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Fairbank Fire Department's New Equipment

The FFD introduces their newest apparatus. This Polaris Ranger is specifically designed and built for emergency response. They chose both the rescue design, combined with the grass and terrain firefighting equipment. This gives them the flexibility to respond to water rescues in remote areas, recreational vehicle incidents, response to accessible challenging areas, response in snow, and grass/field fires. This vehicle was purchased with 100% donated funds through their annual fundraisers, and the "Fairbank SXS Rides". A USDA grant assisted with some firefighting equipment purchases.



A set of Wildland firefighting gear was purchased for each firefighter on the FFD. This gear can also be used during rescues. It is lighter-weight than traditional structural gear, giving responders better mobility and body temperature control. These sets of gear were purchased in part from funds granted by the USDA.

The Fairbank Islander is celebrating Three Year Anniversary

By Kathy Risse

This issue brings the end of "year three" for the Fairbank Islander. It seems like the time has gone by so fast! And as I announced before, I am stepping down from my role as the editor of the Fairbank Islander after this issue. But fortunately, it's not the end of the newspaper. Starting next month, Melaine Buzynski and Carrie Hendricks from NE Iowa Publications (Oelwein Daily Register) will work together on compiling and creating each issue, and I'm sure they will do a great job! The paper will still be sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club. And I won't be completely out of the picture... I



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City-Wide Garage Sales this weekend

Don't forget! This is the weekend for City-Wide Garage Sales in Fairbank. Saturday, May 6, is the main sale day, with some sales starting on Friday. You can pick up a map sheet at Casey's or Fairbank Food. They probably won't be available till late Thursday or Friday.

If you are planning on having a sale, you need to have your sign-up sheet turned in at the library by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3 in order to be included on the map sheets. You can also check out Fairbank Community Club's facebook page for on-line registration.

The Helping Hands Clothing Closet will have a trailer in the Fairbank Library parking lot on Saturday from 1:00-2:00. They will be accepting donations of clothing (sizes newborn to adult), bedding, shoes and books. No household items please.

Also, Monday, May 8 is City Clean-Up Day, so you can get rid of larger items that day. Just have them out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. Appliances need tags which can be purchased at City Hall.



Mollie B & SqueezeBox coming to Fairbank

The Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank has arranged for an appearance by Mollie B & SqueezeBox on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Mollie B is the multi-instrumentalist, award-winning vocalist, and host of the Mollie B Polka Party TV show, and has been performing music since she was three years old.

Also appearing, Ted Lange, is a 2-time Grammy Nominee. Together they have been featured in the 2018 Warner Brothers Movie, "The Mule," starring Clint Eastwood. They were named male and female vocalists of the year, and inducted into the International Polka

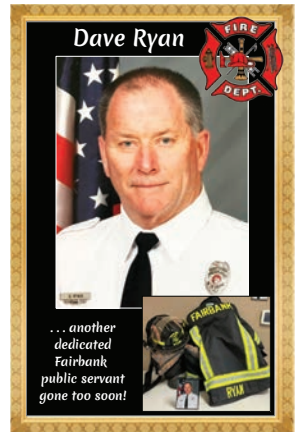
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Fairbank suffers another big loss

With heavy hearts, the Fairbank Fire Department announced the passing of active member, former Fire Chief Dave Ryan. Dave passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2023 after a very brief bout with cancer.

Dave served the fire department honorably for over 33 years, from September 12, 1989 until April 19, 2023, in the positions of Firefighter, EMT, Training Officer, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief. He attended his last fire training on April 15, 2023.

Dave is the first Fairbank Fire Department member to pass away while on active duty in over 40 years. His wife, Mary Beth, thanks the community for all the support during Dave's brief illness. A full obituary is on page 14.



Fairbank City-Wide Clean Up Day



Monday, May 8th

Have your items to the curb by 7am!

All Appliance Tags must be purchased at City Hall by 5:00 PM on FRIDAY, MAY 5TH



Due to construction on Main Street, there is a temporary utility payment drop box behind City Hall. It is placed on the north side of the alley behind City Hall rear parking lot and Northeast Security Bank.

MOLLIE B
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Hall of Fame.
The Fairbank event includes an 8:30 a.m. Polka Mass at the IC Church along with a noon performance at Riverside Park which is next to the church. Brunch will be served in the church hall from 9:30 to noon, and Boyd's Food Stand will be available during the afternoon performance. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and coolers will be allowed.

Don't miss your chance to see this fun and entertaining show – it is open to the public! Free will donations will be accepted. For more information, email ICFairbank@gmail.com or visit: ICFairbank.weebly.com



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or Kathy Risse 319-635-2122



By Brylee Bellis
Hi Everyone!

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will still be helping out with some of the layout, such as the library page and the What's Cook'in column, etc., and I will continue handling the finances. As far as the paper, everything will remain much the same.

I've truly enjoyed getting the paper started, and I'm proud of how it has turned out. A special thanks to all the businesses who have advertised in the Islander. They're the true heroes, because their sponsorship makes it possible for us to cover the printing expenses and postage to send out a free paper to everyone in Fairbank. Please remember this and support their businesses!

We have made it to May. Spring sports and school are quickly coming to a close. We are just two weeks away from the district meet. It sure is an exciting time at the valley!

Not to mention it's also an exciting time for Fairbank! We are

finally getting new roads and officially have a stop light! It's definitely a change of scenery.

The weather is getting warmer and making many eager to bring out their summer clothes and get outside! I hope everyone has a great month!

I also want to thank the people who have helped me along the way... Betty Brandt Passick who has submitted features and biographical articles every month; Bob Shields who sent historical items for the "Blast From The Past" page; Arnola Siggelkow with the "What's Cook'in" column; and other writers including Rev. Jacob Swenson; the Island Queens - Melody Kayser, Mary Bodensteiner, and Brylee Bellis; our dear friend Mayor Mike Harter (who was truly dedicated to getting a newspaper for Fairbank); WV Superintendent Dave Larson; and many others who have contributed to our success. I couldn't have done it without you.

And I also want to thank Bob Bellis and Ted Vorwald who have been delivering stacks of papers to the surrounding towns each month. It was our hope, by doing this, to expand the circulation and reach more homes for our advertisers. We've gotten some nice feedback from the places where they leave them.

And, last but not least, thanks to all of you who have submitted your articles, club news, church events, reunions, anniversaries, etc. Please continue to keep sending them, these are the things that people really like to see in the paper.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions you may have at (319) 635-2122.

Gangster(s) in Our Midst: The Untold Story

By Betty Brandt Passick,
bbpassick@comcast.net

The Readlyn Public Library invites the general public to attend the author's talk, "Gangster(s) in Our Midst: The Untold Story," on Thursday, June 8 at 6-7 pm. There is no charge to attend the event.

The presentation takes attendees on a deeper dive into the history of the notorious mobsters from my historical crime novel, Gangster in Our Midst, Lieutenant, Bookkeeper, and Sometimes Hitman for Al Capone (2017). The book is loosely based on Fairbank, called

"Oxbow" in the 221 pages. The novel won a 2019 Notable Indie book award.

The alleged mobster Louie La Cava arrived in the small midwestern town in the early 1920s. He soon bragged he is bookkeeper to Chicago Kingpin Al Capone. The small community – 260 miles from Chicago, Illinois – subsequently became a haven for La Cava over the next sixty years.

I'll also share stories from interviews with residents who knew the gangster best, divulge the untold story of the "La Cava Brothers,"

and provide an overview of other notable gangsters operating in the area during the 1920s-30s.

Book two in the gangster series, The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie (2021), tells an earlier piece of the story. The novel won a 2022 Notable Indie Book Award. Two significant memoirs preceded the two novels.

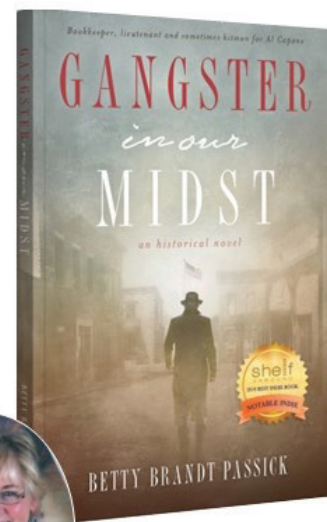
The Readlyn library is located at 309 Main Street. Contact the director, Kimberly Hollon, with any questions, (319) 279-3432, readlynlib@gmail.com.

Gangster(s) in Our Midst: The Untold Story



Fairbank, Iowa became a haven for mobster Louie La Cava in the early 1920s. Take a deeper dive into the history of Midwest gangsterism and its notorious past.

Readlyn Community Library
309 Main Street, Readlyn, IA
Thursday, June 8 — 6 pm



Award-winning Author
Betty Brandt Passick

NIDA Competition Team Attends BRAVO Competition in Rochester, MN

The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy attended the BravO! Dance Competition in Rochester, MN, March 10 -12, at the Mayo Civic Center. A total of 12 teams attended this competition from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Of the 41 routines performed by the NIDA team, 19 of the routines placed in the top 5 and the team brought home numerous Judges Awards and Scholarships as well. Anna Kerns, Owner/Instructor of the Northeast Iowa Dance Academy said she couldn't be prouder of the team's performance at the competition.

