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## “Fairbank Islander”... off and running!



Welcome to the first edition of the Fairbank Islander newspaper. We're sure most of you were surprised to find it in your mailbox today, but if all goes well, it will be there on the first Wednesday of each month for a long time to come.

The newspaper is a new venture sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club. The Fairbank Islander is a FREE full-color newspaper that will be published the first Wednesday of each month and mailed to everyone with a Fairbank or Oran zipcode (currently 996 households). We will also have 500 additional copies printed to distribute in some local businesses and surrounding communities. Subscriptions will be available to people living out of the area.

Looking back, it really wasn't the best time to start a newspaper because of the Covid-19 situation. There's not a lot of news to print when schools, businesses, churches, and organizations are all shut down and nothing is going on. But bear with us, it will get better. We just hope that everyone is staying safe.

We are very excited about this new project. But it

wouldn't be possible without the support of our local businesses that have purchased advertising. We're very grateful for your help. The revenue from the advertising will be used to cover the expense of the printing and mailing, which is done by the Oelwein Daily Register. Please support our local businesses, we couldn't have done this without them.

Because of the quarantine and closings, we know that there are some businesses that we haven't contacted, but we hope you will consider purchasing an ad. It's not too late. All advertising sold by us will run for one year. Our rates are very reasonable, so let us know if you are interested by contacting Kathy Risse at (319) 635-2122 or e-mail: kathyrisse53@yahoo.com. The Community Club will bill you once a year if you want to keep running your ad.

We will run ads from local non-profit groups free of charge, so this is a great opportunity for the local clubs, organizations and church groups, etc., to promote their activities and fundraisers. Again, contact Kathy Risse to place your ad.

We thank Rev. Scott Jans for the use of his artwork to create the mast head on the top of this page. It's nice to have a local citizen that is so talented.

And now, for the editorial part of the newspaper – here's where we need your help. Unlike most newspapers, we will not have an office with an editor and reporters, etc. We are just a non-profit community organization trying to offer a service that we know will benefit our community. So it's up to all of you to submit the news items and let us know what you're up to. It will be a great way for the schools, churches, organizations, etc., to showcase your activities and upcoming events. We hope that clubs and organizations will consider designating a member of their group to be in charge of reporting to us. We will run weddings, anniversaries, obituaries, and pretty much all types of local news - all free of charge

You can submit your articles at the Fairbank Public Library. Angela, Beth and Linda will be happy to assist you and see that your article gets submitted for publishing. If the library is closed, you can leave your info in the drop box. Just be sure to include your name and contact info in case the girls need to contact you. And don't forget to include pictures (if you have them) to go along with the article. For info, you can call the Library at (319) 635-2487 (also the fax number). Or e-mail to: f.library@mchsi.com. See the Library page for their hours.

With everyone having phones with a camera, it's easy to submit pictures by sending them directly to the library. If you see something interesting around town, take a couple of snapshots and share them with everyone. Just jot down a couple of lines to put under the picture. Remember, the newspaper is in full-color!

All news items and advertising needs to be submitted no later than 5 working days prior to publication. Our next issue comes out on July 1st, so the deadline will be Wednesday, June 24th.

If you have any good ideas or suggestions on things we could do in the paper, please let us know. This is all new to us, so we would love to hear your ideas.

We thank Melaine Buzynski, Cindy Klendworth, and Tracy Cummings for their patience and helping us get this project started. Also, many thanks to Ron Leistikow, Charlie Albrecht and Kim Adams for coming to our January meeting and talking to the group about the Readlyn Chronicle and the process that goes into creating it. Your knowledge and encouragement was very much appreciated.

And last but not least, we hope you enjoy the Fairbank Islander! It's been a long time since we've had a newspaper, and we really hope that everything works out and we can continue doing this for years to come.

## Mary's Prayer Garden at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Committee members for Mary's Prayer Garden at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank, have seen their vision of a prayer garden become a reality. Since November 2018, there has been a lot of planning with some great ideas. The statue of the Blessed Virgin that had stood outside on the church lawn for years, was totally restored by Barb (Babinat) Wille and members of the Babinat family. The decision was made that the statue

should be placed outside once again for all to see.

On May 8, 2019 Father Ray Atwood blessed the ground that would one day be Mary's Prayer Garden. Committee members, and many parish volunteers have put in countless hours of manual labor, preparing the ground, hauling

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Pictured L-R by Church: Joe & Dianne Rubino, Dean & Donna Mangrich, Michelle & Mike Weepie, Fred & Leslie Frost, Duane & Carma Schmidtk





# A MESSAGE FROM

# Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

After months of planning, we have our first Fairbank Islander Newspaper out for circulation. It is an exciting time for those who have put a lot of effort and time in making this a reality. I want to congratulate those people who worked hard. I won't attempt to list them because I would probably forget some. I am going to mention two people who may deserve an extra special pat on the back. Kathy Risse, who sold most of the ads and worked hard to get the paper started and Ted Vorwald who kept people working to get this accomplished. To them and all of the others who

worked to make the Fairbank Islander a reality, a BIG THANK YOU!

It has been a strange year, one I hope none of us will ever see again. I do believe we will be stronger in the future because of how we have had to adapt. It will be a new normal, and we will practice many of the things we have learned to deal with because of the pandemic. Hopefully a vaccine will be readily available within a year, and we can return to most of our activities.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2020. Through working at the school, I have been able to

get to know most of the graduates. They are truly a GREAT group. I am sure they will be very successful in the future. Good Luck Class of 2020!!

To close, I do want to thank a man who influenced me in many ways. I enjoyed working with him for 8 years and knowing him for many more. He was the man who was "Wapsie Valley". When I would be at meetings and tell people I worked at Wapsie Valley, they always mentioned his name as being Wapsie Valley. He was very well respected by everyone around the state. Rest in Peace David K. Owens.

## Mary's Prayer Garden at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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rock, and planting perennials.

A large rosary in Mary's honor, made of cement by Fred Frost, Dean Mangrich, Duane Schmidtke and Joe Rubino enhance the garden with a beautiful lit waterfall in the center of the rosary. The waterfall was donated by Duane & Carma Schmidtke, and sets on a stone from the original threshold of the church. The lit cross at the beginning of the rosary, is from the old elementary school.

