Wapsie Valley High School band in the 1960s.

London also plays guitar in his Christian School band in St. Cloud, Minn. Deane's son, Roger, gave London guitar lessons.



London Smith with the family clarinet.



FAIRBANK AMERICAN LEGION

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 2 **Thirsty Thursday**, 4PM
- Feb. 8 **Members/Auxiliary Meal & Meeting**, 6:30PM
- Feb. 11 **Casino Night at the Legion!** 7PM
See ad.
- Feb. 16 **Thirsty Thursday**, 4PM
- Feb. 24 **Legion Fish Fry!** 5PM
More details to come!

The Legion Bar will be open every Tues. during Bags League!

MARCH EVENTS

- Mar. 2 **Thirsty Thursday**, 4PM
- Mar. 8 **Members/Auxiliary Meal & Meeting**, 6:30PM
- Mar. 11 **Fairbank Gun Club's Annual Venison Dinner**
- Mar. 16 **Thirsty Thursday**, 4PM
- Mar. 17 **Legion Fish Fry**, 5PM

LIVE performance by Bruce Bearinger!
More details to come.

- Mar. 21 **Community Blood Drive**, 2PM
Brought to you by the Fairbank Community Club & LifeServe!
- Mar. 23 **Ladies Night Out!**
Details to follow.

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Deadline for the March issue of the Fairbank Islander is February 22nd by noon



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by Brylee Bellis,
2022 Fairbank Island Queen

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful first month of the new year. The new year tends to bring the feeling of a fresh start, fulfillment, and ambition. Maybe for some, that fresh start is making new memories, building relationships, starting projects, building healthier habits or trying new ex-

periences.

There is so much potential in what year 2023 holds. It's just a matter of what you make of it. Find joy in the good times and peace when faced with hardships. Embrace the roller coaster of life and take this year as an opportunity to become an even better version of yourself!

Seed Treatment Course Set for February 15

Preregister before February 8 for spring commercial pesticide applicator Continuing Instruction Course

Independence, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buchanan County will host a Seed Treatment Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, February 15, 2023. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Heartland Acres Theater. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins

are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact DeAnn Lentz at the ISU Extension and Outreach Buchanan County office at 319-334-7161.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in category 4. Topics covered will include personal protective equipment and safe handling, storage of

pesticides, including chemical security; and pests, pest management and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

REMINDER

We are in snow season. Information on snow removal operations is listed below. These can also be found in the City Code. A copy is available at City Hall to review and the online version is available on the City of Fairbank website (www.fairbank-ia.org/city-council.php).

69.11 SNOW REMOVAL.

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. *(Code of Iowa, 321.236[1])*

135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW.

It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the Business District it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2])*

136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS.

The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalk. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2b and e])*





WAPSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: The Varsity Basketball Teams and cheerleaders all gathered after the games on Friday night, January 20th for a group photo with Andy Harter (front center) who is an assistant coach. The evening was dedicated to Andy and the Harter family to let them know that the Wapsie Valley “family” is here for them. Mr. Harter was recently diagnosed with ALS so the evening included lots of fun activities, pledges, raffles, silent auctions, etc. to raise money to help the family with the extra expenses they have right now.



Andy was a part of the WV 1996 basketball team that made it to the State Tournament that year and ended up getting 3rd place. Here he is surrounded by some of his teammates.



One of the activities was a “half-court shot competition.” Someone had pledged to donate \$50 for each shot made. There were lots of entries. Dawson Schmit was successful on two of his tries, raising \$100 for the cause. Not bad for a “wrestler!”

FAIRBANK AMERICA LEGION'S

ANNUAL FISH FRY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
5:00 PM



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KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE DETAILS

Fairbank Fire Department Raffle Winners from 2023 Fundraiser



VanDaele Insurance 10# Fire Extinguisher..... Jean Rourke	Woods Funeral Home \$50 Fairbank Bucks Leah Woods
Empowered Energy 10# Fire Extinguisher ... Keith Wiebbecke	Woods Funeral Home \$50 Fairbank Bucks Diane Rourke
Windy Knoll \$100 Beef Bun..... Angeline Schuler	Myers Polaris \$50 Fairbank Bucks Lynn Plaster
Martins Farms Cooler & Beef Bundle..... Jim Risse	Costello Diesel \$25 Fairbank Bucks John Even
ReFuel Gift Box Virginia Steil	Costello Diesel \$25 Fairbank Bucks Michael Bixeman
Modern Building Products \$50 Fairbank Bucks Julene Fox	Costello Diesel \$25 Fairbank Bucks .. Andy Hershberger
Modern Building Products \$50 Fairbank Bucks Susan Vilmain	Costello Diesel \$25 Fairbank BucksDianne Rubino
Modern Building Products \$50 Fairbank Bucks Renae Fenske	Costello Diesel \$25 Fairbank Bucks ... Pam Byersdorfer
Northeast Security Bank \$25 Fairbank Bucks Jim Fink	Costello Diesel \$25 Fairbank Bucks Diane Widen
Fairbank Food Center \$50 Fairbank Bucks Bette Brown	WCI Trucking \$50 Fairbank Bucks Steve Ritter
Fairbank Food Center \$50 Fairbank Bucks Bill Cowell	WCI Trucking Esther Best
Vision's Salon \$50 Fairbank Bucks Donna Trimble	ReFuel \$20 Fairbank Bucks Tom Kleitsch
Gavin Marine \$50 Fairbank Bucks John Bush	Fairbank Community Club \$25 Fairbank Bucks Diane Niel
Gavin Marine \$50 Fairbank Bucks Karen Matthews	Stine Seed \$25 Fairbank Dollars... Cathie Schmidtke
Gavin Marine \$50 Fairbank Bucks Emily Crain	

Unfortunately, this is not a complete listing. There were other prize winners, but we could not locate a list for them. If we find more names, we will print them next month.

The Fairbank Fire Department wishes to thank all who donated toward our 2023 Winter Ball Fundraiser, and all the businesses who donated prizes.

NIDA Dancers Make Donation to Williams Center

OELWEIN: The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy is proud to announce their 3rd Annual Holly-Cital donation to the Williams Center. Beginning in 2020, the NIDA students put on a Christmas recital called Holly-cital.

Each year, NIDA families and the public are invited to attend this event with the goal of raising funds for the Williams Center. The students gain stage experience and confidence from the performance and help usher in the Christmas season all in a spirit of goodwill and giving.

The 2022 Holly-Cital Christmas performance was held Friday, December 16, at the Williams Performing Arts Center in Oelwein, IA. A \$1.00 per person donation was requested with all proceeds to benefit the Williams Performing Arts Center in support of its programming and facilities. NIDA owner/director Anna Kerns appreciated everyone for their support in attending this event and making this donation possible.

The Holly-Cital donation in the amount of \$419 was presented to WPAC Director Linda Murphy on Sunday, January 8th, 2023 by just some of the many NIDA performers.



FRONT ROW: Harper Slessor, Lydia Youngblut, Hattie Kelly, Lauren Matthias, Paizley Irvine, Julia Kuennen. MIDDLE ROW: Maelyn Hickey, Brynley Tripp, Anna Kerns, Grace Peyton, Gentry Decker, Leah Knepper, Mallory Gissel, Hazel Fauser, Ellianna Meike, Riley Meike, Sara Cook, Linda Murphy (WPAC Director). BACK ROW: Kennedy Benesh, Rachel Grover, and Aryeana Bolender



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Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, Plant Disease Course Set for February 8

Preregister before February 1 for spring commercial pesticide applicator Continuing Instruction Course Independence, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buchanan County will host a Commercial Ag, Insect, and Plant Disease Management Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Heartland Acres Theater. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact DeAnn Lentz at the ISU Extension and Outreach Buchanan County office at 319-334-7161.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, and 1C. Topics covered will include personal protective equipment and safe handling, storage of pesticides, including chemical safety; and pest management topics.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Course offered March 1

Preregister before February 22 for fall commercial pesticide applicator Training Recertification

Independence, Iowa – Iowa State University and Outreach Buchanan County will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 1, 2023, The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Heartland Acres Theater. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact DeAnn Lentz at the ISU Extension and Outreach Buchanan County office at 319-334-7161.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 3O, 3T, and 3OT. The IDALS-required topics to be covered are personal protective equipment and safe handling, storage of pesticides including chemical safety; and pest management and pesticides.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/psep.