The NIDA Soloists received the following awards:

1. Anchor, performed by Elzie Fauser, 3rd Place Senior BravO! Level
2. Broken, performed by Izsy Fauser, 5th Place Senior BravO! Level
3. Hi-Lo, performed by Ellianna Meike, 1st Place Teen BravO! Level
4. Jungle, performed by Ariana VanDenHul, Dynamic Dancing Judges Award
5. Landslide, performed by Mackenzie Christian, IAX Scholarship & Attack & Intensity Judges Award
6. Survivor, performed by Kennedi Benesh, 2nd Place Junior Encore Level & IAX Scholarship
7. TV, performed by Isabella Weig, 4th Place Teen BravO! Level
8. Your Song, performed by Karlynn Sandhagen, 7th Place Teen Encore! Level & Pure Joy Onstage Judges Award

In the Duo/Trio Competition Category, the Northeast Iowa Dance Academy received:

1. I'm A Lady, performed by Hazel Fauser & Mallory Gissel - 4th Place Duo Junior Encore! Level
2. Walk This Way, performed by Elsie Fauser & Izsy Fauser - 5th Place Duo Senior BravO! Level & Technique Judges



NIDA Senior Solos: Front Row – Ariana VanDenHul, Grace Recker, Madison Mullihan, Aliya Brandt. Back Row – Elizabeth Recker, Autumn Sullivan, Mackenzie Christian, Karlee Fuelling, Izzy Fauser, Brooklyn Teague, Addison Penhollow.

Award

3. Greedy- performed by Mackenzie Christian, Ellianna Meike, Isabella Weig - 3rd Place Trio Teen BravO! Level
4. Say A Little Prayer- performed by Scarlett Benesh, Zola Fauser, & Harper Slessor - 3rd Place Trio Petite Encore! Level

The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy's Small Groups received:

1. Clock, performed by Mackenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Izsy Fauser, Karlee Fuelling, Ellianna Meike, & Isabella Weig - 1st Place Senior BravO! Level & the 12 & Over High Point Award
2. Pink Cadillac, performed by Scarlett Benesh, Allyson Castro, Zola Fauser, Paizley Irvine, Hattie Kelly, Hannah Mahloch, Lauren Matthias & Madi Moser - 1st Place Petite O!verture Level & the Outstanding Performance Award
3. Soy Yo, performed by Aryeana Bo-

lender, Sara Cook, Julia Kuennen, Addison Mustard, & Karlynn Sandhagen - 3rd Place Teen Encore! Level & the Choreography Award

NIDA's Large Group routines received:

1. Bang Bang, performed by Lauren Beyer, Aliya Brandt, Mackenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Izsy Fauser, Karlee Fuelling, Ellianna Meike, Jory Mortenson, Madison Mullihan, Grace Recker, Autumn Sullivan, Brooklyn Teague, Ariana VanDenHul, & Isabella Weig - 4th Place Senior BravO! Level
2. Good Company, performed by Lauren Beyer, Aliya Brandt, Mackenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Izsy Fauser, Karlee Fuelling, Ellianna Meike, Madison Mullihan, Addison Penhollow, Grace Recker, Brooklyn Teague. Ariana VanDenHul & Isabella Weig, - 1st Place Senior BravO! Level
3. Mr. World Wide, performed by

Lauren Beyer, Aliya Brandt, Mackenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Izsy Fauser, Karlee Fuelling, Ellianna Meike, Madison Mullihan, Addison Penhollow, Autumn Sullivan, Brooklyn Teague, Ariana VanDenHul, & Isabella Weig, - 3rd Place Senior BravO! Level

4. Proud Mary, performed by Aryeana Bolender, Aliya Brandt, Mackenzie Christian, Elsie Fauser, Izsy Fauser, Karlee Fuelling, Ellianna Meike, Joy Mortenson, Addison Penhollow, Grace Recker, Autumn Sullivan, Brooklyn Teague, Ariana VanDenHul, and Isabella Weig - 2nd Place Senior BravO! Level

5. Roar, performed by Kennedi Benesh, Gentry Decker, Hazel Fauser, Mallory Gissel, Rachel Grover, Maelyn Hickey, Leah Knepper, Riley Meike, Grace Peyton, Harper Slessor, Brynley Tripp, & Lydia Youngblut - 2nd Place Junior Encore! Level

6. Sunflower, performed by Kennedi Benesh, Aryeana Bolender, Sara Cook, Gentry Decker, Hazel Fauser, Mallory Gissel, Leah Knepper, Julia Kuennen, Addison Mustard, & Karlynn Sandhagen - 1st Place Junior Encore! Level & Outstanding Performance Award.

All 42 members of the Northeast Iowa Dance Academy Competition Team performed a routine called ICONs featuring a mix of music from artists the team dancers chose as "icons" of the music world. This routine was awarded 1st Place in the Production/Line Dance Category Teen Encore! Level and earned a Standing O!vation Award.

The NIDA Team has one more competition booked for this season so Anna Kerns and her dancers will be busy reviewing the judges' critiques and applying what they learn at the STARZ Competition taking place March 31st - April 2nd in Cedar Rapids.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Date: Friday, May 5th
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Where: Fairbank Elementary
Cost: \$3.00 per person
 Parent / Adult needs to accompany child(ren)

Nick Tobey Music
Tommy Kalenske
The Balloon Man

DANCING
Silent Auction

BALLOONS
Food

*Each class will have a class project to sell!

- *Family Pass to Fairbank Pool
- *Autographed Green Bay Packers Item
- *Minnesota Vikings Autographed Football by Dalvin. Cook
- *Chicago Bears Autographed Picture
- *Riverside Casino Overnight Stay
- *And much more!

\$3.00 Meal
 Hotdog or 1 slice of Casey's/Kwik Star Pizza, chips, cookie, and drink (juice box or bottled water)

Cookie Walk, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos
Activities By: Girl Scouts, Robotics
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Generational Mindset Lunch and Learn

The Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC), Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach and the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to have the talented Marcie Van Note back to present Generational Mindset, Wednesday April 26th, 11am - 1pm at the Heartland Acres Event Center, 2600 Swan Lake Blvd, Independence.



Marcie Van Note

Generational differences can be challenging. With the right mindset we can turn those differences into a retention strategy that can move your organization forward. People from all stages of life show up to work with different perspectives, values, experiences, and skills. Each generation has defining characteristics and experiences that lead to certain behaviors. These differences play out in the

business world, too. Understanding these differences and how they shape our mindset will help us lead people by establishing common ground between generations. This interactive session will help you learn about and appreciate the 5 five generations in the work force.

Marcie Van Note has a master's degree in Training and Perfor-

mance Improvement. She has volunteered at many organizations including Association of Talent Development (ATD) and recently received a Lifetime Achievement award. Marcie works tirelessly to ensure employees and businesses work together to become successful. Marcie's style is described as engaging and original. She has the ability to get everyone involved in the learning process through interaction, humor, life experiences and passion. Marcie's personal philosophy is that learning is an ongoing process - never, ever stop learning.


Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. To find out more information and a link to sign up for this lunch and learn go to www.growbuchanan.com/lunch-learn or contact BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer at director@growbuchanan.com or call 319-334-7497.

Bingo is back at the Independence Fairgrounds

Looking for something fun to do on Friday night? If so, you might want to try your luck playing Bingo at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds!

Doors open at 5:30 pm with Bingo starting at 7:00 pm. Go early and enjoy some dinner and drinks when you get there. It's bound to be a good time!

Please start submitting all articles and content to Fairbankislander@gmail.com Deadline for all content to be submitted is 10 days prior to the 1st of each month. Questions - please contact Melaine Buzynski 319-404-7116.



Wapsie Valley Class of '61 Reunion

The Wapsie Valley Class of '61 is going to have a reunion on June 10th at 12 noon in Readlyn.

Please meet at the gazebo at the park by the old high school. Bring your own picnic lunch and drink (you can always bring a salad, cookie, or other treat to share!)

The Class encourages all their friends and family to join them!

EVERYONE from grades K-6th are welcome to join us for the fun hands-on activities, games and much more!



All summer 2023 camps are from 9:00 to 3:00.

Participants must bring a snack lunch (except for Chef for the Day camp) and a drink. A snack is provided.

Space is limited. Financial assistance available. Fee is used to offset direct expenses of camp and to support youth programs.

Camp	Date	Location	Price
Magician's Lab	June 15 June 20 July 24 July 26	Jesup Public Library Fairbank Public Library Heartland Acres Indee Kidsville Indee	\$10
Art Adventures	June 22 June 27 July 31	Aurora Public Library Independence Public Library Jesup Public Library	\$10
Chef for the Day	June 8 July 17	Buchanan County Fairground Jesup Public Library	\$15
Candy Company	June 6 June 13 July 12	Jesup Public Library Buchanan County Fairground Fairbank Public Library	\$15
Zombie Camp	July 19	Jesup Public Library	\$10

To register:

<https://tinyurl.com/BuchananSummercamps2023> or



Payment is due 4 days before camp. You child is not registered until payment is received.

Send payments to:
ISU Extension and Outreach
Buchanan County
2600 Swan Lake Blvd. Suite A
Independence, Iowa 50644

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 1-31, 2023 Report

Ambulance Calls: 11

Car Accidents: 3

Fire Calls: 1

Hazmat, CO & Other: 1 Storm Spotting

Fire Training: Ayla Nelson was voted on as a new member. She is a Waterloo Firefighter/Paramedic with the city of Waterloo, Ia. She will be a good asset to the Fairbank Community.