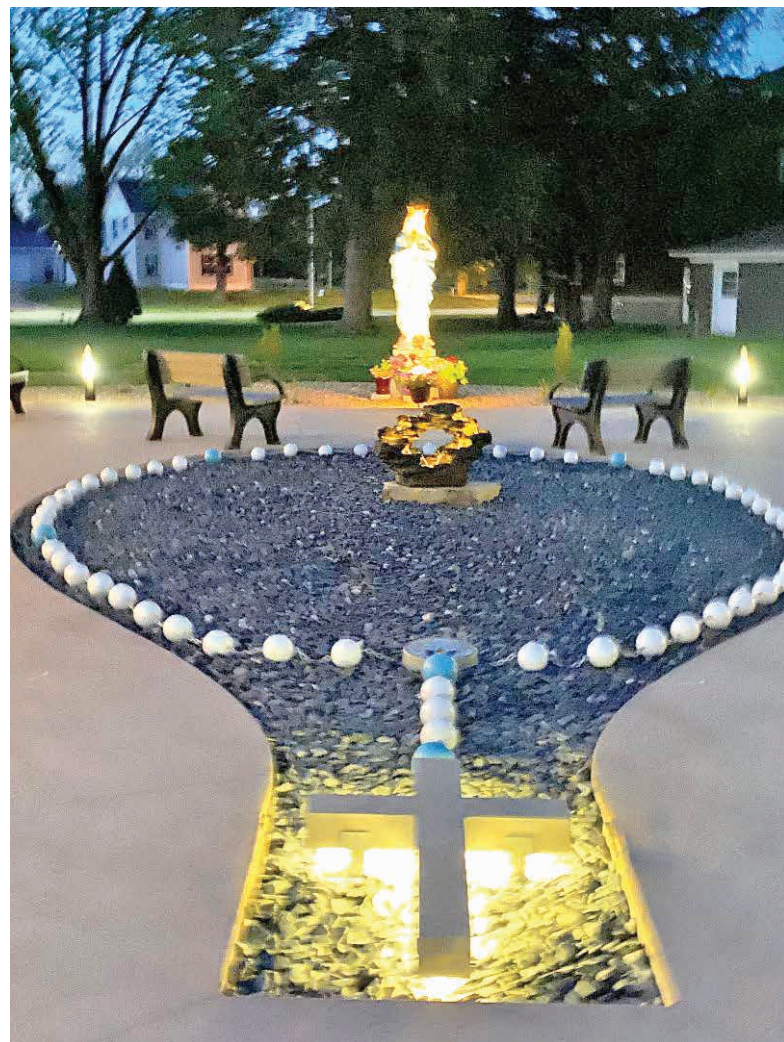
Darrell and Jane(Schmitz) Cannon of Cannons Greenhouse in Westgate designed and donated all the perennials. Parishioners have also donated some of the seasonal flowering plants. Family members of the parish have donated colorful benches with their loved ones name engraved on them. Path lights and additional lighting will be on each evening from dusk to dawn.

The garden is available for all to embrace, enjoy and retreat to. Memorials and donations are always appreciated.

Special thank you to Ron & Chris Woods for always be available to help; Dean Mangrich for equipment and materials needed to get the ground ready; Fred, Dean, Duane and Joe for making & painting the rosary; Cannons Greenhouse; the many volunteers who helped in any way; Jake Blitsch, Connie Kerns, Marty Kajewski, for the beautiful mosaic in the rosary; and last but not least Barb Babinat for restoring Mary's statue!

Visitors are always welcome!

Mary's Garden Committee: Fred & Leslie Frost, Dean & Donna Mangrich, Joe & Dianne Rubino, Duane & Carma Schmidtke, Mike & Michelle Weepie.



**Benches In Memory of:**  
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# Virtual Awards Night honors Wapsie Valley seniors

Wapsie Valley Seniors were honored Wednesday, May 6 at their Awards Night. Due to the social distancing precautions, the ceremony was held virtually by video conferencing. Congratulations to all the recipients!

## Governor's Scholars Recognition

Samantha Kane

## KWWL Best of Class

Katie Sauerbrei

## Des Moines Register Academic All State

Hannah Miller

## NICL All-Academic Awards

Gavin Hyde, Katie Sauerbrei, Hannah Miller, Anna Richards and Elsie VanDaele

## Don Even Scholarship

Reese Welcher

## Jamie Risse Scholarship

Kiks Rosengarten

## Flint Hills Resources Scholarship

Hannah Miller

## John Deere/Bodensteiner Implement Scholarship

Cole Neil

## WV Performing Arts Music Boosters Scholarship

Melody Kayser

## McCarthy Scholarship by Fidelity Bank

Jenna Curley, Cole Neil, Sammi Kane and Katie Sauerbrei

## Wapsie Valley Education Association Scholarship

Katie Sauerbrei

## Wapsie Valley Booster Club Scholarships

Reese Welcher & Katie Sauerbrei

## Wapsie Valley Archery Team Scholarships

Hannah Miller & Katie Sauerbrei

## Gift of Grain Scholarship

Brandon Brown, Jason Harks, Cole Neil, Anna Richards & Kyle Voy

## Fairbank American Legion and Legion Auxiliary Scholarships

Traeton Kaufman & Katie Sauerbrei

## Fairbank American Legion and Legion Auxiliary Citizenship Awards

Cole Neil & Samantha Kane

## Bernie Saggau Award

Samantha Kane

## E. Wayne Cooley Nominee Award Winner

Katie Sauerbrei

## Readlyn Community Club Scholarship

Brendon Brown

## Bremer County Corn and Soybean Association Awards

Cole Neil & Hannah Miller

## American Red Cross Scholarship

Morgan Biretz

## Kenneth G. Meyerhoff Trust

Jenna Curley

Wapsie Valley High School Academic Letter First Semester Sloane Banger, Kaci Beesecker, Morgan Biretz, Tanner Blaylock, Brendon Brown, Jenna Curley, Morgan Downs, Jason Harks, Cayle Huebner, Gavin Hyde, Samantha Kane, Traeton Kaufman, Melody Kayser, Hannah Miller, Cole Neil, Kennadi Neil, Alexandra Parker, Bradley Pierce, Adrianna Richards, Reily Richards, Katie Sauerbrei, Samantha Schnor, Emma Silva, Elsie VanDaele and Kyle Voy

## President's Award

## for Educational Achievement

"Gold" for Academic Excellence denotes 3.5 and up grade point average 26 and up ACT score

Gavin Hyde, Hannah Miller, Adrianna Richards, Katie Sauerbrei, Samantha Kane, Tanner Blaylock and Alexandra Parker

"Silver" for Academic Achievement denotes 3.5 and up GPA and 23 and up ACT

Elsie VanDaele, Cayle Huebner, Morgan Biretz, Samantha Schnor and Jenna Curley

## Wapsie Valley Educational Foundation

## Leistikow Scholarships

Hannah Miller, Brendon Brown, Anna Richards and Cole Neil



## Carlene Werner Memorial Teaching Scholarship

Jenna Curley

## Carlene Werner Memorial Agriculture Scholarship

Cole Neil

## WV Education Foundation Service Scholarships

Tanner Blaylock, Reese Welcher & Samantha Schnor

## Hook and Liner Sportsman Club

Katie Sauerbrei & Gavin Hyde

## Steve Phelan Memorial Scholarships

Jason Harks & Katie Sauerbrei

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# Fairbank Historical Society perpetuates history