Nearly \$10K raised for Harter family

Early estimates from Friday’s fundraising effort at Wapsie Valley High School have procured a little more than \$9,500, according to fundraiser spokesperson Nicole Barnes. A pair of Mason Harter dunks earned \$300 in pledges, while head coach Marty McKowen’s technical foul earned \$100. Official Nate Steege donated his game paycheck to the fundraiser.

Wapsie Valley has another big fundraiser planned for March 25. A cross-sport promotion will see Warrior basketball players and wrestlers facing off both on the mat and on the court. The Saturday night event begins with an open donation meal starting at 5 p.m.

- Gidal Kaiser, Oelwein Daily Register

Hats off to the organizers of these events. Another reason to be Warrior Proud!



Do you consider yourself a storyteller? Do you have a great story you've always wanted to put to paper and share with others? Showcase your storytelling ability in

the 1st Annual Wapsie Writing Contest.

Subject: Of your choosing
 Length: 100-1500 Words
 Genre: Nonfiction, Fiction, or Poetry
 Format: MS Word

3 Age Categories:
 Adults — 19 years and older
 Youth — 12 to 18 years
 Children — under 12 years

Judging: by Committee
 Winners/Stories (each category): Published in *Fairbank Islander & Readlyn Chronicle*.

Submission: bbpassick@comcast.net
 Submission Deadline: **March 15, 2023**

“1st Annual Wapsie Writing Contest”

by Betty Brandt Passick, bbpassick@comcast.net

Adults, youth, and children are invited to participate in the 1st Annual Wapsie Writing Contest. Write about a subject matter of your choosing; the writing genre may be nonfiction, fiction, or poetry. Length must be 100-1500 words.

Each individual may submit only one entry. All submissions must be submitted in MS Word. Please include the author’s name, phone/email, and story title.

Submissions must be sent to: bbpassick@comcast.net by no later than

March 15, 2023. After review of all submissions by committee members, a winner in each of the three categories will be chosen and the winners notified. Their stories will be included in a subsequent publication of the Fairbank Islander & the Readlyn Chronicle.

Questions may be directed to: bbpassick@comcast.net.



We eagerly look forward to your submission!

COLLEGE NEWS

HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo announces the fall 2022 semester Dean's List. To make the list, an individual must be a full-time student and successfully complete 12 or more credits in the fall or spring semesters with a GPA of 3.50 or better/ Area students include:

FAIRBANK: Courtney Schmitz
READLYN: Hannah Davis, Kirk Dew, Ethan Oltrogge, Keisha Pullin and Brady Sauerbrei.

ORAN: Melissa Bram
DUNKERTON: Sameen Afzal, Elizabeth Peterson, Elli Teisinger, Quincy Zuck.

JESUP: Loren Corkery, Hailey Davis, Gavin French, Alexis Harris, Amanda Masteller, Deshila Menuey-Walker, Philip Sommerfelt, Peter Thoma, and Silas Wehrspann.

HHC also announced their fall semester graduates. Graduates are listed by hometown.

FAIRBANK: Justin Cowell (AA Transfer major, Elementary Education); Camryn Wolfe (AS Liberal Arts, AA Liberal Arts, high honors)

DUNKERTON: Alivia Thomas (AA Transfer major, Elementary Education).

JESUP: Loren Corkery (diploma Industrial Equipment Maintenance, high honors); Nathan Elliott (AA Liberal Arts), Allison Flaharty (AAS Associate degree Nursing); Alexis Harris (AA Transfer Major Social Work, high honors); Candace Mannion (AAS Administrative Office Management); Mara Moore (Certificate Natural Resources Aide).

WESTGATE: Nathan Dolf (certificate Welding); McKenna Miller (AA Liberal Arts).

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA has released its Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college. Local students from the area earning this academic distinction are listed below:

FAIRBANK: Sloane Bangar and Emma Silva

WARTBURG COLLEGE

Wartburg College in Waverly, IA has recognized 474 students who were named to the 2022 fall term Dean's List. These students have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade. Area students achieving this academic excellence are listed here:

FAIRBANK: Katie Sauerbrei
DUNKERTON: Kaden Behrens, Bethany Lingenfelter and Brittany Lingenfelter

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Upper Iowa University in Fayette, IA has announced their fall 2022 fall semester Dean's List. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

FAIRBANK: Kaci Beesecker (Business Admin major).

READLYN: Lydia Imbrogno (Biology major).

DUNKERTON: Justina Sayder (Birth-Grade 3: Inclusive Settings major).

JESUP: Ashlyn Ciesielski (Birth-Grade 3: Inclusive Settings major); Tina Delagardelle (Elementary Education major); Taylor Hansen (Human Resources Mgmt. Major); Kelsey McLeod (Birth-Grade 3: Inclusive Settings major); Kristin Sadler (Elementary Education major).

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Iowa State University in Ames, IA has recognized their outstanding academic achievers by naming them to the Fall Semester 2022 Dean's List. These students must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work. Area students include:

FAIRBANK: Morgan Biertz (Management, 4th yr.); Mary Bodensteiner (Pre-Architecture, 1st yr.); Melody Kayser (Graphic Design, 4th yr.); Kaylee Kleitsch (Agricultural and Rural Policy Studies, 4th yr.); Quinn Kottke (Computer Science, 1st yr.); Ellie Neil (Animal Science, 2nd yr.).

READLYN: Branden Cox (Agricultural Studies, 3rd yr.).

DUNKERTON: William Fetter (Materials Engineering, 4th yr.); Macey Kay Tissue (Elementary

Education, 2nd yr.).

JESUP: Leah Becker (Kinesiology and Health, 2nd yr.); Luke Becker (Information Systems, 4th yr.); Mallory Becker (English, 2nd yr.); Breanne Fishels (English, 4th yr.); Brittany Funke (Environmental Science, AGLS, 3rd yr.); Mitch Harting (Agricultural Studies, 4th yr.); Jordyn Herman (Criminal Justice, 1st yr.); Kamryn Kayser (Design Undeclared, 2nd yr.); Isabelle Miller (Dietetics HSCI, 3rd yr.); Dylan Roth (Forestry, 3rd yr.); Samantha Zaputil (Public Relations, 3rd yr.).

CLARKE UNIVERSITY

Clarke University in Dubuque is proud to announce that 191 students earned a spot on the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. The university recognizes full-time students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours. An area student receiving this honor is:

FAIRBANK: Samantha Kane

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) has announced its fall dean's list for 2022. Local students earning academic recognition are:

ORAN: Isabelle Devore

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa in Iowa City recently released its Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. Area students are listed below:

FAIRBANK: Aubrey Stacey (Radiation Sciences, 4th yr.)

READLYN: Brandi Marticoff (Speech and Hearing, 4th year)

JESUP: Madeline Castings (Political Science, 1st yr.); Ian Farrell (Mathematics, 1st yr.); Madelyn Tomson (English, 1st yr.).

At the close of the 2022 fall semester, the University of Iowa awarded nearly 2,000 student degrees. Area students include:

READLYN: Brandi Marticoff (BA Speech and Hearing Science).

JESUP: Josephine Loyd (BA Public Health); Riley Mihm (BBA Business Analytics and Information Systems); Samantha Perkerwicz (MBA Executive Program, Graduate Management Programs); Ethan Wyant (MS Business Analytics, Graduate College).

Certified Handlers Course

Set for March 8

Preregister before March 1 for spring commercial pesticide applicator Continuing Instruction Course

Independence, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Buchanan County will host a Certified Handlers Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Heartland Acres Theater. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins on the day of the program are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact DeAnn Lentz at the ISU Extension and Outreach Buchanan County office at 319-334-7161.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for certified handlers. Topics covered will include personal protection equipment, storage of pesticides, including chemical security; and secondary containment requirements.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.



Wapsie Valley High School
Class of '61

The Wapsie Valley
Class of '61
Family & Friends
are planning a get together
Saturday, June 10, 2023
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



06/10/23

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 1-31, 2022 Report

Ambulance Calls: 9

Car Accidents: 0

Fire Calls: 1

EMS & Fire Training was combined this month: 56 hrs.