EMS Training: We held a joint Fire and EMS training. The training was over response to a downtown event such as a fire or medical response during the Main St. project. With 2 projects going on at once, Jesup and Dunkerton will be on automatic aid as we may have a delayed response to some areas west and south of town. The plan is when the fire hydrants on west side are down to make connections, our back-up engine 453 will be first out and units 457 "pumper/tanker" and 454 "tanker" will be our water shuttles during that time frame. Bridge traffic may need assisted getting trucks through.

In the event of a medical emergency along Walnut St. south from Fairbank St., we will respond with the UTV, along with the ambulance, as direct access with the ambulance may be restricted due to that construction project happening at the same time. In an event of a fire in that area, we will do what needs to be done to gain access to those areas affected.




Chris Weber
Chief, Fairbank Fire Department

Atom Bombers 4-Hers discuss upcoming fair events

On Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, the Atom Bombers had their monthly meeting at the I.C. Church Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Brock Kleitsch. The roll call question was a mix of different "would you rather's" that you had to either stand up, or stay sitting to answer. At this meeting there were 15 members present and 6 guests. The secretary's report was given by Destry Peine, and the Treasurer's report was given by Brock Kleitsch.

Next the group went over different important events coming up in the 4-H calendar. Like sheep and goat weigh in for all 4-H members was at the fairgrounds April 15th. Also for all 4-H members the YQCA training course needs to be completed soon to continue participating in fair related activities. And lastly this is the 3rd annual year at fair we have had the Goat Getters program. If you would like to participate in the Goat Getters program you need to be showing a goat at the 2023 fair and you should have good goat at the 2023 fair and you should have good people skills.

This meeting's adjournment time was 6:23 p.m. And the next meeting will be May 7th, at the I.C. Church Hall. We are also planning for the Atom Bombers ditch cleanup. So for all the Atom Bombers, make sure to bring grubby clothes, gloves and motivation to clean the ditches at the next meeting! Anyways, this meeting's ending 4-H pledge was led by Brody Kleitsch. At the end of the meeting Brody gave a presentation about the history of the 4-H clover, while Brock also gave a presentation about more mushrooms. Refreshments were also provided by the Kleitsch's.



Fairbank City Wide Clean Up Day

Monday, May 8th

Have your items at the curb by 7:00 AM

<p>WILL ACCEPT (no charge)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpet Furniture TV's Computers/Monitors Grills (remove propane tank) \$15.00 CHARGE FOR Tires (residential only, no dealers) 	<p>APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS</p> <p style="color: red;">\$15.00 PER UNIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microwaves Air Conditioners Refrigerators/Stoves Furnaces/Water Heaters Dishwashers Washer/Dryers Dehumidifiers 	<p>WON'T ACCEPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint Oil Yard Waste Dirt Concrete Liquids Batteries Construction Material Shingles
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ALL APPLIANCE TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED AT CITY HALL BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

There will be a metal bin located behind the City Shop the week before cleanup day for metal items. Everything else will be picked up on the curb. Metal will be picked up on the curb as well but will be left and picked up last.

PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE!

CITY NOTICES

MOWING SEASON REMINDER



52.02. CONTROL OF VEGETATION: It is the duty of every owner and the person occupying any real estate within the corporate limits of the City, which real estate is platted or used for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, other than property being used as timberland or for agricultural purposes, to maintain the property in such a condition so that all uncultivated vegetation thereon is cut, sprayed, or otherwise controlled so that the height does not exceed six (6) inches.

52.03 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS: Whenever the Mayor or other authorized municipal officer finds that the uncultivated vegetation on any lot or parcel has not been cut as provided in this chapter, written notice shall be served upon the property owner, as shown by the records of the County Auditor, that unless said vegetation is cut within five (5) days, the City will cut or destroy the vegetation and assess the costs thereof to the owner of the lot or parcel of ground.

52.04 COLLECTION OF COSTS OF CUTTING: The Clerk or other authorized municipal officer shall mail the statement of the total expenses incurred in the cutting of uncultivated vegetation as provided in this chapter to the property owner who has failed to abide by the notice to cut, and if the amount shown by the statement has not been paid within thirty (30) days after the rendering of the statement, the Clerk shall certify that costs to the County Treasurer, and it shall then be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

CITY YARD WASTE RULES



Please make sure items are going to the designated area. A key is available at City hall during office hours (M-F 9am-5pm) to check out.

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- ~ Commercial use is restricted to the compost pile only.
- ~ Not Allowed: Plastic, lumber, furniture, bricks, rocks, tree stumps, stump grindings, etc.
- ~ Surveillance: Cameras are up to monitor what is being dropped off. If a person is caught disobeying these rules, they will be penalized, and they will be responsible for haul away fees.

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

PET LICENSING



Reminder: all city residents with pets over the age of four months are required to be licensed by the city. **This license is to be renewed annually.** The cost is \$10.00 per animal if purchased on or before June 30th of each year. On July 1st an additional \$5.00 penalty attaches. If the animal is purchased July 1st or later, the license can be obtained for \$10.00 with a dated bill of sale proving the date of purchase. Also, to be licensed, you must show proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. It is prohibited to have animals running at large within the city limits.

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What's Cook'n



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

Welcome May! Mother's Day, Graduation and Memorial Day. Many get-togethers and potlucks to enjoy.

The Community Potluck at the I.C. Church always has a wide array of casseroles, salads, and desserts. It is difficult to decide what to put on your plate...just a spoonful of this and a spoonful of that (and the plate is full)!

Sue Frost brings this delicious Broccoli Casserole and is sharing the recipe with you.



Broccoli Casserole

- 1 med. onion, chopped fine
- 2 cans (6.5oz) pieces and stems mushrooms
- 1 stick butter or margarine

Saute above ingredients until onions are tender.

- 2-10 oz. pkgs. thawed broccoli
- 2 cups minute rice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup

Mix all ingredients well, then add sauteed mushrooms and onions. Place in 9x13 inch greased casserole dish. Bake at 325 degrees for about 1 hour.

Sue often makes 1/2 batch by using half the onions, mushrooms and butter. Use only one can of cream of mushroom soup, 1/2 can cheddar cheese soup, 1 bag of thawed broccoli, and 1 c. of minute rice. Bake in a square glass baking dish for about an hour. She sometimes uses leftover small pieces of chicken for added protein. This size usually serves 4-5 people as a side dish.

This recipe was submitted by Lorraine Corcoran.

- 2 – 20 oz. cans pineapple chunks - drained
- 2 – 15 oz. cans mandarin oranges - drained
- 2 – 15 oz. jars maraschino cherries - drained
- 1 cup coconut flakes 1/2 bag mini marshmallows
- 1 – 16 oz. Cool Whip 1 – 4 oz. sour cream



Fruit Salad

Mix all ingredients together. Makes a large salad. Refrigerate overnight. Recipe can be cut in half for smaller batch. (You can substitute 1-2 cups of red grapes for the pineapple).



This Pistachio Fluff has been popular as a salad or a dessert.

Pistachio Fluff

- 1- 8oz. can crushed pineapple
- 1 box pistachio instant pudding
- 1- 8 oz. whipped topping
- 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1/2 c. sour cream (optional – but it enhances the flavor)

Mix pineapple, juice and all, with the dry pudding mix. Blend well, then blend in whipped topping and sour cream (if desired). Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Variation:

- ~ Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts and/or maraschino cherries or some sliced bananas.

Now for a "sweet treat" - Magic Cookie Bars.

Magic Cookie Bars

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups sweetened coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13 inch pan with parchment paper or foil and spray with cooking oil (such as Pam).

Melt butter and mix with graham crackers crumbs. Mix well and pat firmly in bottom of pan. Pour sweetened condensed milk over crumbs and spread evenly. Sprinkle chocolate chips, coconut and nuts on the milk layer. Bake 25-30 minutes. Refrigerate one hour before cutting.

I have enjoyed sharing recipes with you; but now it is time for me to hang my apron on a hook and to close my cookbook.

Wishing all of you "good things" as you continue living, loving, cooking and eating.



The Fairbank Islander MOVING FORWARD

I want to thank Kathy Risse, Community Club along with area all area business for producing such a great paper these past 3 years. My name is Melaine Buzynski and I'm proud to say I have been a Fairbank resident my entire life. I have 12 years of experience in the newspaper business and have been behind the

scenes the past 3 years with the Fairbank Islander. I'm excited to be volunteering in a new role to help facilitate and keep the paper vibrant as our local community continues to grows.

I am asking for the community's help with submitting content, celebrations, photos, fundraisers, and anything else

that is relevant to share with the community. I have set up a new email to submit all information. The new email is fairbankislander@gmail.com. I ask that all information is sent 10 days prior to our publishing date. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. If you are not able to email information,

please feel free to drop your information off at the Fairbank Library.

Thank you for your help and I look forward to working with everyone. Please feel free to contact me at 319-404-7116 with any questions or suggestions.