A grist mill, powered by a water wheel, was built before 1864 by Naylor and Harrington. The mill was sold in 1864 to Frederic Oelwein and Michael Kraft, this property now included the description, "a grist mill and water power and all appurtenances thereunto belonging and the right to flow lands". Robert & Mildred Bentley bought the mill in 1929. On August 1, 1943, the mill burned completely. June 9, 1945, Bentleys deeded the property where the Mill had been to the City of Fairbank, to be used as a park. Photo courtesy Paul Kraft family

The Fairbank Historical Society is a public charity, non-profit educational organization, formally organized February 10, 2009. It is dedicated to perpetuating the history of the Fairbank area. The Society received its non-profit tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) from the Internal Revenue Service on August 7, 2009.

The Society is governed by a 5 member Board of Directors, each serving three year terms. The 2020 Board of Directors are: Joe Miller, Colleen Bovy, Wilma Welsh, Maurice Welsh, and Robert Shields. It holds it's annual meeting in January of each year. Monthly meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., and are held at the Historical Society Museum building located at 103 East Main Street. Operation is maintained by revenue

received from memberships, donations, and fundraising. The 2020 Officers are: Bob Shields - President; Joe Miller - Vice President; Wilma Welsh - Secretary; and Maurice Welsh - Treasurer.

The Fairbank Historical Society first organized in 2009 when a group of interested citizens met in the Fairbank Library to discuss local history. They formed an Historical Society and elected officers. The Society met in the Fairbank Library for over a year, then moved the meetings to the Parkside Assisted Living Center to better serve the members that were residents.

On January 1, 2013, Robert Maricle donated the building at 103 East Main Street to the society to use as a Museum. The building had previously housed Maricle's family business "Maricle on Main." After

remodeling the front half of the building, the Fairbank Historical Society Museum opened on Memorial Day weekend. Recently the Society received a large donation from the Estate of Howard Durham.

The Museum houses Fairbank High School graduation pictures, items salvaged from the Elementary School before it was torn down, many small advertising items from Fairbank businesses from the past, local genealogical information, art work by local artists, and many other items.

The Museum normally is open on Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day, on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. They can open anytime by calling 319-269-6795 for private tours or for information. The status of opening this year depends on the Covid-19 virus.

## Church Services



### United Methodist Church

107 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Fairbank, Iowa 50629  
319-635-2932

Worship Service: 9:15 AM



### St. John Lutheran Church

(MISSOURI SYNOD)

208 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fairbank, Iowa 50629  
319-635-2181

**Pastor Jacob Swenson**

Sunday School: 9:00 AM  
Worship Service: 10:00 AM



### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

302 W. Main Street  
Fairbank, Iowa  
319-635-2211

**Father Ray Atwood**

Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM  
Wednesday Mass: 8:00 AM  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM



### Lord of the Harvest

Prayer and Praise Center  
101 South 4th Street  
Fairbank, Iowa 50629

**Rev. Scott Jans**

Worship Service: 9:00 AM



### First Baptist Church

304 Grove Street  
Fairbank, Iowa 50629

**Rev. Mike Anderson**

Worship Service: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School: 10:00 AM

If there are any changes or corrections, call Kathy Risse (319) 635-2122.

## God's peace to you in Christ!

My name is Rev. Jacob Swenson. I am privileged to serve as pastor at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Fairbank and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jesup. St. John's and Grace are member congregations of a church body called the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LCMS has about 2 million members in roughly 6 thousand congregations throughout our country. It has about 37 partner church bodies around the world. There are 294 LCMS congregations in Iowa.

I was approached to write what (hopefully) might be a regular column in this new paper of ours. I am honored and happy to visit with you. I'm hoping that with our time together we might have a monthly conversation about the Christian faith. We'll talk about Jesus, of course, but also about the forgiveness of sins, the Bible, the Church, and other things related to our common faith. In time, we might even talk about Lutheranism, since some of you might have questions about what it is, in particular. My goal with these conversations is not just to inform, but also to encourage and strengthen our community as we walk together in Christ.

Now, I am a Lutheran pastor. That means you should expect that I think and write like one, for better or worse. If you find that our conversations spark questions - good! That's what I like to hear. I do not promise that I'll have all the answers, since I'm just a pilgrim on this earth like you; but I'd love to help you as best as I can. St. John's is the big white church just south of the cemetery. You'll find me there.

Let's let this be our first theological conversation (theology is a word that means "study of God"): Who is Jesus? What do Christians believe? Christians believe that Jesus is the one, only, true, and eternal God. You might also hear Christians say that Jesus is the Son of God. This is a short way to say that Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, who - with the Father and the Holy Spirit - is yet one God. (More on that later.) Christians believe that, in addition to being truly and fully God, Jesus is also man. We say in the Apostles' Creed that Jesus was, "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary." Jesus did not change from one into the other, but became - and is now - both God and man. He did this so that He might save us from death by His own death and resurrection.

This is probably enough for our first conversation. We'll pick up here next month. If you have questions about anything I've said, I'd love to visit with you. You know where to find me: big white church, next to the cemetery.

*Yours in Christ,*  
Pastor Jacob Swenson





# Business Directory

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Fairbank, Iowa  
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Fairbank, Iowa  
(641) 330-1233 (319) 635-2229

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## Family Needs

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212 E. Main Street  
Fairbank, Iowa  
(319) 635-2487

**Fairbank Elementary School**  
505 Forest Street  
Fairbank, Iowa  
(319) 635-2071

**Wapsie Valley High School**  
2535 Viking Avenue  
Fairbank, Iowa  
Ph. (319) 638-6711  
Fax (319) 638-7061

**Helping Hands Clothing Closet**  
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Fairbank, Iowa  
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Steinbronndc@gmail.com

## Insurance

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119 E. Main St., P.O. Box 467, Fairbank, IA  
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**Ozark National Life Insurance**  
JOE KLEITSCH  
319-635-2297 home 319-269-1443 cell  
joseph.kleitsch@ozark-national.com

**Security Mutual Insurance**  
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234 Main St., Readlyn, IA  
(319) 279-3893 (319) 267-2035

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## Fairbank Historical Society