~ The subject was "Dementia Friendly Iowa" presented by Courtney Schmitz.

Annual elections were held and new leadership is listed below:

- ~ Fire Chief: Chris West
- ~ Asst. Chief Fire: Drake Mangrich
- ~ Asst. Chief EMS: Kevin Bodensteiner
- ~ President: Connor Woods
- ~ Vice-President: Courtney Rochette
- ~ Treasurer: Janice Martins

*Outgoing Chief, Brad Gordon
Fairbank Fire Department*

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“Tribute to Fairbank’s First Newspaperman -- M. S. HITCHCOCK”

by Betty Brandt Passick,
bbpassick@comcast.net

Publication of The Fairbank View -- Fairbank's first newspaper -- happened in 1886. Its publisher: M.S. Hitchcock (1828-1891).

Morris Stafford Hitchcock arrived in Fairbank mid-year with his wife Catherine Hicks “Kate” Humphry Hitchcock (1834-1922), who had married December 15, 1856 in Fayette County, along with three of their six children: Elizabeth “Nettie” (1861-1907), 25, Lillian (1863-1950), 23, and William (1866-1952), 20. Will was designated junior editor, though it's likely all family member helped as writers, compositors, and operated the printing press.

The senior Mr. Hitchcock landed as a seasoned publisher, familiar with Buchanan and Clayton Counties and American politics. His last position had been senior editor for the national Advocate, an eight-column folio whose first number was issued at Independence, Iowa, on May 17, 1878, by R. J. Williamson. When Williamson was elected to the office of Clerk of the Courts for Buchanan County and found it impracticable to conduct clerk duties alongside those of a newspaper, he sold the paper to Hitchcock -- who, in early 1881, began printing the eight-column folio, both sides, at his home. The average circulation of the paper was over eight hundred copies.

In 1884 Hitchcock oversaw the merger of the consolidation of the District Post of Postville with the Advocate.

By July 1886, the bloated bond of ten percent interest on the \$1,000 mortgage became untenable, and L. H. Weller foreclosed on mortgage for the printing office of the Advocate.

Hitchcock stated his intention to start another newspaper in Independence. Instead, he focused on neighboring Fairbank, a community that never had a newspaper.

The village of Fairbank had been organized on March 5, 1855, as a separate and independent township. Its population in 1886 approached five hundred Germans, Irish, and Swedes. Businesses numbered well over a dozen: mercantiles, restaurants, hotels, liveries, grist mill, sawmill, creamery, meat market, plus churches, physicians, and dozens of adjacent farms. Arrival of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railroad was anticipated within a year -- and with it, the electric telegraph.

It's believed the Hitchcocks published the View, in English, from a building across from the Brick Hotel (currently, Floral Images, 209 East Main Street), perhaps on an 1858 Franklin Press, the workhorse used in many print shops of the day. Only a single worker was required to operate the machine by pressing the foot pedal against the surface holding the paper to the flat inked printing plate.

The first issue was as a six column per quarto, a size of book page resulting from folding each printed sheet into four leaves, that cre-

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NEWSPAPER MAN
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ated eight pages. A one-year subscription was \$1.50.

Hitchcock surely believed he had a feasible plan for the paper's success. By comparison, the nearby town of Oelwein, with a population of about 830, had profitably published The Oelwein Register since around 1884. A one-year subscription was also \$1.50.

Register editor, William Morgan, was well acquainted with M. S. Hitchcock, as one of the pioneers of the greenback movement in Independence in 1880; additionally, he knew of the unfair situation in which Hitchcock found himself that resulted in foreclosure of the Advocate in July 1886.

A note in the Register from November 25, 1887, indicates Morgan held Hitchcock in high regard as a fellow newspaperman:

"Mr. Hitchcock of The Fairbank View was a brief but a pleasant caller at our office Monday. Mr. Hitchcock is a cheerful conversationalist and is enthusiastically devoted to his paper, which is receiving the appreciation that it merits."

All publishers viewed newspapers, first and foremost, as businesses, and promoted them as necessary to help a town grow and to connect residents with each other and with the world outside their neighborhood.

Revenue streams primarily came from advertisements and subscriptions. In addition, businesses paid for notices of openings and closings, business stationery, cards, posters, and sale bills; state and federal government, for publication of laws of interest to the public, such as delinquent tax lists, property sales, official meeting notices, and wills or bankruptcy notices; and citizens, to announce births, weddings, and deaths.

To spur readership, editors frequently crammed available space with gossip, blood-curdling news of accidents and murders, editorials, verses, and short stories.

Nonetheless, probably more than a few Fairbank locals were skeptical their small community could support a newspaper, particularly since the village of Quasqueton, twenty miles south, had been unable to keep afloat The Guardian for even two years, 1856-1858.

Most editors read area newspapers, plausibly in search of worthy news items to reprint for their readership. Guardian Editor J. Rich published this glowing comment about Fairbank from a Fayette County paper on July 11, 1857:

"Fairbank, a new and growing town is situated at the line partly in Buchanan County and partly in this township... is scarcely a year old, and now contains three and four hundred inhabitants... with all the usual improvements of a new town; and a church is being built on the north side of the line. With the enterprise that has been displayed in this place and its central location in the midst of a wide extend of fine country, it will undoubtedly yet be a town of considerable importance."

As the first issues of the View rolled off the press, Morris Hitchcock was undoubtedly mindful of one fact: It's one thing to publish a newspaper; quite another thing to keep it going.

By October 1886, he found the need to reduce the View to a five-column quarto – though largely, he had been able to fill the pages with a fair amount of local advertising, sundry announcements, news of the comings and goings of its people – plus, his comments from time to time assuredly made tongues wag: "Banish the idea that all business men in your nearest town are liars and thieves. Farmers haven't got a patent right on all the honesty in the world," August 31, 1887.

Lizzie Hitchcock found gainful employment in 1889, as a teacher in the intermediate department at the Fairbank Public School. The two-story building, built a year after the township was laid out on the west side of the Wapsie River (currently, 103 Walnut Street S), had two teachers and about two hundred students.

The village of Fairbank was incorporated as a town in

1891 – the same year M.S. Hitchcock died.

Regional newspapers published at least a mention of his passing. The Decorah-posten paid tribute to Hitchcock as a pioneer newspaperman:

"Morris S. Hitchcock, editor of the Fairbank View, died of heart disease on Friday, May 8, he having been some ten miles in the country on the day of his death on business, and unexpectedly expiring a few hours after his return home. Deceased was among the best editors of the state, his paper always taking an elevated position with a high moral tone pervading. Deceased leaves a widow and six children to mourn the loss of husband and parent. Three of the children reside in Tacoma [Washington] and the others at Fairbank. Deceased lacked but a few days of being 63 years at the time of his death."

He was buried in the Fairbank Cemetery (monument photo, www.findagrave.com).

Will Hitchcock, then age 25, suddenly found himself senior editor of the View. In September Lillian Hitchcock bought one-half interest in the business, and they returned the valued Iowa exchange to a six-column quarto, printed on an improved Prouty press. In 1892 and 1893, the Prouty had received merit awards at Chicago's Columbian Exposition. The following June they made a trip to Chicago to purchase a gas engine to run their paper.

"This denotes prosperity enterprise on their part also," cheered the Register.

Then, in December 1893 a notice appeared stating the View was up for sale, with the hope it would be sold before January 1.

Bro Hitchcock said "The hard times and lack of advertising patronage compels us to do this as a means of economy," the Register reported.

Will Hitchcock said goodbye to the View readers and took his departure from Fairbank. Miss Lillian remained in charge.

The Panic of 1893 followed, set off by the collapse of a large railroad company, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, which panicked investors who then flooded the New York Stock Exchange with sell orders. The economic depression in the United States lasted until 1897, with the unemployment rate exceeding ten percent for half a decade.

In January 1894 the View announced the newspaper was sold to W. S. Steele of Kingsley, Iowa.

Lillian joined her brother mid-July with running the Colfax Tribune (Iowa), "a radically Republican one, too," according to the Register. "They had had enough of the populist doctrine."