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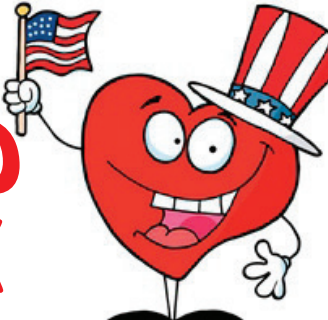

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 Thank you to the Fairbank Fire Department for the show of support at the visitation and the funeral.
 Also, thanks to the Buchanan County Honor Guard for rendering final honors to their departed comrade. Several told us they had never seen this done.
 Special thanks to Ted Vorwald for speaking at the funeral and sharing some things about Donnie's time on the Fire Dept as well as serving on the Church Council and changing the furnace filters whether they needed it or not. Ted brought several photo albums to our house for us to look at and remember the good old days.
 Thank you to Woods Funeral Home for their help also. Thanks to Donnie's sister Betty for sharing a few fun facts about growing up together. We can't forget the beautiful poem our son-in-law Mike Rochford wrote. One of the many cards we got said ... I can't help but think this is what is meant by "a life well lived!"
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Announcing the 1st Annual Wapsie Writing Contest Winners

By Betty Brandt Passick,
bbpassick@comcast.net

Congratulations to the three winners of the 1st Annual Wapsie Writing Contest announced in January. Dozens of entries arrived by email from far beyond northeast Iowa and were as varied as the ages of the writers. The submissions were interesting, expressive and differed in topic, making it difficult for the six judges to rank the entries and choose just one winner in each age category.

In mid-April the winners were notified, and we are pleased to share their stories and poetry now.

Thank you to the Fairbank Islander, Oelwein Daily Register, and Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for helping get the word out about the contest and for publishing the winning stories.

I invite readers to congratulate the winners. If you don't know the individuals personally, please send a note to bbpassick@comcast.net, and your note will be passed along.

The intent behind the 1st Annual Wapsie Writing Contest is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to express and share their creative writings. Anyone interested was invited to write about a subject of their choosing. The genre could be nonfiction, fiction, or poetry, with a length of 100-1500 words. One entry was allowed per writer in one of three categories: adults 19 and older, youth 12-18, and children under 12.

Watch for the 2nd Annual Wapsie Writing Contest announcement in early 2024. It's my hope to double the number of entries.



**Arianna Minikus, 5th grade, age 11
Waterloo, Iowa**

I was inspired to write my story because I saw that my grandma was writing a story and she said I could write one too. I like to write so that's what I did!

I remember that story because it was special to me.

"My Amazing Trip!"

The Wilder Memorial Museum

My story begins with my grandma setting up a private tour through the Wilder Memorial Museum in Strawberry Point. I was pretty excited that we were going! As we arrived we saw lots of pretty flowers! Then we were heading through the door.

We got inside. Kris, the lady we were supposed to meet was there waiting. My grandma had to sign some papers so I looked around a little bit. Kris said that I could go look in the doll section. I went into the doll area and looked at one specific doll I really liked. It had a dress with a knit hat and a blue ribbon that matched the doll's eyes.

Kris walked over to me while my grandma was signing papers. She talked about the boy and girl dolls in the cases and on the shelves. She started talking about the dolls. She asked me what my favorite doll was. I replied by pointing at the baby doll and I told her I liked that one. Kris walked over to my grandma and said, "Guess which doll was her favorite?" Then I heard my grandma say, "No, it can't be?" Kris said "It's the same one!" My grandma kind of got teary eyed and then smiled. I saw my grandma start walking towards me, I asked what was wrong?

She explained why she had happy tears. Grandma said that that baby doll was my great great great grandma's doll. One she brought with her from Germany when she was my age. I didn't know that. I was kind of surprised that I went straight to that baby doll first and picked it as my favorite. I thought to myself, why would my great great great grandma's doll instantly catch my attention? I wondered if it was a coincidence or what? I was amazed and kind of happy. I took a picture of the doll.

Kris asked me if I liked doll houses. I said that I used to have one in my living room. When we got into the next area, I saw that it was full of doll houses. They were all sorts of colors. They were different shapes and sizes. Most of the doll houses were wooden and handmade. In the corner of the room. I saw a little bear sitting in a wooden chair. I wanted to hold the bear so I picked it up. Then Kris asked me to set it down gently, because it was old and fragile. But then she said there was a doll that I could hold. She got the doll for me to hold. It was kind of made like a real baby in a soft cloth dress. Grandma took a picture of me holding the doll.

We wandered into a room with farming toys. There were small houses that were hand made and also a covered bridge with a horse in it. There were lots of toy tractors on the shelves. I noticed a pictures of a real farm owned by someone long ago. The next area had real farming tools, not toys. I saw old fashioned rakes, saddles, even a wheelbarrow and a really old wash tub. I pushed an old lawnmower. I saw very big nails there. I thought nails were small but I guess not! We walked past some pretty colored lamps hanging from the ceiling. Many were oil lamps and some were candle lamps. There were many different types of dishes. Most of the dishes were setting out so you could see them better. But I saw a few in cases. I asked Kris why they were in there. She said they were kind of special but also kind of dangerous outside of the cases. She showed us when she turned off the lights and parts of the dishes started glowing. I asked why did they glow. She said uranium was made into them, and uranium is dangerous. That's why they needed to be in that case. I thought it was pretty cool.

We went over to my favorite section of the museum. It was the military stuff. There was a picture of the Medals of America. I saw lots of uniforms and clothes from people in the military. There were also old knives and telescopes in a glass case. A picture hung of people making a human US shield and also the Statue of Liberty! My favorite stuff was the Navy stuff. My dad is a Navy veteran so that might be why I like the stuff.

We moved on and found ourselves in an area with a horse. I thought it was for decoration so I asked about it. Kris told me that a little girl had turned blind at a young age. The horse had belonged to the girl. When the horse died the girl's parents took the horse to someone and it was stuffed. They stuffed the horse's body so that the little girl could feel her horse was still there.

There was some medical stuff in the same area. Just some medicines and old medical equipment, nurse's hats, and medical clothing.

The last area we went to was the rocks and geodes. Many of them were cracked open so we could see the insides of the rocks. Those are called geodes. There were lots of polished rocks too. I didn't only see rocks but Indian arrowheads and spear heads. There was dried up seaweed, shells, fossilized sea creatures, and coral. There were some blow fish in the

cases.

I turned around and saw a teddy bear sitting on a comfy bench. I was able to hold this bear and I also got a picture of him. We had gone in a circle through the museum and found ourselves back at the start!

We thanked Kris and left the building. I saw some butterflies on the flowers so I wanted to see if I could catch one! I walked over to the flowers and looked for butterflies. My grandma suddenly said don't move, because there was one on my back. I moved my head a little to see if I could see it, but then it flew onto a flower right in front of me. My grandma got some pictures, but we couldn't stay there forever. We're going to Backbone Park.

Backbone State Park

We drove to Backbone Park and went down hills and stopped at Richmond Springs. We saw two pools full of water. We moved on and found a small cave on top of a hill. We were in the cave and me and my grandma realized we couldn't take a picture together. But then suddenly a small family started coming up the hill. They asked if we wanted our picture taken. We said yes and my grandma offered to take their picture too. We all decided to go deeper into the cave. We kept going until we couldn't go anymore because the hole was too small.

We thanked the family and left. We went on the Devil's Backbone Trail! It was really cool. There were lots of big hills. When we were done walking the trail we took a break on a bench under a tree. We finally got up and got back in the car. We were heading to Backbone Beach!

Once we got there we went on the dock. There were small paddle boats and canoes. Most of the beach was closed because they were working on it. We only got to go on the dock and in the tower. I decided to go up into the tower. My grandma got three pictures of me, but one stuck out the most. In that one picture it looked like there was a man standing in the window beside me. Except... I was the only one in that tower. We didn't look at the pictures until we were at home and Grandma showed me. I was kind of shocked. We took it to my dad and he made the area of the face of the man bigger so we could see better. It turns out the face could have been made by the setting sun's reflection off of the tower walls in the window next to me. I'm still confused why it was only in one picture out of the three taken at the same time.

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After the Backbone Beach, we decided to get some ice cream at Scoops outside of the Backbone Park. When we got inside, my grandma ordered chocolate fudge. I ordered the superman ice cream. We ate our ice cream as we talked about our trip on the way home. I will probably never forget that experience. It was very special to me.



**Maria Streif, age 18
Maynard, Iowa**

In writing this poem, I wanted to inspire people - inspire them to take that chance, be the change, and act now.

We never know the extent of the positive impacts we can create until we take that first step and I hope that people will not only recognize but also take initiative from this message found within my writing.

“Snowflakes”

A million snowflakes gently drift to the ground.

Softly floating through the air with nary a sound.

Out through a window the children will peek,

To see the shimmering snowflakes, each one unique.

As they make their way to the ground far below,

The snowflakes soon drift as the winter winds blow.

The kids will break out the sleds saying, “Let’s have some fun!”

While the adults all grumble, “There’s shoveling to be done!”

The driveway is covered, the hills are all white;

The first fallen snow is a breathtaking sight.

Now there’s a lesson to be learned from Mother Nature here,

We are all snowflakes; it is simple and clear.

Each one of us is special, each one of us is rare.

But when put together, there is something special that we share.

Each one of us matters, everyone plays a part.

It simply takes one brave enough to start.

Alone, as one, we are small and weak.

But together as a whole, we can make changes that speak.

Together we can change the world, one

step at a time.