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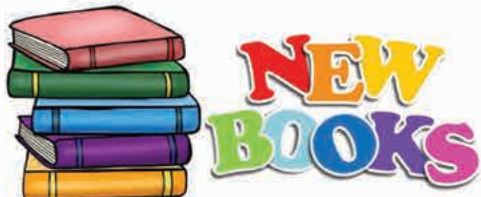
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- The Sea Glass**  
..... by RaeAnne Thayne
- Long Range . . .** by C. J. Box
- Hit List . . .** by Stuart Woods

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... from Elaine Ernst
- One More Song To Sing**  
... from Elaine Ernst

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Fairbank, IA 50629  
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Fax: 319-635-2487  
Email: [f.library@mchsi.com](mailto:f.library@mchsi.com)  
Website: [Fairbank-ia.org/library/php](http://Fairbank-ia.org/library/php)

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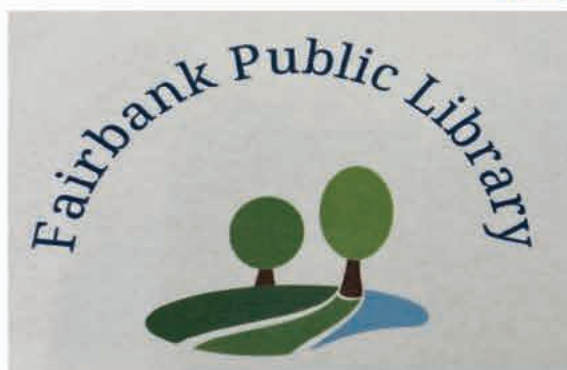
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The success of the newspaper will depend on the support of the community - let's do our part!



## REGULAR HOURS

- 1:00-5:00 pm..... Monday
- 1:00-5:00 pm..... Tuesday
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## City-Wide Garage Sales On Hold

The Fairbank Community Club had to cancel the annual Spring City-Wide Garage Sales this year due to the social-distancing order in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We're sorry for any inconvenience that this has

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If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at **319-635-2869**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## What's Cookin'



*From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow*

Rhubarb is an early, plentiful spring fruit used in desserts, jams and wines. The stalks have a rich tart flavor, but the leaves are poisonous. Although, you can eat the stalks raw, you probably won't enjoy the sour, bitter taste, but there are many delicious ways to use it with sugar or by combining with strawberries or red raspberries. One of my favorite rhubarb recipes is this quick easy-to-make dessert.

### Rhubarb Upside Down Cake

- 5 cups finely diced rhubarb
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 oz. package strawberry jello
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 yellow cake mix (prepared according to package directions)



Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9" x 13" pan. Put the marshmallows on the bottom of the pan. Place the rhubarb on top of the marshmallows in an even layer. Mix together the jello and sugar and pour over the rhubarb layer. Prepare the cake mix according to package directions. Pour the cake batter over the rhubarb mixture. Bake 50-60 minutes until cake tests done. Remove the pan from oven and let it set for 5 minutes. Loosen the edges of the cake from the pan. Place a tray on top of the pan and flip upside down.

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# WAPSIE VALLEY WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By the time this newspaper comes out, this would probably be considered old news. But, in honor of all the fans out there in Wapsie Nation, we will run it anyway.

As you all know, back in March our Wapsie Valley Boys Basketball team was crowned the Class 1A Champions in the 2020 IHSAA State Tournament in Des Moines. Even though they came into the tournament as the #8 seed, they managed to knock off the #1 seed Lake Mills 49-45 in the first game.

Two days later, they defeated the #4 seed Montezuma 57-42, which put them in the Championship Game on Friday.

However, on Thursday afternoon, the excited team and all their fans were shocked to hear that the Covid-19 virus was becoming a real threat, and could jeopardize their chance to even play out the rest of the tournament. Devastation set in immediately.

Later that day, IHSAA announced that the tournament would go on. However, each team playing on Friday would only be allowed a total of 100 entrants. This 100 included the players, coaches, managers, cheerleaders, etc., which didn't allow for many fans. The IHSAA had recommended that the fans be limited to immediate family members, which

eliminated most of the students who had provided a very huge & loud cheering section at the previous games.

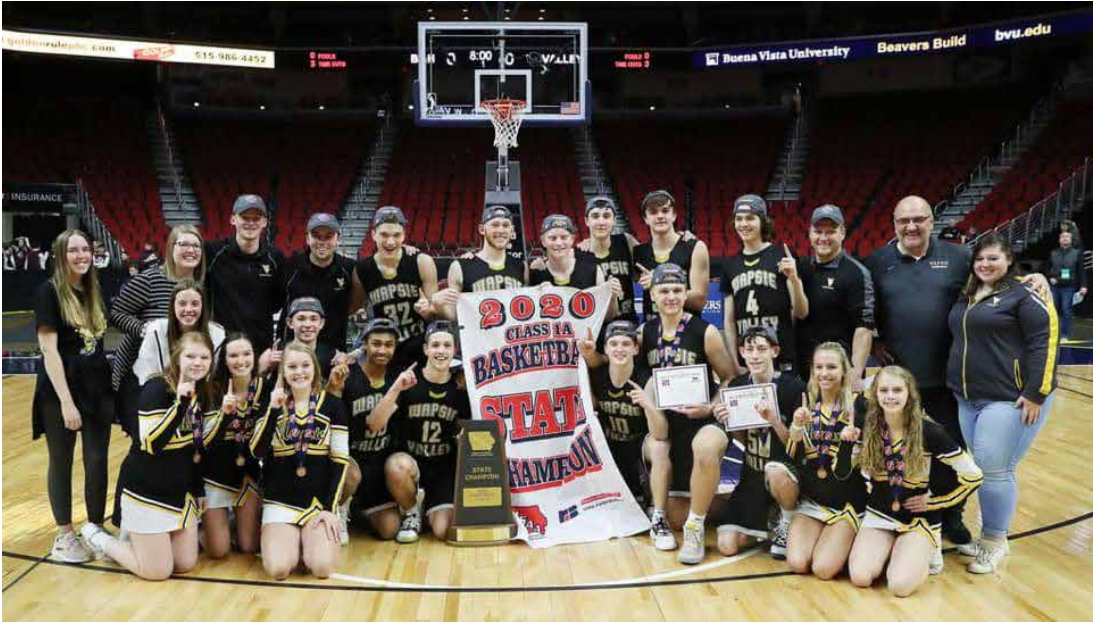
As usual, the "Wapsie Valley Family" pulled together and made the best of it. For those who chose to remain in Des Moines, a "watch party" was held at the hotel where the team had stayed all week. They offered an available conference room and large tv's were brought in. Several of the hotel employees even stopped by frequently to cheer on the Warriors.

The championship game against #2 seed Bishop Garrigan ended in a victory for the Warriors with a score of 78-72. The Wapsie Valley Warriors and Coach McKowen had finally reached the ultimate goal, a state championship!