Fairbank's 'movers and shakers' continued to make improvements to their beloved town.

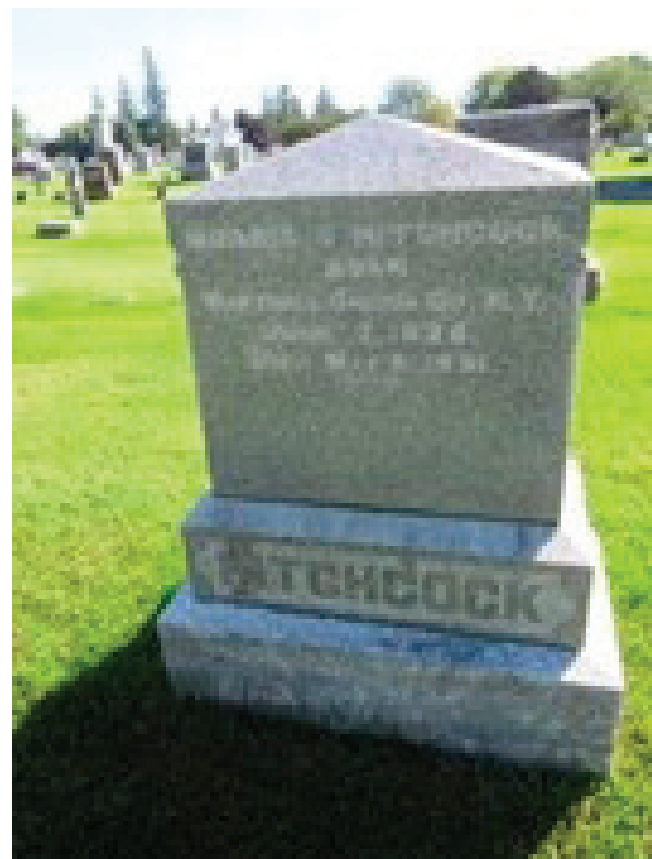
John Shannon (1859-1911), who had operated a small bicycle shop by the Wapsie River on Main Street and was the first to run a telephone line from the shop to his home about three blocks east, reported in the View, July 25, 1895, of his progress to bring telephone service to the town:

"J. E. Shannon informs us that Fairbank will be connected by telephone with the outside world, sometime in the near future. Part of the supplies is already here and the balance has been shipped. Work will begin at once. The line will connect Oelwein."

By the turn of the century, Oelwein became a Chicago Great Western Railroad hub, attracting new ethnicities – Italians, Mexicans, and African Americans – from across America, looking for work.

Fairbank acquired an African American man for a brief time, according to View editor L. D. Truitt, June 20, 1917:

"Hebron Carson, the gentleman of color, who has been plying the trade of cleaning clothes, shining shoes, etc., made a hasty get-away the other night and left for Tennessee. Like most of his race Hebron was just a plain slugger. He pulled all stunts in Fairbank that a white



man could not have done and evaded the penalty of the law. He appreciated the favors he received and responded to them much as a mule does in a gentle currying of his hind fetlock."

It's believed Carson's tailor shop, previously operated by L. Mueller, was located in the north end of the telephone building (formerly, the Brick Hotel).

In a 2016 interview, Verlie (Hahn) Trower (1916-2018), a life-long Fairbank resident, mentioned Fairbank's only African American resident. Her father was Bill Hahn, town marshal from 1916-1949. She believed Carson had a wife and young child. "One day he just left town and was gone," her father had told her.

Ultimately, a Fairbank-published newspaper existed uninterrupted for over forty-five years.

Among the final editors, Charles J. Grantham was a young man of thirty years when he arrived in town in 1921. The trained printer purchased the View in 1922, relocated it to the first floor of the Opera House, built in 1894 (currently, Costa's Sports Bar & Grille, 99 E Main Street), and changed the name to the Four County Advocate to better represent the area of news coverage.

A Mr. Cavanaugh, previously a writer for the Des Moines Register, purchased the Advocate in August 1928, having been closed for some time, buying it from the mortgagee.

Robert Goodsell purchased the Advocate about June 1930. He suspended publication within ten months, citing economic reasons.

Once again, the newspaper's failure was due to conditions beyond any editor's control. A severe worldwide depression hit the United States in 1929, which became known as the "Great Depression," lasting until the late-1930s. At its height, twenty-five percent of able-bodied workers in the U.S. were unemployed.

NOTE: The Fairbank Islander will suspend publication May 3, 2023, unless someone comes forward to carry-on as editor. Kathy Risse, editor, for the past three years, said: "Even though I was settled into retirement, I agreed to help get the newspaper up and going so Fairbank would again have a newspaper. But now it's time to get back to the things that have been on hold for three years. I recently gave my notice to the Fairbank Community Club that May would be my final month as editor." The question now becomes: 'Does Fairbank want to continue this newspaper?'

Fairbank Elementary



6th graders helped run the Leader Academy at the beginning of the month. They reviewed with each grade on how they could show leadership around the school.



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Left to Right: Ellianna Meike, Elsie VanDaele (Assistant), Anna Kerns (Owner/Instructor), Karlee Fuelling, Izsy Fauser, Mackenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Aryeana Bolender, Elizabeth Recker, Grace Recker, and Isabella Weig.



Left to Right: Grace Recker, Elizabeth Recker, Addison Penhollow, Mackenzie Christian, Karlee Fuelling, Izsy Fauser.



Left to Right: Elsie Fauser, Aryeana Bolender, Ellianna Meike, Isabella Weig.

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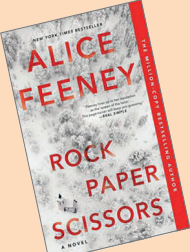
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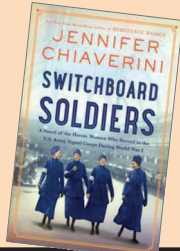
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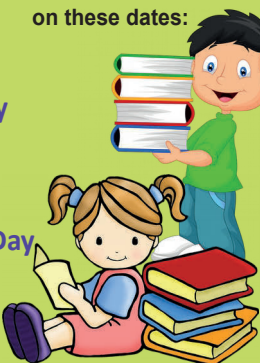
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:00 PM and then regular session following at 6:00 PM on Monday January 9, 2023. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

The budget for FY2024 was discussed during the budget workshop. The Council discussed all aspects of the City's proposed budget numbers and reviewed previous year's information from the Police, Pool, Library, and Fire departments.

Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Coffin/T. woods to approve the minutes of the December 12th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Coffin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of December were: General, \$55,898.53; Special Revenue, \$27,611.95; TIF, \$246.48; Capital Projects, \$95.85; Permanent Funds, \$19.01; Proprietary, \$194,663.50; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of December were: General, \$21,575.64; Special Revenue, \$5,840.39; Proprietary, \$192,446.75; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on December 31, 2022, was \$5,145,199.61.

The new fire department members were not ready to be approved by the council. It will be on an upcoming meeting.

Brad Gordon was present to inform the council about the department's annual election results and to hand off his title of Fire Chief to Chris West. Chris West was sworn in and the other officers for the Fire Department were also sworn in with a short swearing in ceremony. Drake Mangrich as the Assistant Fire Chief, Kevin Bodenstainer as Assistant EMS Chief, Collin Woods as President, Courtney Rochette as Vice President, and Janice Martins as Treasurer. They were all thanked for their time dedicated to these leadership roles.