We are like snowflakes, as you have



learned in this rhyme.

**Marcus Washington, age 42
Waterloo, IA**

My wife inspired me to write this story because she believed I could win this contest with it.

“Some truths are better left to dreams”

I stepped into the coffee shop, and the heat of the small cafe chased away the New England chill clinging to me. Mocha aroma lured me to the counter, and the chatter of coffee drinkers lounging at round tables wrapped with golden fall leaves enveloped me. This place wasn’t my usual go-to for caffeine. There was another shop on the other side of town I stopped at every morning before I went to my law classes. I always ordered a large caramel iced mocha with an extra shot of espresso. It was my favorite drink and the magic potion I needed to keep me from going comatose during my professor’s monotone lessons. Today was my first time visiting this cafe. It was a cozy spot, and the aesthetic blended perfectly into Westbrook, A neighborhood of imposing brick homes and old money. Its exclusive location was why I had chosen to come here this afternoon. I didn’t want to run into anyone I might know because I would meet my father, Charles, here for the first time since I was five years old. I was supposed to hate my father. My mother and the rest of my family did, but how could I agree with them when I had no memories of the man? I didn’t hate him. I certainly didn’t love him, but I could get to know him and let his actions convince me how I should feel.

I studied the menu above the counter, and the cashier waited for me with a patient smile. I didn’t know what my father might want to drink, and I couldn’t assume we shared the same taste. I was obsessed with iced caramel mochas, and the one pictured on the menu was a dream of caramel swirls and mounds of whip cream, but I resisted the urge to order the wonderful drink. Most middle-aged men I knew liked the simplicity, so I settled on black coffees with simple cream and sugar.

I found a quiet table in a corner away from everyone else, and I checked the time on my phone. It was two ten, and my father was supposed to meet me here at two o’clock. My mother’s voice echoed in my mind. “Your father is only good at one thing. Not showing up.” I tried to ig-

nore the unease clenching my stomach. What if he didn’t come? Of course, my family wouldn’t know if my father stood me up, and I wouldn’t tell them, but they would be right. He would prove himself to be a self-centered lowlife. I didn’t want them to be right. I wanted my father to be a man who I might be able to call dad one day, not just a photo I kept in a shoe box. I ignored my worries as much as I could and scrolled through my phone. When I checked the time again, it was two twenty-four. I was ready to admit defeat, collect my things, and slink away with my pride, but the cafe door swung open, and my father was standing in the doorway. I thought a man who was forty-eight years old would dress more humbly, but there he was in designer skinny jeans like the boys at my campus wore and a diamond-encrusted medallion sporting the phrase Bout dat life hung from a thick gold chain around his neck. The way he swaggered into the room screamed thug, and I cringed from the looks the customers gave him. I was a biracial woman from the suburbs living the white side of my life. My father was a black man from the inner city. Maybe meeting him at this cafe was a mistake. Westbrook was an affluent neighborhood, and all it would take was one idiot to call the cops. I wanted to shrink and run out the door before he noticed me, but it was too late.

“Maisy?” He said with a vaguely familiar baritone.

“That’s me,” I said, and he came to my table. I stood and hugged him. It was what most people did when they met a missing parent. When our embrace ended, he had a shy crooked smile. I knew that grin. It was the same one I had whenever I met someone new. My mother would sometimes say, “You look like him when you smile like that. I see why she would say it now.

“Baby girl, how you been?” My father said.

“Busy with classes and other things.”

“A hustler like me, I see.”

“I suppose.”

We took our seats. My father didn’t seem to know what to do with his hands. Finally, he settled them on the table, but he kept his back stiff as he gazed around the cafe.

“This is a nice place,” he said. “I’ve never been in a coffee shop before. I usually get a cup from the corner store when I have a taste for it.”

“Well, I’m glad I kept our order simple then. This coffee is for you.” I slid his cup over to him, and his shy crooked smile returned.

“I appreciate this,” My father said, and he took a sip. “Before we get too far, I have something for you.” He pulled a photograph from his jacket pocket and handed it to me. In the photo, I rode on my father’s shoulders, smiling, and he looked confused.

“You were four years old in that picture,” he said. “It was the only one I could get before your mama kicked me out.”

“It’s nice,” I said. I didn’t remember the moment the photo was taken. I didn’t remember my father, and this entire con-

versation felt as awkward as chatting with a stranger in a waiting room.

The silence stretched. This reunion wasn’t going anything like the tear-jerking internet videos. What was I supposed to say? I guess starting simple would be best.

“You probably think it’s strange I wanted to meet you again after all this time,” I said.

“Well, I didn’t expect you to contact me. I assumed your mama turned you against me years ago.”

“Well, That’s one reason I wanted to meet you. Mom never did describe you in the best light, and I want to know if you’re the rotten person she made you out to be.

“She wasn’t too far off on what she told you about me. I’ve never been a good man, and the neighborhood I come from ain’t known for angels.” I waited for him to elaborate on what he said, but he only sipped his coffee. I knew about the neighborhood he grew up in and the violence and drugs corrupting the people there. My mom and I lived there until I was six, and when she got a better job, she moved us to the suburbs. I didn’t care about the neighborhood. I only wanted to know what kind of man abandons his child.

“I want to know you,” I said. “Maybe form a bond with you, but I have to know, Why did you never try to see me?” My father frowned at me. He probably wasn’t expecting this question. I couldn’t take it back, and I wouldn’t go on without an answer.

“It was your mama,” he said. “I couldn’t deal with her. She was always nagging me, trying to make me into somebody I’m not.”

“I get that, but mom is a reasonable woman. I don’t know how she was then, but she would’ve let you see me.”

My father stared off for a moment and sighed. Finally, he said, “I didn’t want to. I mean, I could have, but I had more important things going on in my life. I couldn’t play around being a dad. I’m here now, right?”

I stayed silent. I was an inconvenience. My father didn’t care about me then, and I doubt he cared now. I wasted so many tears for the father-daughter dances he missed. The jealousy I felt when other girls’ fathers cheered for them at the softball games was all for a man who didn’t care. I wanted to scream, but I didn’t. This man was a stranger, and he always would be. I wouldn’t waste any more hope he would be something more.

I talked for a while longer with my father. He spoke of cousins and aunts he wanted me to meet, but I honestly didn’t care. I wanted this meeting to end. Eventually, he mentioned an appointment downtown and needing a couple of dollars for the train. I lent him the money, and we parted with the promise of keeping in touch. After he left, I was relieved. Some truths are better left to dreams. I called my mom, not intending to tell her what had happened but to invite her to a movie. On my way out of the cafe, I dropped the photo my father had given me into the trash.



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Funeral services held for Brother Paul Chase, C.P.P.S.

CARTHAGENA, OHIO - A Mass of Christian Burial was held in Assumption Chapel at St. Charles Center on Tuesday, April 4 at 2 p.m., with Fr. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S., provincial director, presiding. Fr. Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S., was the homilist. Burial followed in the Community Cemetery. Viewing was held in the parlor at St. Charles on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until Mass.

Brother Paul Chase, C.P.P.S., 77, died in the infirmary at St. Charles Center, Carthagena, Ohio, on Thursday, March 30, 2023. He had been in failing health for several months, after a fall. He was born December 9, 1945, in Fairbank, Iowa, to Frank and Amber (Deaton) Chase. He entered the Congregation at Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana in 1965 and was professed on August 15, 1966.

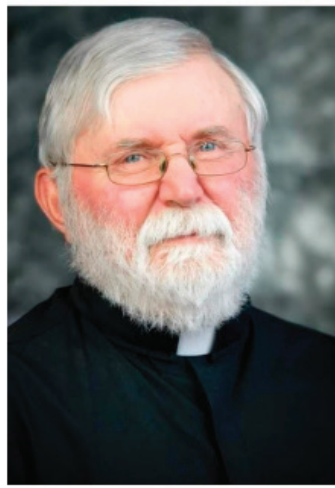
Brother Paul spent his life as a religious brother in ministry at St. Charles Center in Carthagena, Ohio, where he worked as a farmer and dairy herdsman in his earlier years, and also raised chickens and other poultry, including several specialty breeds. Brother Paul also cared for the peacocks who preened near St. Charles' lakes.

Brother Paul is survived by his sister Carol (Gary) Nuss, Oelwein, Iowa; two brothers, David (Pat) Chase, Fairbank; and Tracy Chase, Independence, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Judy Chase, Fairbank; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and the Staugler family, his second family during his years at St. Charles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Earl and Lyle. Brother Paul was a familiar figure around St. Charles. His daily routine included caring for his chickens in the barn behind the main building. He sold eggs to St. Charles' neighbors and others who traveled for miles to get them. Brother Paul raised special varieties of chickens and turkeys for people who exhibit them at poultry shows, for 4-H members to take poultry projects to the fair (he was a 4-H member himself, as a boy), and for backyard enthusiasts who want to populate their own chicken coops. In the afternoons, Brother Paul would patrol the grounds, picking up trash, sticks and other debris, his faithful cat named "Dog" running alongside the motorized cart he had to use in later years.

Brother Paul knew poultry people across the United States, and they would come to him to buy birds, for advice or just to talk birds. With the help of his friend, Tom Staugler, he brought birds to auctions and sales. He loved his life on the farm at St. Charles; he joined the Congregation in part because "they had cows," he once said. (St. Charles was famous for its Brown Swiss dairy herd in those years.) He saw livestock and his poultry flocks as part of God's creation, worthy of the best care he could give them. He never stopped learning about them and studying their ways.