The Warriors and their families returned to big celebrations in Readlyn and Fairbank, complete with parades and lots of excitement which carried on till late that night.

Wow, what a ride!! Our Cinderella Team had pulled off what seemed to be an impossible dream.

We are so proud of our Warriors and their coaches. Thank you for giving us our own "March Madness" and for representing your school and communities with such style and class. It was a season we won't forget!



Coach McKowen and his 2020 Championship Team.

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# A Community of Townsfolk and Farmers; Hobos, Amish and Gangsters

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I am pleased to get the opportunity to write a column for the Fairbank Islander, though I'm not sure exactly what I'll write here. I'm hoping you'll give me some ideas (I love requests).

For those of you who may not know, my primary family of Brandts (10) moved from a farm south of town into Fairbank in the mid-1950s. My parents were Wilbert J. and Doretta (Bartels) Brandt. Dad served as councilman, then Fairbank's mayor for two terms from 1980-1983. During an interview by staff from the Oelwein Register in 1980, when the library was built, he made this statement: "We came to Fairbank and really liked the town. We decided to move here."

That's when I learned the story of how our family ended up in Fairbank, the town with the iconic Island Park.

Some of you may also remember I wrote a column for the Wapsie Progressive during the 1970s-'80s. I didn't get serious about writing books until retiring from 3M Company in St. Paul, Minn. a decade ago. Two of the three books I've now written have been about Fairbank, all of which are available at the Fairbank Community Library (check for curbside check-out/pickup times during the coronavirus).

Book #1: *We Are Eight, a Memoriam* (2015) is a 400-page book which begins in the mid-1800s, when our first German ancestors immigrated to America. The second half of the book is dedicated to the years my siblings and I were growing up in Fairbank, concluding in the 1980s, as one by one we graduated Wapsie Valley High School.

Book #2: *Gangster in Our Midst* (2017) is my first historical novel which tells the neglected true story about the Italian American man, Louie La Cava, who came to Fairbank (called 'Oxbow' in the book) in the 1920s—where he lived off and on for the next sixty years.

I first heard the town had a gangster around 9 years of age, soon after we arrived in town. I had no idea what a gangster was, so I paid little attention to the story at the time.

Fast forward to 2016 when I was looking for a new book project. On my short list of book ideas was: "Investigate Fairbank's gangster."

My research began by speaking with octogenarians I had interviewed for Book #1. I asked them to tell me what they knew about the town's gangster. Long story short: Ninety years later, no one still seemed to know with any certainty whether La Cava had been part of Chicago kingpin Alphonse Capone's outfit—or if the stories were simply folklore.

I continued to dig—and what a story I found.

A common question I get from those who've read *Gangster in Our Midst* is: What is factual versus fiction?

Factual: The Capone-La Cava connections came from the Bureau of Investigation (which became the Federal Bureau of Investigation) and police reports, plus from newspaper accounts from across the nation.

Fictional: The personal stories came from Fairbank locals, about what it was like to live with a gangster frequenting their town. Most of the events really happened, though perhaps not exactly as I've told them.

Those from the area will recognize names, businesses, and landmarks in the historical novel. And there is plenty of intrigue. A lot of people got caught up in Prohibition in one way or another. Most didn't know what La Cava actually did for Capone but read enough in newspaper articles about the ongoing gangsterism in Chicago and New York to be wary of any new guy who showed up on Main Street driving a fast, black car, smoking a Cuban cigar, and dressing in tailor-made suit and fedora. Many residents came to fear La Cava...and feared he might be followed by thugs and their children would get caught up in a shoot-out on Main Street.

*Gangster in Our Midst* received a 2019 Notable 100 Indie Book Award from *Shelf Unbound* book review magazine. I'm grateful to the five Fairbank historians (acknowledged in the book) who helped with research, along with myriad friends and former neighbors—all who informed me I had written a good story. A book award says the book has literary merit. Mostly, I'm grateful this Unknown Author has been

given a chance to earn positive regard in the eyes of the community at large.

The book is available for \$16.95 plus tax/shipping and handling through local bookstores, Amazon, Walmart, Barnes and Noble, or [www.bettybrandtpassick.com](http://www.bettybrandtpassick.com). *We Are Eight, a Memoriam* is out of print.

Book #4—a sequel to *Gangster in our Midst*—is in process and will be available the summer of 2020. I chose this week's column title from the chapter: "Morning Train" (Book #2).

The character of 'Olivia' is loosely based on Verlie Hahn's mother, Olivia Coffin, who works at the Coffin Café. Lunch patrons frequently include businessmen and farmers—plus a few more arriving on the 11:00 dinky. On this May 1936 morning, Olivia first notices the train has delivered the usual influx of hobos, who immediately set about going from house to house in search of a handout. She's caught off guard by the large colony of Amish men who soon flood the café (their womenfolk and children remain at the depot to eat packed lunches). Two smartly dressed men take the remaining table and begin to probe for information on the whereabouts of the town's gangster.

## PETS!



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. On July 1<sup>st</sup> an additional \$5.00 penalty attaches. If the animal is purchased July 1<sup>st</sup> or later, the license can be obtained for \$10.00 with a dated bill of sale proving the date of purchase.

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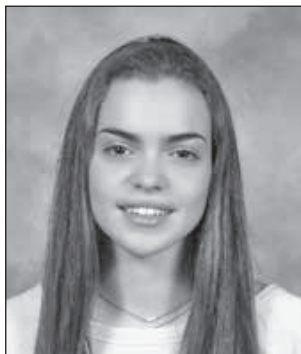
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# EASTER BUNNY VISITS



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The Easter Bunny had some help from the 2019 Fairbank Island Queen, Melody Kayser.

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# Living on the Edge

BY PAT PINT

Ellen stopped by the office the other day. I asked my former co-worker how she was enjoying retirement.

“These last six months have been good. But I have days when I miss interaction with other people, so I drive 17 miles to the grocery for a bottle of ketchup. Last week a telemarketer called, and he hung up on me! Guess I was too chatty.”

Ellen added, “Never did I think the traveling in the grandma zone would have such a learning curve!”

“What do you mean?” I asked.

“Take juice drinks. It was gonna be simple buying three boxes filled with sugar and colored water and take the kids to the park. Guess what! There are juice bottles, cartons and jugs. Seventy-six different flavors and varieties. I started to get cranky, when the eight year old complained that the straw on one brand was too skinny. I realized then, I would never have the stamina to go through the cereal aisle with these kids. Eventually I bought a 24 pack assortment. Did I check calorie count or nutritional value like a good grandma? Nope, just happy to round them up and get out the door.”