Two quotes were submitted for the work needing done on the Fire Department building. Both quotes included removal of current shingles and replacement of shingles. Perry Hershberger Construction LLC had a quote of \$20,000 which did not include any extra work that could possibly be needed on repairing soffit, fascia, sheathing, or rafters if necessary. Those would be an additional \$40 per man/hour. Legacy Roofing of Iowa had a quote of \$26,545.65. Their quote didn't mention any additional repairs cost. The council thanks Chris West for presenting the two quotes and wanted some more time reviewing them. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the third reading of an ordinance adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairbank, Iowa." Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Coffin to approve Ordinance #352 – An Ordinance Adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairbank, Iowa." Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer, the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission Director, was present along with John Welsh again to discuss with the council about the catalyst grant opportunity for the 1897 Café building. The pre-application is due January 27th. More discussions on how much to contribute to the project took place and if a contribution was made where and how to make the contribution work. It will be on the agenda for a decision at the meeting on January 23, 2023.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the renewal option through Wellmark for the employees' health insurance. There was a 10.8% increase in the premium costs but the new plan showed lower out of pocket maxes. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussions on the snow removal process in town was on the agenda. Mayor Cowell stated that during the last snow clean-up there was some rebuttal on one of the warnings issued for a vehicle parked on a public street. Police Chief Drish stated that he stood by all 14 warnings that had been issued so far this winter season. It was agreed upon that consistency and getting the word out to all residents is the best way to help everyone know about the area in the code that discusses snow removal operations for the city. If violated, a warning is issued to inform the resident of the situation and if a second reminder is needed that a ticket would be issued for \$15.00. The Council

wanted to remind everyone about chapter 69.11 Snow Removal in the City Code that states no person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

Ben talked about how the city is currently using an outdated rebate program with outdated efficiency figures and dollar amounts. Since the city is a member of IAMU, we have access to an online portal of free services. They have a rebate program called Muneebuck\$ and they would handle all the rebates in town. A resident would submit it through an online system, and it would go straight to IAMU for review then the city would receive month totals on what was received. They have employees that only do this and would be available for any questions that might come up when submitting for a rebate. The council wondered how the insulations were measured and asked that it be brought to the next meeting, and they would review the information then.

The verbiage for the amendment to the personnel manual on unused vacation was not ready yet. It will be on the next agenda.

The pool board vacancies are still an open issue. Mayor Cowell stated that he would get in touch with the past pool board president and members in hopes to have more information for the next meeting.

Coffin/T. Woods to appoint Chris West as the city's representative to the Bremer County E911 Board. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Coffin to re-appoint Ron Miller as the city's representative to Buchanan and Fayette County EMA and 911 Boards. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Coffin/T. Woods to approve the Spring and Fall city-wide clean-up days for Monday May 8, 2023, and Monday October 9, 2023. All items will need to be out to the curb by 7:00 AM. Stickers for appliances will be available to purchase at City Hall until the 5:00 PM on the Friday before the scheduled pick-up day. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. woods/Coffin to approve the next budget workshop for Monday January 23rd at 5:00 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies	\$ 58.97
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 223.13
AUDITOR OF THE STATE, ROB SAND, FY22 Exam	\$ 175.00
MIKAYLA BIXEMAN, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$ 5,817.90
COLLIN BRANDT & SARA, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY, Dispatch Fees	\$ 9,286.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 69,090.50
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services	\$ 11,357.81
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 671.65
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 11,318.61
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 9,387.22
CMS MEDICARE APPLICATION, Fee	\$ 631.00
TANNER CURLEY, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Clothing/Cell Phone Reimbursements	\$ 202.77
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursements	\$ 75.00
ALYXANDRA DIXON, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Supplies	\$ 90.96
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP, Services	\$ 5,000.00
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Utility Bills January 2023	\$ 171.60
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 4,847.56
HAILEY EITZENHFER, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COMPANY, Services	\$ 570.30
HUNTER KANE, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
ASHLYN HYDE, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
TOM & ANNETTE HYDE, Rebate	\$ 325.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Certification	\$ 20.00
IAMU, Services	\$ 4,903.00
IAN BUZYNSKI, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
IOWA PARK & RECREATION ASSOC., Training	\$ 330.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 6,972.68
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 4,902.61
ITRON, INC, Subscription	\$ 2,700.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 249.39
K & W COATINGS, LLC, Supplies	\$ 502.00

MAXWELL KAYSER, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
KEITH OLTROGGE, CPA, Services	\$ 2,900.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$ 404.25
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 225.90
CODY KLEITSCH, Fire Reimbursement	\$ 44.00
CHLOE KLEINHEKSEL, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
AUSTIN KLINK, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
NICK KUKER, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
ISABEL LARUE, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Addresses	\$ 20.00
MEDIACOM, Phone Line	\$ 46.96
RON MILLER, Mileage	\$ 334.05
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 386.63
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/1/22	\$ 10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/15/22	\$ 8.61
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$ 500.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 275.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publications	\$ 367.32
OFFICE TOWNE, Supplies	\$ 38.99
AIDAN OLDFATHER, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
OLIVIA OLDFATHER, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
PLAINFIELD WELDING & REPAIR, Services	\$ 90.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services	\$ 206.43
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 412.50
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Equipment	\$ 1,033.60
AUTUMN SULLIVAN, Training Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMP, Life Policies	\$ 82.70
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Dec. Sales Tax	\$ 2,764.77
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Dec. Wt Excise Tax	\$ 1,163.27
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, State Withholding Tax	\$ 3,389.00
TRUE NORTH, Insurance Premium	\$ 518.70
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 6,753.64
U.S. BANK, PEFA Commodity	\$ 9,341.30
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies	\$ 163.20
UTILITY SAFETY & DESIGN INC., Public Awareness Mailing	\$ 1,768.66
VAN METER INC., Supplies	\$ 54.11
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones/Supplies	\$ 265.00
VISA, Avaya Phone System	\$ 317.75
VISA, Microsoft Email Accounts	\$ 110.50
BRADY WEEPIE, Training Reimbursement	\$ 95.00
WELLMARK, January Premium	\$ 2,665.54
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$ 150.00
BRENT WIEROCK, Services	\$ 525.00
WILNAT, INC., Equipment	\$ 715.71
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$ 67.12
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on January 4, 2023:	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$ 67.27
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	\$ 913.82
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC, Equipment	\$ 2,345.07
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 222.60
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 23.57
NE SECURITY BANK	\$ 1.39
VISA, Avaya Phone System	\$ 40.60
VISA, Microsoft Email Accounts	\$ 12.50
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$ 200.00
Police Chief Drish stated that the police department will rely on the complaining party to exercise reasonable options to have vehicles warned and moved in town. He is also going to get some extra time patrolling in the mornings and that the police department is operating very well. Public Works stated that the plans for Main Street had been sent out and that they had seen a lot of potential bidders in town on the project. Brian stated that CIT Sewer Solutions would be in town that next week to start working on performing preventative maintenance by cleaning the sanitary sewer out on the West side of town. They were able to remove the Christmas lights down that last week.	
Coffin/T. Woods to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.	
Bill Cowell, Mayor	
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ATOM BOMBERS 4-H MAKE PLANS FOR YOUTH 4-H SUMMER CAMP

On January 8th, 2023 the Atom Bombers 4-h group met up at the I.C. Church Hall for the monthly meeting. Brock Kleitsch called the meeting to order at 5:12pm, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Cora Wright. The roll call question was "what is your favorite activity to do in the snow." There were seventeen members present and nine guests. The secretary's report was given by Destry Peine, and the treasures report was given by Brody Kleitsch.

Even though it's cold outside we are planning the youth 4-h summer camp. This is for all fourth through sixth grade 4-h members who want to have some extra fun this summer. This is going on at the Beulahland Christian Camp by Elgin, Iowa. Save the dates for June 2nd and 3rd for some outdoor summer fun. For the 4-h summer camp we are also looking for camp counselors! If you or a loved one would like to be a role model for younger members, lead fun activities and games, and be outside with new found friends, think about signing up to be a camp counselor! More information can be found in the Buchanan county newsletter.

The date, time, and location of the next 4-h meeting will be February 12th, 5:00, at the I.C. Church Hall. This meeting's adjournment time was 5:30. The 4-h pledge was led by Charlie Coffman. At the end of the meeting we had four presentations. The first two presentations were by Charlie and Cece Coffman, both about how to make a wood-cut-out christmas tree. The next presentation was by Riya Kelly about potbelly pigs. And the



Riya Kelly giving presentation with & Kennly Happel helping.

last presentation was how to make puppy chow, by Cora Wright. To end the meeting we had refreshments provided by the Wright and Sweeney family's.



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What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

Welcome February, the shortest month of the year – 28 days this year. Abraham Lincoln, who's birthday is February 12, was a great respected philosopher. One of his popular quotes is "Leave nothing for tomorrow what you can do today."

So how about making some chocolate-filled cupcakes for Valentine's treats!