May he rest in peace.



BROTHER PAUL CHASE, C.P.P.S.

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DAVID "DAVE" RYAN*February 5, 1962 ~ April 19, 2023*

David "Dave" Ryan, 61, of Fairbank, passed away peacefully, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo, after a courageous battle with cancer. Visitation was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Hall in Fairbank. Memorial Mass was held Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Fr. Ray Atwood presiding. Firefighter Honors and Tribute were conducted following services by the Fairbank Fire Department. Brosh Chapel and The Avacentre in Cedar Rapids were in charge of arrangements.



David was born February 5, 1962, in Wurtsburg, Germany, Federal Republic of West Germany, the son of Timothy Ryan and Margaret (Edwin Hymer) Allen. Meg and Ed raised David from a very young age. Ed played a large role as a father figure in Dave's life. He was united in marriage to Mary Beth Welter on June 20 1981, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Dave honorably served the Fairbank Fire Department from September 12, 1989 until April 19, 2023 in the positions of Firefighter, EMT, Training Officer, Assistant Chief, and Fire Chief. Dave is the first Fairbank Fire Department member to pass away while on active duty in over 40 years. He enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, riding motorcycles, and working on cars with his sons. His acreage was his pride and joy and he treasured the time he spent with his family.

Dave is survived by his wife Mary Beth; three children: Greg Ryan, Karen (Matt Linn) Ryan and Jason (Ellen Kerschke) Ryan; three grandchildren: Drew, Paisley, and Presley; his mother Margaret (Ed) Hymer; his sister Denise (Al) Hastings; brother-in-law Steve Welter (Peggi Suckow); sister-in-law Carla (Jim) Bartels; nieces, nephews, and his loyal dogs Sally and Panda.

He was preceded in death by his father, Timothy Ryan; his grandparents, Sam (Mary) Allen; mother and father-in-law, Alvin (Marian) Welter and brother-in-law, Terry Welter.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Fairbank Fire Department for their love and support during this difficult time.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

MARIE ARLENE WESTPHAL*July 20, 1940 ~ April 22, 2023*

Marie Arlene (Bickel) Westphal, age 82 of rural Fairbank, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo. She was born July 20, 1940, in rural Anamosa, daughter of Robert and Martha (LeClere) Bickel.

Marie married Kenneth Westphal Nov. 14, 1964 at the Methodist Church in Marion. She attended Country School and graduated from Central City in 1958. Marie worked in the Marion and Cedar Rapids area for five years before she was married.

Marie and Ken had two children while they lived on an acreage near Waterloo for twenty-seven years.

They then moved to rural Fairbank. She was an active member in the First United Methodist Church in Dunkerton for 52 years.

Marie was particular about her garden and flowers. She made sure that the vegetables were rotated on an annual basis. Nothing went to waste. It was either frozen or canned to be enjoyed during the fall, winter and spring months, or it was given away to family and friends. Of course there was always room for her flowers, especially gladiolas. Marie enjoyed traveling with the family with trips to almost every corner of the United States. There were trips to friends & family along with sight seeing trips. Later in life she enjoyed visiting Arizona, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida during the winter months. She loved doing the word scramble in the newspaper and word search puzzles. Unfortunately, in the last few years her eyesight wasn't as good and she could no longer do them. Marie loved family picnics and get togethers. She enjoyed the annual fall camping trip with the family and loved spending time with grandkids and great-grandkids. Marie didn't know how to drive a vehicle until after she was married. With time, little perseverance and lots of empty country roads, she learned to drive. Marie was always willing to assist with projects, no matter what the project was. This included projects for family and friends.

Marie is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ken; a daughter, Sharon (Ken) Spohn of Omaha; a son, Ronald (Brenda) of Earlville, IL; five grandchildren: Shelley (Richard) Kruse, Kevin Spohn, Stephanie Westphal, Sarah Westphal and Hannah Westphal; two great grandsons: Wyatt & Dustin; three brothers and three sisters: Henry (Annitta) Bickel of Marion, Janet Bickel of Marion, Clifford Bickel of Anamosa, Leonard Bickel of Cedar Rapids, Donna Bickel of Cedar Rapids, and Barbara (Dennis) Stevens of Highland, IL. Marie was preceded in death by her parents; two infant brothers; one brother, Larry Bickel; two sisters-in-law, Clara Bickel and Judy Bickel.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 27, at United Methodist Church in Dunkerton, with interment at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in McGregor, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

**DUANE PAUL****JANSSEN***March 5, 1940 ~
March 31, 2023*

Duane Paul Janssen, age 83 of Fairbank, passed away Friday, March 31, 2023 at Unity Point Allen Hospital in Waterloo. Duane was born March 5, 1940 on the family farm near Hampton, the son of Ben and Grace (DeVries) Janssen. He attended and graduated from the Chapin School District with the class of 1958.

Duane married Elaine Zander on June 24, 1960. To this union two daughters were born, Angela and Sherry. Elaine passed away in 1992. After Elaine's passing, Duane met Esther Canfield and they became good friends and eventually life-long partners for nearly 30 years until Esther passed. Duane was a steelworker for the majority of his working career, first at Waterloo Steel, then at Eastern Iowa Pork and eventually Roberts and Dybdahl where he retired.

Duane was a lifelong cowboy, he loved everything about the cowboy way, the hat, the boots and most of all the horses. After his retirement he spent countless hours out in the Amish community where he kept his horses. He enjoyed helping the Amish with chores and giving them rides to wherever they needed to go. Duane still kept in contact with many of them right up until the week of his passing. Duane was a friend to many people, it seemed that no matter where he went he knew somebody and would always greet them by saying "Hey how ya doing Chief". Everyone was chief to him, including his grandchildren. Duane's greatest love was for his family, especially his grandchildren. He always enjoyed the time he spent with them, whether it be just sitting in his recliner visiting with them while they played with his hair or giving them rides in the wagon behind the lawnmower. There are many people that are going to miss seeing that friendly man wearing the white cowboy hat and cowboy boots, especially his loving family.

Duane is survived by his daughter: Sherry (Rick) Hufford; three granddaughters; Jodi (Mike) Reitmajer, Kristin (Cody) Farr and Nicole (Jose) Nava; and one grandson: Travis Hufford; five great-grandchildren: Cruz, Macie, Ella, Clay and Cole; two sisters: Marge (Ralph) Larson and Marilyn (Gene) Heilskov; two sisters-in-law: Mary and Ruth Janssen; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elaine; his special friend, Esther Canfield; a daughter, Angie; five brothers: Bill, Bud, Ervin, Robert and Ken Janssen; one sister, Dorothy Miller and her husband Melvin; and a sister-in-law, Marsha Janssen.

Funeral services were held April 5, 2023 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Oran, with inurnment at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery, rural Oran. Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank was in charge of arrangements.

**LAWRENCE A. (LARRY)****LEVENDUSKY***March 21, 1932 ~ April 8, 2023*

Lawrence A. (Larry) Levendusky of Independence, formerly of Waterloo, died Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Prairie Hills Assisted Living in Independence. Lawrence was born March 21, 1932, on the family farm in Fairbank to Anton and Elsie (Necker) Levendusky. He graduated from Fairbank High School with the class of 1950. He joined the United States Navy and served his country during the Korean War aboard the USS Salisbury Sound. After his discharge from the service, he met Nancy Lee Gallery and they were united in marriage on November 5, 1955, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waterloo. She died on September 16, 2011.

Lawrence joined the Waterloo Police Department in 1957 and retired in 1987 after 30 years. After his retirement, he worked many part time jobs. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Evansdale Amvets.

Lawrence is survived by seven children: Denise (David) Bishop of Jesup, Deane (Mike) Hay of Strawberry Point, Colleen (Steve) Bley of La Porte City, Larry (Carolyn) Levendusky of Fairbank, Julie Methner of La Porte City, Scott (Lisa) Levendusky of Waterloo, and Tim (Diana) Levendusky of Jesup; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; five brothers: Willis Necker, Venice, George, Louis, and Clair Levendusky; one sister: Mary Levendusky; sons-in-law: Robert Methner and Michael McNabb; and brothers and sisters-in-law.

Funeral Services were held April 14, 2023 at Locke at Tower Park. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Fairbank, with military honors by US Navy Honor Guard and Fairbank American Legion Post 714. Funeral escort provided by Iowa Patriot Guard Riders. Memorials may be directed to the family. Locke at Tower Park, 319-233-3146, assisted the family.

"We wish to thank the staff at Prairie Hills Assisted Living/Memory Care Unit and Cedar Valley Hospice for the wonderful and compassionate care shown to our Dad."

MARCIA L. BANKUS*June 9, 2023 ~ April 7, 2023*

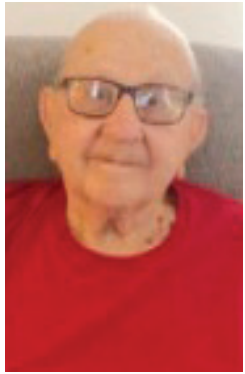
Marcia Louise Bankus, age 71 of Fairbank, passed away Friday, April 7, 2023. She was born June 9, 1951 in Des Moines, the daughter of Emery and Marion (Henn) Goodenberger. Marcia grew up in Winterset, and attended and graduated from Winterset High School with the class of 1969. After graduation she enrolled at the Iowa Methodist School of Nursing in Des Moines.