I snickered. “I bet the park was a blast!”

Ellen sighed, “One child fell off a swing, the other drenched her socks and shoes in the hydrant and the littlest granddaughter desperately needed a bathroom and would not even consider using the park facilities. So much for Granny of Sunnybrook Park.”

“Then what?” I asked.

“We started on a craft involving pipe cleaners, glue and beads. Lethal combination, I discovered. The instructions were not clear about what to do when beads are raining off the kitchen table into a puddle of Elmer’s. Obviously my coping skills are lacking,” she groaned.

Ellen continued, “When my daughter Missy picked up Hannah, she asked about her day. Expressionless, she shrugged her little shoulders and said, ‘we didn’t do much.’”

“When Roger came home from work he found me with a rag on my forehead, a bottle of Tylenol on one end table and a wine cooler on the other. I was happily snoring in my recliner. Gently he woke me up and said three little words.”

“Awww sweet,” I noted.

Ellen smiled, “Fat chance. The three little words were ‘what’s for supper?’”

My answer? “Look in the fridge, Roger. Help yourself to a juice box.”

## 2020 Island Days canceled

The 2020 Fairbank Island Days that were scheduled for later this month have been canceled. The Island Days Committee and Fairbank Development made the decision together as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing.

There’s a possibility of a separate fall event later this year, but any decisions will be made in accordance with public gathering guidelines as they become available.

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# DAVE OWENS

Dave Owens, 88 of Fairbank passed away Tuesday, April 14 at MercyOne Senior Care in Oelwein. He was born April 22, 1931 the son of David and Vera (Terps-tra) Owens. Dave grew up in the Colfax area and graduated from the Colfax High School. After High School He enrolled at Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls, he graduated from there with a



Degree in Teaching. He continued his education at Drake University where he received his Masters Degree. Dave proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. During his service he was a Parachutist as well as an instructor for beginning Parachutists. Dave married Margaret Meckley on March 23, 1951 in Colfax. Dave and Margaret were lifelong educators, spending the vast majority of their careers and lives in the Wapsie Valley Community School District. Dave started at Wapsie Valley as a High School Principal and soon moved up to the Superintendent position which he held for the next 34 years. He was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Fairbank as well as the Fairbank American Legion. Dave

also was the President of the Fairbank Community Club for many years. Dave was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather as well as being a dedicated educator. He is survived by his son Mark (Becky) Owens of Fairbank, two granddaughters; Kara Owens of Atlanta, GA and Gina Owens of Mar-

ion. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 67 years, Margaret, his sister Patsy Evans and his brother-in-law Frank Evans and one niece, Katie Darbyshire.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic guidelines restricting gatherings to no more than 10 people there will be a private family graveside service. A Celebration Of Life will be held at a later date at the Fairbank American Legion.

Memorials may be directed to the Fairbank United Methodist Church, the Fairbank, Oran or Readlyn Fire Departments or to the family. Cards may be sent to Mark Owens, 6965 W Ave. Fairbank, Iowa 50629

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# RONALD SCOTT PEINE

Ronald Scott Peine passed away at Unity Point Allen Hospital at the age of 64 on April 2, 2020 with his brother Al at his side. He was born January 17, 1956 in Waterloo son of Wallace Peine and Phyllis (Callies) Peine.

Ron graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank with the class of 1974. He worked at John Deere from 1974 until 2013. He retired after 39 years of employment.

Ron was united into marriage to Sue (Sherrer) Peine on August 7, 1976. They have two daughters Kelli Sue and Jamie Lyn.

Ron spent many years taking care of the family farm with his parents, brothers and wife. He enjoyed attending Nascar races and watching them on TV. His favorite drivers were Tony Stewart and Clint Bowyer car #14. Ron also loved going to Las Vegas with his wife. They had a camper and boat in Guttenburg where they spent most of their summer months. He enjoyed hanging out at the campground spending time with his friends and going boating and fishing on the Mississippi. He was a proud Dad and grandpa of his family. Ron also enjoyed "Little Red" his 68 Camaro.

Survived by his wife Sue Peine of Fairbank. Two daughters Kelli (Shawn) Sams



of Cedar Rapids and Jamie (Justin) Diers of Sumner. Three grandchildren Briggs, Lilly, and Easton. Along with two step grandchildren Sami and Hunter.

Siblings include Deb (Galen) Heine-man, Rich (Carol) Peine, Andrea (Randy) Gerstenberger and Al (Amy) Peine. Three aunts Joyce, Jeannie

and Coena. Many nieces and nephews and lots of cousins. Also, his little buddy Romeo.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents Wallace Peine and Phyllis Peine. His brother Dan and his grandparents.

Ron's family would like to extend a special thank you to family and friends as well as the Unity Point Allen Hospital Cancer Treatment Center, you all are angels.

Funeral Services: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, services will be held at a later date.

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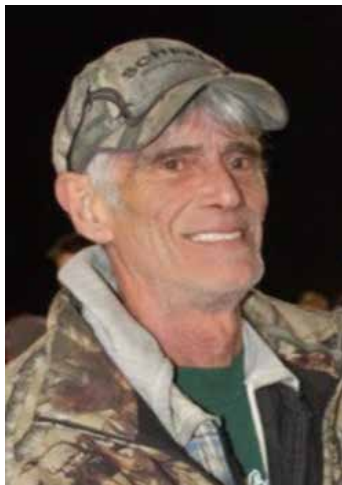
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# WAYNE BANTZ



Wayne Bantz passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 27, 1954 in Waterloo the son of Dallas and JoAnne (Schwake) Bantz. Wayne grew up in rural Fairbank and graduated from Wapsie Valley Schools with the Class of 1972. On March 17, 1973 he married Debra Bailey and they later divorced. While living on the family farm Wayne was a hard worker and always willing and able to help neighbors with work on the farm whether it be baling hay or picking up rocks or whatever else was needed to be done. After graduation he went to work for Deere and Company in Waterloo and worked there for the next 46 years of his life, until retiring in 2019. Wayne loved the outdoors whether it be coon hunting, deer hunting or riding four-wheelers. He also enjoyed an occasional trip to the casino to try his luck, Wayne loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events and spending time with all of his family and friends. This past February he was fortunate to be able to travel to St. Lucia with his family and enjoy some warm weather and a nice long ride on a catamaran. Wayne will be missed by so many but he will never be forgotten.