Chocolate-Filled Cupcakes

Cupcakes

1 chocolate cake mix prepared according to the directions. Pour batter into 24-30 paper-lined muffin tins, filling each ½ full. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Cool before filling with cream filling.

Cream Filling

¼ c. butter	A pinch of salt
¼ c. shortening	3 tbsp. milk
2 c. powdered sugar	1 tsp. vanilla



Cream butter and shortening, add powdered sugar, salt, vanilla, and cream well. Add milk as needed and beat well, until fluffy. Place filling in a pastry bag with a small tip. Once cupcakes are cool, push the pastry bag tip through center of cupcake down to the paper liner. Press, filling the cupcakes with the cream filling to the top. Frost and decorate the cupcake top as desired.

* A strawberry cake mix makes pretty Valentine's cakes.

Now for a quick, tasty pasta dish – Fettucine Alfredo.



Fettucine Alfredo

8 oz. fettucine, dry or fresh	½ c. butter
8 oz. cream cheese	½ milk
¾ c. grated parmesan cheese	1 tsp. garlic powder
	Salt & pepper to taste

Bring 3-4 qts. of water to a boil, add a few drops of olive oil to prevent the pasta from sticking together. Boil dry fettucine 8-10 min. or fresh fettuccine 3-5 min., until al dente. Over medium heat, melt butter into the milk and add cream cheese, stirring until melted. Stir in parmesan cheese and seasonings. Heat, stirring until thickened. Add warm drained fettucine and toss together. Serve immediately. Add a bit of chopped parsley, ground pepper, or grated parmesan cheese on top to garnish.

Options you can add in:
 ~ 1 small can black olives, sliced and drained, along with 1 small can pimentos, sliced and drained, to add some color and flavor, *or*
 ~ Sliced, sauteed mushrooms and/or cooked chopped chicken breast, *or*
 ~ Steamed broccoli.

Now, for another one of Lincoln's inspiring quotes:

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GORDON LEE QUENTIN*January 15, 1936 ~ January 5, 2023*

Gordon Lee Quentin, 86, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial in Waterloo. Gordon was born on January 15, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of William and Frieda (Scharnitzke) Quentin. Gordon grew up in Dearborn, Michigan, where he was baptized on February 16, 1936 and confirmed on May 21, 1950, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dearborn. He graduated from Dearborn High School in 1954.



He entered the Air Force in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1963. Upon his discharge he moved to the Elkader, Iowa area and worked for an area farmer. He worked for City Laundry after moving to Oelwein.

Gordon was united in marriage to Jolantha Jean Thies on September 25, 1966, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. After their marriage, Gordon and Jolantha lived in Oelwein until 1969 when they moved to their acreage east of Readlyn. Gordon started working for John Deere in Waterloo in 1974 and retired in 1998.

Gordon was a longtime woodworker, crafting many of his projects with his scroll saw with ornate crosses being a favorite. He was known for his immense imagination and always enjoyed visiting with almost anyone. He was an avid collector of toy tractors, especially John Deere tractors and was a member of the Two Cylinder Club.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Jolantha Quentin of Readlyn; two sons, Tom (Anita) Quentin of Kanawha and Steve (Joanna) Quentin of Longwood, Florida; four grandchildren; and a brother, Arnold (Ann) Quentin of Arlington, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Allen and Larry Quentin.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 Monday, January 9, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jon Ellingworth officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn with the military rites at the grave by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 of Denver. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com and memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

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

FATHER MARK MCGOVERN*March 4, 1941 ~ January 11, 2023*

Father Mark McGovern, age 81, of Cedar Rapids, IA, died Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Stonehill Communities in Dubuque, IA.

He was born March 4, 1941, in Whittmore, IA, to Joseph Francis and Alice Verona (Weisbrod) McGovern. He graduated from Riceville High School in 1959, attended Loras College, and Mount Saint Bernard Seminary. In 1967, he was ordained at Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. Mark served in several parishes



throughout the Dubuque Diocese and also taught religion at Osasian De Sales and Cresco Notre Dame High School. He received his PhD in Philosophy in 1982 from St. Louis University and taught at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO.

Mark had a love for music. At family gatherings he always entertained with his perfect pitch singing while playing his guitar. Besides being a member of a barbershop quartet, he loved flying his airplane, riding his motorcycle, canoeing, and especially playing games and cards with his nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed relaxing at a cabin he himself built next to a river near Cascade, IA.

Mark is survived by his brothers: Mike, Jim (Kathy), Terry (Janet), and Jon; sisters: Joan (Dick) Britton, Merry (Dick) Whittaker, Ruth (Marco DeGaetno) McHeyser, and Colleen (Frank Forney) McGovern; brother-in-law Dick Luckritz; and forty nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Verona McGovern; sisters Kathy Luckritz and Jane Kernan; brother and sister-in-law Art and Barb McGovern; and sister-in-law Betty McGovern.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, January 27, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Riceville, IA with Archbishop Michael Jackels presiding and Fr. Daniel Knipper homilist. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery Riceville, IA. Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

HOWARD MARTIN MEANEY*October 4, 1934 ~ January 1, 2023*

Howard Meaney, 88, of rural Oelwein, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2023 at MercyOne Hospital in Oelwein. He was born October 4, 1934 in Waterloo, the son of Martin and Agnes (Shannon) Meaney.

Howard attended and graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Fairbank with the Class of 1952. After high school, Howard was employed at John Deere in Waterloo until he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in the Army from 1957-1959 and he then returned to work at John Deere, retiring in 1987. Howard was also a lifelong farmer until he retired from farming in 2010.

Howard married Janet Bantz on November 11, 1961 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Howard was a member of the UAW 838 of Waterloo, the Fairbank Knights of Columbus, as well as the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janet; his seven children: Susan (Ed) Corcoran of Paullina, Tim (Patty) Meaney of Oelwein, Barbara (Kevin) Salisbury of Cedar Falls, Jacqie (Jim) Mikkola of Cedar Rapids, Daniel (Angel) Meaney of Oelwein, Erin Meaney of Cedar Rapids, and Michael (Kristin) Meaney of Somonauk, IL; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Kriener of Fredricksburg; and one sister-in-law, Janice Bantz of Westgate. Howard was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Leonard; and two brothers-in-law; Ronald and James Bantz.

Funeral Mass was held Friday, January 6th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank. Military Rites were conducted by the Fairbank American Legion Fortsch-Duffy Post 552. Interment was at Immaculate Catholic Cemetery. Lunch was served at the Parish Center following the graveside service.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

**DARREL F. COX***October 14, 1941 ~ January 23, 2023*

Darrel Francis Cox, age 81 of Fairbank, passed away January 23, 2023 at his home. He was born October 14, 1941 in Waterloo the son of Raymond and Helen (Whitney) Cox.

Darrel grew up in rural Fairbank and spent the rest of his life in the same area. He was a graduate of the very first class of Wapsie Valley Community Schools in 1960. Darrel was a lifelong farmer while also working at John Deere in Waterloo for 38 years, which he retired from in 1998. He married Carolyn Ann Schutte on August 19, 1961 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank. Carolyn passed away March 11, 1988. Darrel enjoyed driving, making the rounds and visiting as many people as he could in a day. He had a regular schedule he stuck to each week for the different eating establishments in the local area and if he didn't show, someone was on the phone to one of the boys making sure he was okay. Darrel's family was his pride and joy. He thrived on attending all of his all boys', grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities and rarely missed an event. Along with the love of his family and friends, came his strength in faith. Darrel was a lifetime member of the United Methodist of Fairbank where he was baptized, confirmed and married. He will be missed by so many, especially his family, whom he loved so much.

Darrel is survived by his four sons: Russ of Readlyn, Brian (Reiko) of Greenwood, Indiana, Dan of Plainfield and Mike of Readlyn; nine grandchildren: Alicia (Nate) Jones, Rhino (Abby) Cox, Sheila (Dave) Wangsness, Khyle (Shaliah Anderson) Cox, Jarod Cox, Christy Cox, Kevin (Lillie) Cox, Ashlyn Snowden and Branden Cox; nine great-grandchildren: Jesse, Jamie and Jase Jones, Kiptyn and Kynlee Cox, Hannah, Wade and Wes Wangsness and Bo Cox; one brother Craig (Wilma) Cox; one brother-in-law Elton Schutte; and a sister-in-law Shirley Schutte.