Marcia worked as a Registered Nurse for her entire working career, and she was a school nurse for more the 20 years at various school districts. On May 27, 1972 she married Dale Bankus in Winterset. They first made their home in Sibley and then Chariton, where their two children, Julie and Bob were born. Dale's job kept them moving from town to town until they both retired. Their final destination was Fairbank in 2015.

Marcia enjoyed crafts, bird watching, going out to eat at various restaurants, and playing cards. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Most of all she loved her family, especially her grandchildren, and loved attending their various activities whenever possible.

Marcia is survived by her husband of 50 years, Dale; her daughter Julie (Brady) Mann; her son Bob (Lindsay) Bankus; six grandchildren: Michael Mann, Abby Mann, Lexi Bankus, Gavin Bankus, Everly Bankus and Fallon Bankus; three sisters: Rhonda (Jeff) Wagoner, Sondra (Dale) Smith and Pam Anderson; two brothers: Perry (Terri) Goodenberger and Marty (Stacy) Goodenberger; one sister-in-law: Novella (David) Kemp; along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her mother and father-in-law: Rosser and Lena Bankus.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 13, at the First United Methodist Church in Jesup, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church, Jesup, or to the family for later designation.



JANETTE "FUZZ" HESSE

February 25, 1951 ~ April 6, 2023

READLYN - Janette "Fuzz" L. Hesse, 72, of Readlyn, Iowa, and formerly of Plainfield, passed away on April 6, 2023 at UnityPoint Hospital, Allen Memorial in Waterloo.

Janette was born on February 25, 1951 in Nabers, Nebraska, the daughter of Lester and Fern (Bowlough) Fernau. She grew up in Nebraska until her family moved when she was nine to the Plainfield area. She graduated from Plainfield High School in 1969.

Janette was united in marriage to Doyle Woodman on June 9, 1969 at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield. Doyle passed away on April 9, 2000. Janette was united in marriage to Craig Hesse on August 14, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield.

Janette worked with the Nashua-Plainfield schools for 22 years, where she started as a teachers aid. She later became head secretary with the school and retired in 2010. Janette enjoyed being outside and could be found planting flowers and working in her gardens. She took great pride in taking care of the house and the yard. She also helped Craig with the farming when needed. She was an avid Hawkeye fan. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Janette is survived by her husband, Craig Hesse of Readlyn; two sons, Tim (Jenny) Woodman of Plainfield and Wes (Christo Leiso) Woodman of Readlyn; five grandchildren, Zach, Kaylynrae, Ellie, Bradie, and Grace; and three sisters, Joann Norwood, Sandy Nieman and Janice Dietz. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Doyle Woodman; a brother, Ted; and two sisters; Debbie and Tammie.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Burial of her cremains was to be held at a later date in Sunnyside Cemetery in Charles City. Memorials may be directed to the family and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

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

**EUGENE L. MATTHIAS**

October 30, 1935 ~ April 12, 2023

DENVER - Eugene Louis Matthias, 87, of Denver, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Denver Sunset Home.

Eugene was a devoted husband to his wife Jan, great dad to his four children and beloved grandfather. Eugene farmed outside Readlyn, Iowa on the family farm that was homesteaded in 1853 by his great grandfather Wilhelm Matthias. He retired from farming in 2020. Eugene also made sure he had time for hunting, fishing and trapping with many good friends. He took memorable outdoor trips to Alaska, Canada and national parks out west. Eugene enjoyed growing watermelons, making caramel candy, and being there for his children's and grandchildren's 4-H and sporting events. Eugene was a director at the Readlyn Savings Bank for 32 years. He served as Maxfield Township Trustee for 20 years. He faithfully served the congregation at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger in a number of roles, including school board member, financial secretary, trustee, and deacon.

Eugene was born on October 30, 1935, in Waverly, Iowa, the son of Lorenz and Regina (Mickan) Matthias. He was baptized in his parent's home and was confirmed on April 10, 1949 at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger. He attended Immanuel Lutheran Parochial School and then attended Denver High School, graduating in 1953. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Wartburg College in 1957. He served his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and then served in Fort Gordon, Georgia. Eugene served a little over five years in the Army Reserves. He was united in marriage to Janice Malquist on August 27, 1961, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hector, Minnesota.

Eugene is survived by his wife, Jan Matthias of Denver; a daughter, Laurie (Scott) King of Malibu, California; a son, Michael (Michelle) Matthias of Readlyn, and their children, Max and McCoy; a daughter, Gina (Brent) Kuker of West Union, and their children, Jocelyn, Braxton and Brayden; a daughter, Mindy Muzzarelli of Lantana, Texas, and her children, Ryder and Annabelle; two sisters-in-law, Elaine Matthias of Tucson, Arizona, and Marcie (Dana) Allen of LeSueur, Minnesota. He is predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Wendell (Elaine) Matthias and Warren Matthias.

A funeral service was held April 18, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger with Pastor Jon Ellingworth officiating. Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Denver Sunset Home or Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver is assisting the family. 319-984-5379

**LAVONNE OLTROGGE**

September 7, 1942 ~ March 31, 2023

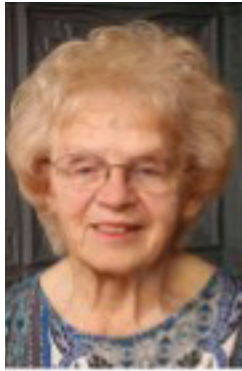
READLYN - Lavonne Oltrogge, 80, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2023, at North Crest Specialty Care, Waterloo, Iowa. Lavonne was born on September 7, 1942, in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of Ewald and Eyla (Geffert) Kueker. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Artesian. She graduated from Waverly High School in 1960.

Following high school, she became employed at Lutheran Mutual, Waverly. On June 30, 1963, she was united in marriage to Delbert Oltrogge at St. Paul's Lutheran, Artesian. She continued to work at Lutheran Mutual until 1971 at which time she became actively involved with Delbert on the family farm. In 1978 she became the church secretary at Zion Lutheran Church, Readlyn. She was the secretary for 43 years, retiring in 2021.

She enjoyed cooking and baking and especially loved spending time with family and friends. She loved attending many of the grandchildren's activities.

Lavonne is survived by her husband Delbert of Readlyn; two daughters, Lori (Nick) Wiley of Denver, Iowa; Janette (Derek) Young of Wallingford, Iowa; and a son, Brian (Erin) Oltrogge of Readlyn, Iowa; six grandchildren: Kayla Wiley, Jennifer Wiley, Dylan Young, Dalton Young, Donovan Young and Brenden Oltrogge; a brother Eldon (Jan) Kueker of Waverly; and brothers-in-law, Veryl Buchholz of Tripoli, Gene Hyman and Philip Oltrogge (Sherry Gable) both of Waterloo; sisters-in-law, Susan (Gaylen) Rundle, Oelwein and Jane (John) Cocuzzi, San Angelo, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Donald (Barbara) Kueker, a sister Marlene Buchholz and two brothers in infancy. She was also preceded in death by her brother and sisters-in-law, Daphine (Donald) Lundt, Ilene Blume, Doris Hyman, Iris (Jack) Wilhelm and Karen Oltrogge.

Services were held April 6, Zion Lutheran Church, Readlyn with burial in the church cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church, Unity Point Hospice or Readlyn EMS building fund. Condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.



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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wapsie Valley CSD Work Session & Regular School Board Meeting March 20, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance
 1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order @ 5:33 p.m.
 A. Directors: Wolfe, Sauerbrei, VanDaele, & Auel, Aiello (virtual).. Declare a quorum.
 B. Administration - Supt. Hoover & Board Secretary: Kim Arndt
 C. Others Present: Janice Martins, Gina Schellhorn, Courtney Rochette, Brenda Kleitsch, & Kim Gray, & virtual participants
 2. Discussed board policy series 200-Board of Directors, Series 300-Administration, 401.14-Employee Expression, 406.05- Licensed Employee Group Benefits, & 412.03 Classified Employee Group Benefits. Also discussed attendance at rural buildings, communication between board members and the Amish community, and curriculum.
 3. Other Items: Nothing
 4. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0
 1. President Jeannie Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:37 PM.
 A. Directors: Wolfe, Sauerbrei, VanDaele, & Auel, Aiello (virtual).. Declare a quorum.
 B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, Principals: Murphy, Hurley, Forsyth, & Secretary Arndt
 C. Others: Brett Bergman, Vaughn Gross, Jody Busch, Mandy Bockhoyt, Jason Franck, Kyle Schores, Mark Sabotta, Danny Adams, Readlyn 5th & 6th-grade students, & virtual participants.
 2. Communication & Consideration of additional items for the Agenda: Amended agenda to add board policy 412.03-Classified Employee Group Benefits & Riley Little as a volunteer
 3. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the amended

agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 4. Public Comment: Vaughn-discussed PTO, prom collaboration with post prom committee, Leader In Me, Student Council, Mental Health day, Robotics, and insurance increases for negotiations.
 Mr. Hoover discussed interest-based bargaining and a win/win situation for WV Board and WV Educational Association
 5. WV Educational Association presented the WV School Board with their interest-based bargaining proposal.
 6. The WV Board presented the WV Educational Association with its interest-based bargaining proposal.
 7. Spotlight in Education-The Readlyn 5th & 6th-grade students shared the positives of switching classrooms to experience what is to come when starting 7th grade. Students felt there are stronger bonds, liked different teachers and their passions, different environments, different classrooms, & more organization.
 8. Consent Items: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Brent Sauerbrei with informational open enrollments IN for 23-24 school year: Tess Bartels kindergarten son from Oelwein, & Jessica Novak's 2nd and 4th students from Oelwein; OUt-Sylvia King's 10th-grade daughter to Clayton Ridge virtual academy, & Rachel & Mark Scribner's 7th-grade daughter to Dunkerton. Motion carried 5-0
 9. Communication & Reports:
 Board: None.
 Superintendent: Mr. Hoover's report included baseball lights update, negotiations, HR position, shared Transportation Director, and Special Education Director, Fairbank Administrative position, health insurance increase, and staffing realignment.
 District: Report includes Professional updates, Parent/Teacher conferences
 Fairbank Principal Hurley: Report includes PLC's, PK/Transitional/Kin-

ergarten enrollment, Leader In Me, PTO, Literacy week, & moving forward with the building-level improvement plan.
 Readlyn/Rural Principal Forsyth: Report included Literacy week, welcoming student teachers, frozen yogurt provided by Fayette County Dairy Producers, and items delivered on behalf of WVEF grants. Thank you!
 7-12 Principal Murphy: Report included Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention, Student Ambassadors, Honor Society, & NICL Academic Awards.
 10. Personnel Actions- Resignations: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the resignation of Mike Duffy, Custodian effective June 30, 2023, & Tom Joeken - JH Baseball Coach if a suitable replacement is found as presented, and thank them for their service to Wapsie Valley. Motion carried 5-0
 Contracts & Volunteer: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve contracts for Paula Schares-Special Education Paraprofessional-\$12.76 P/H, & Volunteer - Riley Little-Track coach as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 11. Old Business -Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the quote from Phillip's (\$12,533) for the multi- purpose room batting cages as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
 12. New Business -Arndt presented the FY24 preliminary budget, FY24 budget guarantee and FY23 budget amendment Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to publish the proposed budget with a tax rate of 13.70628 & set the public hearing date for the FY24 budget, FY23 budget amendment, 23-24 School Calendar for April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve WV/CLS 23-24 PK Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve 23-24 AEA Purchasing Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve hiring '23 summer custodial staff for up to 34 hours as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve 21-22 audit as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve Infinite Campus Prime Online Registration set up fee (\$10,140), estimated renewal (\$7,500), and assistance from Chris Braun - \$150 P/H for set up-approximately 20 hours as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the 23-24 Operational Sharing Transportation Agreement with Jesup as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the Premier quote for lunch tables (\$23,906.77) as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve a full-time Human Resource Director-Tina Kaufman for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve a full-time Business/CAPS teacher-Jordan Cusick for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to go into closed session at 7:43 p.m. Roll Call-All AYES Motion carried 5-0 Closed session 21.5 (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to exit closed session at 8:11p.m. Roll Call-All AYES-Motion carried 5-0
 13. Board Talking Points - None.
 14. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to adjourn at 8:37 PM Motion carried 5-0



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STORY HOUR

Wednesdays

May 10 : Umbrellas 9:20am
 May 17 : Kites 9:20am
 May 24 : Bugs 9:20am
 June 7: Creature Feature.....10:00am
 June 21: Summer Fun.....10:00am

Find Your Voice!

The theme for 2023 Summer Reading Program is **Find Your Voice!**
 Library Activities for June 2023

Thu, June 1	4:00 – Board Meeting @ Library
Wed, June 7	10:00 – Creature Feature @ Library
Thu, June 8	1:00 – Summer Reading Program @ Fairbank Elem.
Tue, June 13	2:00 – Book Club
Thu, June 15	1:00 – Summer Reading Program @ Fairbank Elem.
Tue, June 20	9:00-3:00 – Magician's Lab @ Library (Must register)
Wed, June 21	10:00 – Story Hour
Fri, June 23	Library Closed
Sat, June 24	Library Closed
Thu, June 29	1:00 – Summer Reading Program @ Fairbank Elem.



This picture was taken during the April visit with Fontana Naturalist, Sondra Fontana. All about Eggs and an Egg Hunt outback of the library! They will be back to Kick Off our Summer Reading Program on Thursday, June 8th, 1pm at the Fairbank Elementary School.

ENTER TO WIN! Stop by between now and May 25th to nominate a Veteran or Active-Duty Service Member for a chance to win a Patriotic Quilt.
 Winner along with who nominated them will be announced on **May 26**



We are Dementia Friends! Presentation put on by Courtney Schmitz Tuesday, April 11, 2023

2 passes available! We are excited to announce that we renewed the Grout Museum Pass!
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Tuesday May 9th at 2 PM

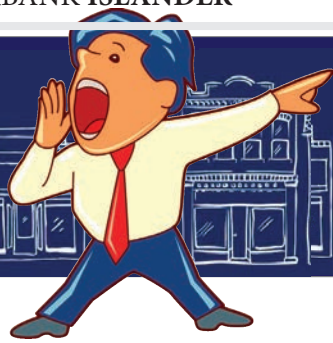
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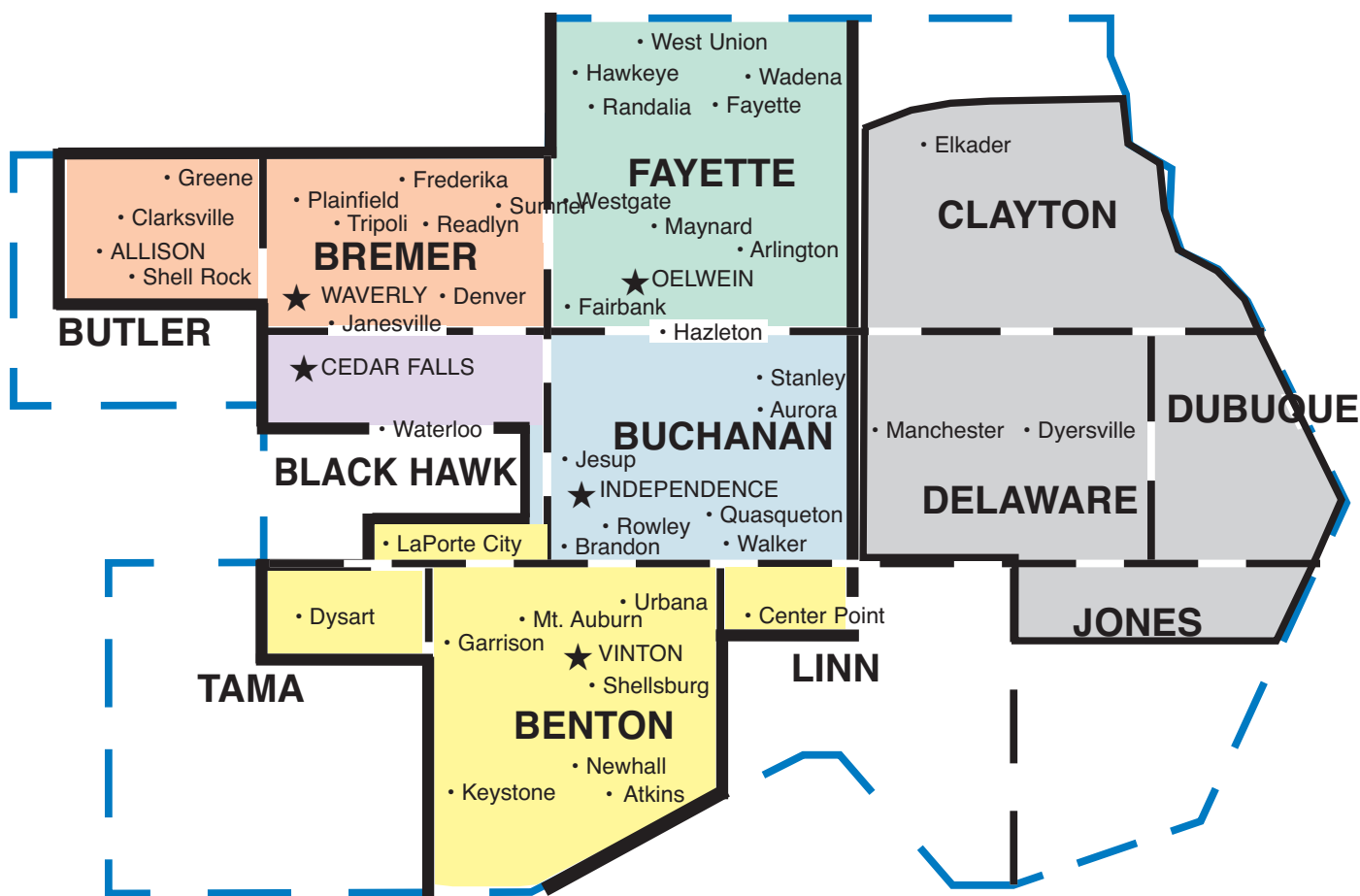


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