Heinze both of Fairbank and Sarah Bantz (Danny) of Evansdale and one son Wyatt Bantz of Fairbank, his grandchildren; Devon McGarvey, Morgan McGarvey, Kaylee Heinze, Dakota Heinze and Drake Heinze, his mother; JoAnne Bantz of Fairbank, two brothers; Wayde (Teresa) Bantz of Dunkerton and Wes (Lori) Bantz of Fairbank, two sisters; Dee Hessletine (Kevin) of Marion and Jalene Bantz (Ken) of Oelwein along with many nieces and nephews. Wayne was preceded in death by his father, his maternal and paternal grandparents, a brother; Wendell and a sister Jeanne.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restricting groups to no more than 10 people there will only be a private family graveside service held at this time. However there will be a Celebration of Life held at a later date please watch this website and the newspaper for further details in the coming months. The family would like to encourage those who send cards on their behalf to please share a memory of Wayne. Cards may be sent in care of the Wayne Bantz Family 804 Christians Trail, Fairbank, Iowa 50629.

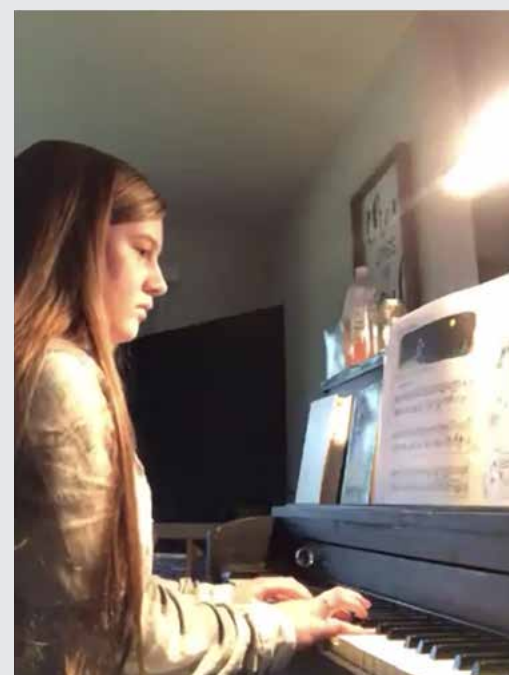
Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

Online condolences can be left at [www.woodsfuneralhome.net](http://www.woodsfuneralhome.net)

He is survived by his three daughters; Shawn (Chad) McGarvey, Sheila (Justin)

# Online piano recitals

Unconventional times call for unconventional music recitals. On Sunday, May 17, the piano students of Faith Swenson all gathered online on Zoom to perform a recital for their families. 32 households were watching. While in-person piano recitals are preferable, the online forum gave an opportunity for family members who live far away to tune in to the recital.



Piano players performing from Fairbank included Brock Berg, Stella Auel, Ava Auel, Bridget Seemann, Norah Oldfather, Mason Curley, and Peyton Curley. Other piano students of Faith Swenson included Carlee Rodriguez of Cedar Falls, and Solveig and Jacob Preus of Guttenberg. Trumpet player, Michael Wegener and clarinet player, Zack Houk also performed in the Zoom recital. They are students of UNI Music Majors Kali Aissen and Ben Medbourn.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present at City Hall: R. Woods, T. Woods, Vorwald, and Williams. Erickson attended via freeconferencecall.com. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Klint Bentley, Police Chief and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. Also present via freeconferencecall.com: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Brian Delegardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

R. Woods/ T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Councilman Vorwald wanted to let the citizens of Fairbank know that there will be crushed rock available behind City Shop to fill in mailbox approaches and driveway approach potholes. There were no other public comments.

Vorwald/Williams to approve the minutes of the March 9th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of March were: General, \$21,188.53; Special Revenue, \$17,068.24; TIF, \$1061.56; Capital Projects, \$29.26; Permanent Funds, \$19.81; Proprietary, \$194,503.13; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of March were: General, \$50,256.21; Special Revenue, \$15,870.21; Proprietary, \$142,882.71; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on March 31, 2020 was \$4,030,868.02.

Williams/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-10 - Resolution Approving Infectious Disease Action Plan. Ayes: Five. Nays: none. This plan came from the City attorney and was highly recommended to pass due to COVID-19.

Discussion was held on the Garbage/Recycling proposals received by the City from Black Hawk Waste Inc., Kluesner Sanitation LLC, Republic Services, and Rite Environmental. A representative from each company attended the meeting via freeconferencecall.com. The council was happy with the service received from Black Hawk Waste Inc. and they thought we had been treated well over the years. Vorwald/R. Woods to enter into a 3-year contract with Black Hawk Waste, Inc. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/R. Woods to approve the ICAP Insurance Renewal. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

City Wide Clean-Up Day is set for Monday May 11, 2020. There will be a collection container brought to town the week before for scrap metal with all the proceeds going back to the City. All other items will remain the same as years before. City Hall will have information and tags for appliances.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the liquor license for Casey's Marketing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Councilman Vorwald wanted approval from the council for the Fire Department to sell the 1985 Chassis. He is thinking they will get around \$4,500 for it and it will be displayed by Myers Polaris across from Casey's. T. Woods/Williams to approve the Fairbank Fire Department selling the 1985 chassis. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Fairbank Aquatic Center was discussed because of the upcoming unknown opening date due to COVID-19. As of right now the council will just watch the situation and plan accordingly when needed. If school goes back into session, then they are hoping to open as planned.

Northeast Security Bank is offering to allow utility billing auto withdrawal from other bank accounts for a flat \$10.00 a month charge. Customers would be able to sign up for this option and their bill would be auto withdrawn from their accounts on the fifth of every month. As of right now there would be no charge to the customers to enroll in this feature. Vorwald/T. Woods to start allowing customers to sign up for ACH withdrawal for their utility bills from other banks besides Northeast Security Bank. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams.

The City will receive 200 tree seedlings the first week of May thanks to a Grant through the Iowa DNR Forestry. The council is hoping to get an area picked out to plant these trees and let them grow for a few years. Vorwald is thinking that the City could probably use a third of them and that when the time is right, they hope to disburse them to residents of the community.