Darrel was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; brother, Curtis Cox; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rueben and Esther Schutte; brother-in-law, Orlin Schutte; sister-in-law, Shirley Schutte; and several close friends.

Funeral Services were held Monday, January 30, 2023 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank, followed by interment at Fairbank Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church or to the family for later designation. Online condolences can be left at www.woodsfuneralhome.net

**SHERRY ANN DUFFY***December 3, 1962 ~ January 3, 2023*

Sherry Duffy, 60, of Fairbank passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at her home. She was born December 3, 1962, the daughter of Jerry and Wanda (Tope) Kaufman. Sherry attended Wapsie Valley Community Schools and graduated with the Class of 1981.

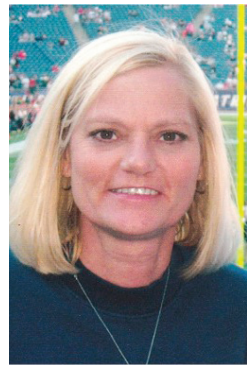
After high school, Sherry enrolled and graduated from Hawkeye Community College. As an infant, Sherry was baptized at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank where she became a lifetime member. Sherry was united in Holy Matrimony to her high school sweetheart, Tony, on October 23, 1982 at Immaculate Conception Church. The union was blessed with two children, Brent & Candace. Sherry worked for various businesses during her working career, with the last 16 plus years being an Administrative Assistant for Pete Meehan at Financial Decisions Group. Sherry had a generous spirit and pleasant personality, she was loved by many. Her Christian life was as beautiful as the flowers that she loved so well and her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her.

Sherry's beautiful life will forever be cherished by her husband of 40 years, Tony; her children: Brent Duffy of Waverly and Candace (Rob) Ratchford of Independence; her grandchildren "her pride and joy": Madden and Bristol Ratchford, and Makinna, Grayson and Adalyn Duffy; two sisters: Julie (Curt) Kelley and Denise (Bob) Crew; one brother, Todd (Tina) Kaufman; sisters-in-law: Clarice (Steve) Levey, Carol Duffy, Nina Duffy, Nancy (Rich) Wallace, and Norma (Kevin) Westendorf; brothers-in-law: Mike (Judy) Duffy, Tim (Jeanette) Duffy, and Ted (Sue) Duffy; along with many devoted aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents; paternal grandparents, Fred and Marie (Steils) Kaufman; her maternal grandparents, Lester and Opal (Ruroden) Tope; father and mother-in-law, Jack and Dorothy (Kane) Duffy; brother-in-law, Mark Duffy; niece Lou Ann Bentley; and nephews Chris Wallace and Josh Menuey.

Funeral Mass was held January 7th, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank, with interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Fairbank. Following service at cemetery, a lunch was served at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center.

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



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ARLEN RICHARD BRICKMAN

June 20, 1930 ~ January 9, 2023

Arlen Richard Brickman, 92, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away on January 9, 2023, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly from complications of COVID pneumonia. Arlen was born on June 20, 1930, to Fred and Bertha (Fink) Brickman at their rural Fairbank home. He was baptized July 6, 1930, and confirmed April 18, 1943, at St. John Lutheran Church, Fairbank, by Pastor H.J. Heilmann. Arlen was the youngest of ten children and one of his older sisters, Viola, remembered him being born with blonde hair and blue eyes.



Times were hard back then, and Arlen lost both his parents by the age of six. After the death of his mother, Arlen's oldest brother Harold, returned home to help raise the younger siblings. Despite only having an 8th grade education, Arlen went to work at John Deere at the age of 17 where he was employed for 33 years, retiring in 1981 as a Final Inspector.

In 1948, Arlen met the love of his life, Donna Reinking, and they were married on January 20, 1952. They lived in Waterloo for several years before purchasing eighty acres five miles east of Readlyn where they farmed until 1981. Arlen and Donna raised two children: a son Rick (Richard) and a daughter Becky (Rebecca). During the 1970s and 80s, Arlen and Donna enjoyed vacationing to their summer home on Lake Miltona in Minnesota where Arlen enjoyed fishing, remodeling their cabin, and visiting with friends and family.

Arlen and Donna moved off the farm in 1989 and built a home in Readlyn. At that point the couple had three granddaughters and the following years were filled with many blessings and special memories. In the 1990s, Arlen and Donna gained a grandson, sold their cabin in Minnesota, and purchased another summer home in Harpers Ferry where Arlen quickly found all the best fishing spots on the Mississippi River. In March 2006 they sold their home in Readlyn and their house in Harpers Ferry and moved to The Ledges in Waverly to be closer to their daughter Becky and family.

Arlen was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn since 1954, where he served as trustee and usher. After retirement he served on the Readlyn housing board for three years and on the Readlyn Telephone Board for thirteen years. Arlen, known as Hank to his numerous nephews and nieces, was a determined and hardworking man. He never wanted his family to grow up as impoverished as he did, and Arlen fulfilled that commitment. He was kind and generous and was once called by one of his friends, "the nicest guy in Readlyn."

Arlen was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His children and grandchildren have many special memories of fishing on Lake Miltona and on the Mississippi River. Arlen was the kind of grandpa who could do anything. He could build anything (including the infamous Barbie doll house), he could always help you win a hand of 500, and because he knew all the best fishing spots, he could tell you exactly where to drop your fishing line to catch a fish. Arlen was also a John Deere man through and through and gave his grandkids their first ride on a John Deere tractor.

Arlen is survived by his wife Donna, of almost 71 years; daughter Becky (Richard) McBurney of rural Clarksville; four grandchildren, Sheena (Ed) Hargus of Oak Lawn, IL, Kristina McBurney of Waterloo, Katelyn McBurney of Des Moines and Jordan Brickman of Las Vegas, NV; and two great-grandsons Liam and Hudson Hargus, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Richard; five brothers and spouses, Harold (Arlene) Brickman, Clarence (Helene) Brickman, Edgar (Annetta) Brickman, Wilbert Brickman, Raymond (Dorothy) Brickman, and four sisters and their spouses, Wilma (Arnold) Rueber, Viola (Elmer) Lenius, Frances (Kenneth) Sievers, and Evelyn (Edwin) Diercks.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 14, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Home Good Shepherd Chapel in Waverly, with visitation one hour before. A private burial took place later that day at the St. Paul Cemetery in Readlyn. Please direct memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church / Community Lutheran School, Readlyn, or St. Croix Hospice.

DARLENE MAE RATH

January 9, 1936 ~ December 27, 2022

Darlene Mae Rath, 86, of Fairbank, died Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Darlene was born January 9, 1936, in Black Hawk County, Iowa, the daughter of Dayton Clair and Henrietta Loucinda (Keding) Wright. She graduated from Denver High School in 1953. On June 13, 1954, she was united in marriage to Lorain P. "Shorty" Diercks. To this union six children were born. The couple would later divorce in 1977. On December 30, 1978, she was united in marriage to Robert D. "Bob" Rath at their home in Denver. Together they lived in the area for a couple years until moving to Huffman, Texas in October of 1981. She worked in several office support staff positions, retiring as a purchasing associate at DuPont in Kingwood, Texas. She and Bob stayed in Texas until October of 2013 when they moved to Fairbank where she remained a resident until her passing.



Darlene always had a knitting or crocheting project (or two) going to keep her busy. She made many blankets over the years. She enjoyed putting together puzzles, going to garage sales and collecting giraffes, lots and lots of giraffes. Above all, she cherished time spent with her family.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Bob, of Fairbank; six children, Sherry (Bryan) Barker of Nevada, Dennis Diercks of Waterloo, Julie (Dorsey) Steere of Tripoli, Vicki (Randy) Kaufman of Fairbank, Gary Diercks of Denver, and Michael (Carolyn) Diercks of Denver; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a sister, Dixie (Butch) Milius of Denver; a sister-in-law, Lorraine Wright of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. In addition, she is survived by three stepchildren Jeanine (Jim) Begalske of West Union, Brian Rath of Cedar Falls and Barry Rath of Wacott.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard C. Wright; grandchild, Andy Kaufman; a great grandchild, Beckett Kaufman; and a great-great grandchild, Landree Bradley.