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Copier Maintenance	\$151.17
AERO-MOD, Supplies	\$2,765.45
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$21.63
AVALON TIRE & SERVICE CENTER, Services	\$19.95
B & K AUTOMOTIVE, Services	\$39.76
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,733.00
MICHAEL BOYCE, Deposit Refund	\$200.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$47,026.76
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$394.95
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$5,775.73
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$12,452.36
RICK DEITRICK, Mileage	\$22.50
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimburse	\$75.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$1,135.42
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$920.00
ENGINEERED OPERATIONS & SERVIC, Supplies	\$1,180.92
FAIRBANK FIREMEN'S FUND, Training Reimburse	\$1,817.50
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$3.59
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage March 2020	\$161.00
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage April 2020	\$288.75
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$4,249.52
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposit Applied	\$132.39
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Replenish Postage Fund	\$23.65
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU, Training	\$50.00
GWORKS, Email Billing	\$250.00
GWORKS, Services	\$900.00
TOM & ANNETTE HYDE, Rebate	\$325.00
IAMU, GS Training	\$1,595.00
ICAP, 2020 Annual Premium	\$34,564.36
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER, Services	\$2,792.06
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION, Filing Fee	\$11.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$6,008.71
IPERS, Benefit	\$4,844.84
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone/Clothing Reimburse	\$191.81
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$737.50
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone	\$151.64
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION, Meters	\$1,455.00
MIDLAND TELECOM, INC., Services/Supplies	\$459.50

MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES LLC, Firefighter Physicals	\$3,220.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$543.61
NSB, HSA Contributions	\$150.00
NSB, HSA Payroll Deductions	\$290.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 3/2/20	\$10.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 3/16/20	\$5.55
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, INC., Supplies	\$19.47
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Minutes	\$232.18
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Supplies/Services	\$541.25
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$348.02
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST P, Attorney Fees	\$718.75
DAVID RYAN, Cell Phone/Clothing Reimburse	\$95.05
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Supplies	\$454.23
PAUL SCHULTZ & HEATHER HANSEN, Rebate	\$200.00
TAYLOR & ANDREW SHAFFER, Deposit Refund	\$200.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$68.42
STUART. C. IRBY CO., Clothing	\$116.18
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen	\$29.05
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$6,832.45
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$9,285.24
USA BLUEBOOK, Supplies	\$121.68
VERIZON WIRELESS, Verizon Wireless	\$165.06
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Excise Tax	\$1,033.44
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Mar Sales Tax	\$3,089.09
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, SWT	\$4,215.00
WEBSITES TO IMPRESS, INC., Maintenance	\$85.00
WELLMARK, Premium	\$7,451.26
BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$750.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$554.04
KATHIE WOLFGRAM, Rebate	\$325.00
ELAINE ZIMMERMAN, Deposit Refund	\$67.61
HEATH & MALINDA ZUCK, Deposit Refund	\$200.00
The Library Board approved the following bills on April 1, 2020:	
ANGELA BERG, Library Week Prizes	\$52.00
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$675.36
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$202.53
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$7.38
ICAP, 2020 Annual Premium	\$1,404.96
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 3/16/20	\$4.45
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Supplies/Services	\$95.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$90.07
VISA, Subscription	\$99.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$66.57
Mayor Harter requested that the council start taking turns comparing the Accounts Payable report each month to the Statements/Invoices. They could rotate, so it would only be a couple of times each year. Councilman Vorwald volunteered for next month. Police Chief Bentley said the check engine light had been acting up lately in the squad car and that he is looking into it. He also said that he had put an ad out for part-time police help.	
R. Woods/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.	
Mike Harter, Mayor	
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk	

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance from his home via freeconferencecall.com. Members present at City Hall: R. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Absent: T. Woods and Vorwald. Also, present at City Hall: Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. Also present via freeconferencecall.com: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Brian Delegardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; Klint Bentley, Police Chief; and Heather Prendergast, Attorney.

Erickson/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. There were no public comments.

Williams/R. Woods to approve the minutes of the April 13th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Attorney Prendergast said that she had been speaking with the attorney for Little Wapsie Communications, LLC regarding drafting a Right-of-Way Agreement as a step towards bringing fiber optic to town and wanted to get approval from the council in order to keep moving forward with them. Councilman R. Woods said that he had reached out to Little Wapsie Communications, LLC earlier that day to communicate about a possible partnership in this big project. He had not heard anything back yet. Williams/R. Woods to pursue a Right-of-Way agreement with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC for the purposes of providing fiber/telecommunication systems with the pursuit of a possible partnership. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Little Wapsie Communications, LLC will need a building to house their operations equipment and a generator etc. inside and Attorney Prendergast is going to draft a lease agreement with our permission. R. Woods/Williams to set the public hearing to enter into a lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC for the purpose of installation of telecommunications/broadband infrastructure for June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm at City Hall in Fairbank. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

The current budget year is ending June 30, 2020 and there are some changes needing to be amended to the numbers passed and approved in spring of 2019. Erickson/Williams to approve Resolution 2020-11 - Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for an Amendment of FY2019-2020 City Budget. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

The council is going to start looking into what is needed to finish the final Homeland Security Project left from the 2017 flood. It is in the current budget year to finish the project and should be completed by June 30, 2020. The project involves fixing the rip rap area south of the dam on the east side.

Erickson presented the council with information from OnMedia about the possibility of being a sponsor for an exclusive salute to celebrate the class of 2020. This salute would consist of 720 TV commercials and 5,000 commercials on streaming TV beginning May 11th. She said that if Fairbank and Readlyn split the cost of the sponsorship for the Wapsie Valley graduates it would only be \$450.00 per town. Mayor Harter was in favor of doing that for our 2020 graduates and it will be in the bills for approval in May. Mayor Harter said that he believes there will be Senior banners hung from our light poles as well, at some point.

Williams/R. Woods to adjourn at 6:23 pm. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor, Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

**FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**April Report**

- Ambulance Calls: 4
- Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0
- Car Accident w/ Injuries: 1
- Fires: 1 mutual aid to Jesup for out of control grass fire
- EMS Training Hours: Approx. 24 online webinars from the N.E. Iowa Medical Director's collaborative. Viewed by most EMT's.
- Fire Training Hours: 0 - waived due to COVID-19.

We have not had a meeting or training in the fire station since March and our call volume is down. We are still available for calls and many members are participating in online training to stay abreast of how to properly treat COVID patients.

All county meetings and board meetings were suspended and we have been issued extra personal protective equipment from Fayette County Emergency Management as well as the Buchanan County EMS Association.

*Submitted by: Brad Gordon, Fire Chief*

**An Update From . . . FAIRBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Now that warmer weather is upon us, the Police Department wants residents to be aware of a few City code violations.

It is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow "junk" to remain on any private property within the limits of the city. "Junk" refers to old scrap, copper, brass, lead, trash, debris, appliances and so forth. This also goes along with "junk" vehicles. All vehicles that are visible to the public that are parked on private property must be up to date on registration, in a running and driving condition and driven at least one time every 30 days.

The Police Department also wants residents to be aware of the curfew times for any person under the age of 18. From Sunday thru Thursday, the curfew for anyone under 18 is 11:00 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, the curfew is moved back to 12:00 midnight.

Also, a reminder to anyone that operates an ATV/UTV/Golf Cart: the hours of driving such vehicles within city limits are between sunrise and sunset. There are no specific times established.

*Police Chief - Klint Bentley*



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