Funeral Services were held on January 3, 2023 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family for a later designation and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver was in charge of arrangements. 319-984-5379

DONALD DALE FRATZKE

January 25, 1929 ~ January 3, 2023

Dale Fratzke of Batavia, Illinois passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at the age of 93, three weeks short of his 94th birthday. He was born on a farm in Fairbank, Iowa on January 25, 1929, the son of Paul and Amanda (Hein) Fratzke. Dale graduated from Fairbank Iowa High School in 1946.



He received his 25-year member pin from Carpenter's Local 1248 of Geneva on October 10, 1974 and built houses and did many remodeling jobs in the Fox Valley. Dale was drafted into the Army in March 1951, serving during the Korean War, and received the Combat Infantryman Badge medal, the Purple Heart for wounds received, and the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars. He was discharged with the rank of Corporal. He was a former member of Saint John's Lutheran Church in St. Charles, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Batavia.

Dale is survived by three sons: Frank and wife Laurel (Ropke) Fratzke, Dale "Scott" and Anne (Diehl), and Mark; brother Paul and his wife Nancy of Janesville, IA; sisters Darlene (Fratzke) Posekany of Ocoola, IA and Maxine (Fratzke) Oliverius of Pekin, IL; his grandson Michael Andrew Fratzke; granddaughter Sara Marie Franzke; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gail Marie (Riege) Fratzke; his parents Paul & Amanda (Hein) Fratzke; his In-Laws Vilas & Franke (Albee) Riege; his brother Lawrence "Larry" Fratzke of Peoria, IL; his son Steven; daughter-in-law Kathy (Diggs) Fratzke; his son James "Jim" and daughter-in-law Kim (Miller) Fratzke.

The words directly above were written by Dale himself nearly a decade ago as he made preparations for his inevitable appointment with the Lord. He was always one to be prepared, to be ready, and to get his work done. However, a bit more detail to his life needs to be added.

Dale was a Master Carpenter, and long time Builder and Contractor in Batavia. If all the boards, nails, and bricks that Dale added to the City of Batavia over the years were to vanish, it would be a totally different place. He loved the town and its residents, where he had many friends and acquaintances. He literally did hundreds of remodeling projects, built many new homes, worked on churches, businesses and industrial renovations, built parsonages and much more in the City and throughout the surrounding towns up and down the Fox Valley.

Dale did the original extensive interior and exterior renovations of the Depot Museum in Batavia after it's move from the East Side to its current location. He did remodeling projects at the original Police Station, the original Fire Department, renovations of the Shopping Center in downtown Batavia for Batavia Enterprises along with many other retail and industrial buildings in town including the Batavia Dairy, renovations at the second City Hall, renovations at the original Public Library and many more. When the Batavia Building Inspectors of the day wanted work done on their homes, they called Dale. He was also on the crew that did the first re-shingle job of the historic Windmill at Fabyan's Park back in the early 1960's - in fact after a recent facelift a few years ago a "time capsule" was found that had been left under the shingles of the Windmill with Dale's name along with the other team members that did the original work, plus an article from that time about the work done from The Republican.

Dale, as mentioned above, also served his Country. And he served it with valor. His wounds in the Korean Conflict were received behind enemy lines where in June 1952 he and 100+ men went up Hill 191 to do battle, but only 6 returned alive. Dale, although severely wounded on that Hill, still found the strength to carry another wounded soldier on his back, behind enemy lines, for miles to return to safety. Upon his return and reporting to his commanding officer, the officer broke down in tears saying, "I've lost them all". In another incident, while under heavy enemy fire, Dale turned back to rescue another soldier who was drowning in a creek due to his heavy load, pulled him out and saved his life. Dale never spoke about these events until very late in life, and only after being pressed.

In short, although he avoided the spotlight, Dale literally changed the face of Batavia piece by piece. Saving the old and creating the new. His actions in War helped to preserve this Country. His legacy will live for many years to come. Dale was a master craftsman, a teacher, a mentor, a long time businessman, loved his family, and enjoyed having a few Old Styles with his friends.

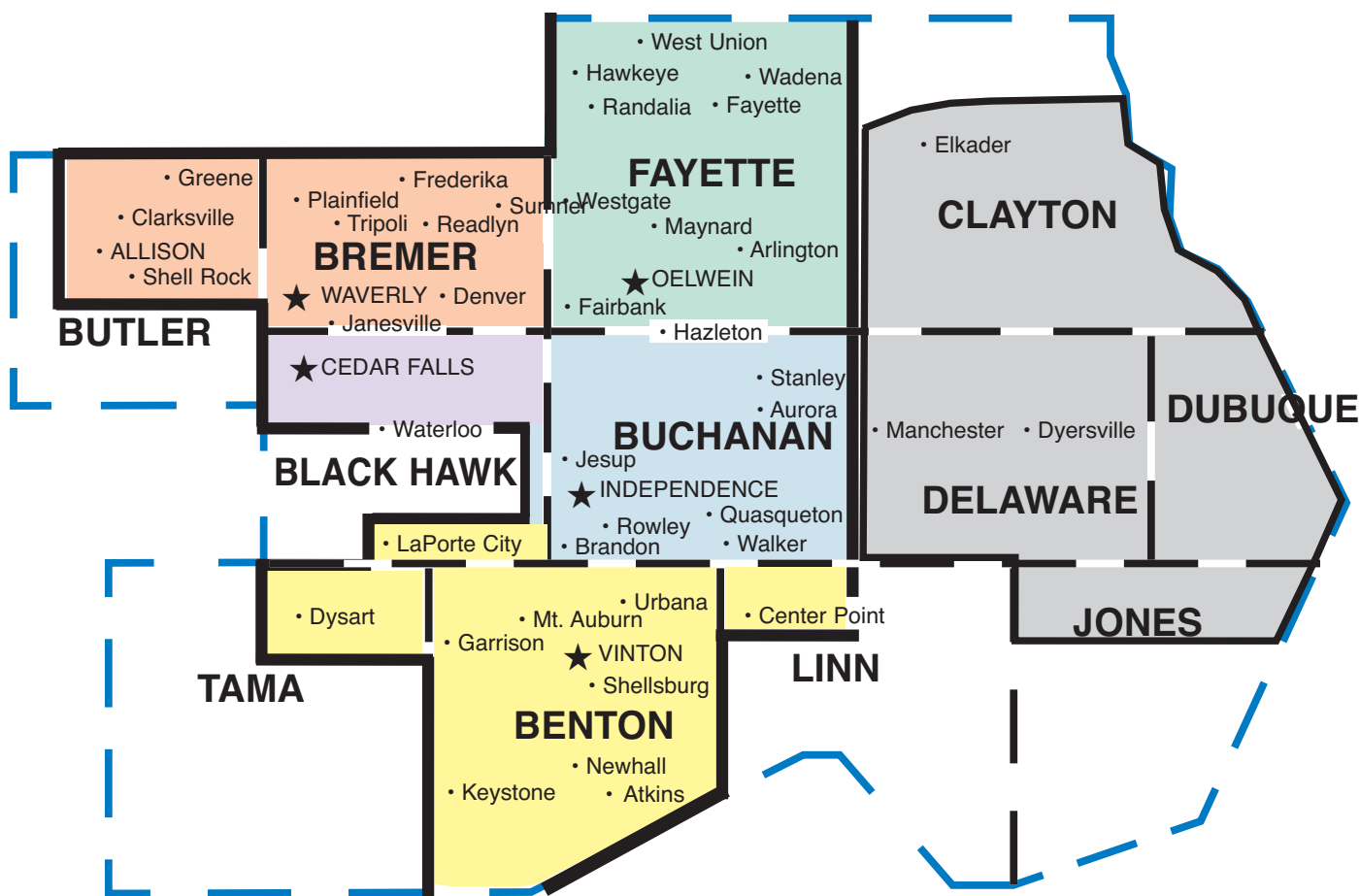
There was a brief service at Moss Funeral Home of Batavia on January 14, 2023, followed by interment immediately after at East Batavia Cemetery.

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