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2020 Engagements include: (l. to r.) Chance Beierschmitt and Kendra Vavroch, Cody Kleitsch and Jessica Zmoos, Tyler Odneal and Kyleah Dugan, and Ryan Westemeier and Kasey Soldwisch.

4 Engagements at Fairbank Fire Department

Six months ago today we were celebrating the beginning of a new year and also a new decade, complete with new year's resolutions and much speculation and hope for the future. But nobody could have imagined what this new year and decade had in store for us, with a pandemic that would literally shut down the whole world or the "Black Lives Matter" movement which went nation wide.

But for four Fairbank Volunteer Firemen, this year means much more. These men are all engaged to be married. Despite this time of uncertainty, they have refused to put their futures on hold.

Chance Beierschmitt has been a member of the FFD since January 2015. He is a 2014 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School and is the son of Greg & Lori Beierschmitt, rural Fairbank. His

fiance, Kendra Vavroch, graduated from Gladbrook-Reinbeck in 2015. She is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Vavroch of Gladbrook. The couple plans to be married on August 22, 2020.

Cody Kleitsch also became a volunteer member in January 2015. He is a Wapsie Valley graduate and the son of Mark and Angie Kleitsch of Fairbank. His fiance, Jessica Zmoos, is the daughter of Chris and Dawn Zmoos of Fredericksburg, Iowa and she graduated from Sumner-Fredericksburg High School. The big date for this couple is October 3, 2020.

Tyler Odneal joined the FFD in December of 2017. He is the son of Bruce & Kay Odneal of Readlyn and is a 2013 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School. His fiance, Kyleah Dugan, is the daughter of Jeremy and Lisa Dugan and she is also a gradu-

ate of Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School. This wedding will be a little later on May 8, 2021.

Ryan Westemeier is nearing the 10 year mark as a FFD volunteer fireman. He joined in January 2011. He is a 2004 graduate of Wapsie Valley and is the son of Dan and Lynda Cutsforth. His fiance, Kasey Soldwisch of Cedar Falls, is the daughter of Scott and Kandi Soldwisch and is a 2006 graduate of Cedar Falls High School. They will be married October 2, 2020.

Congratulations to these couples and best wishes for a bright future. And to these fine young men, we appreciate your commitment to the betterment of our community. We know you spend countless hours volunteering your time and effort to keep us safe. Thank you for your service.



"My Blood Runs a Little Green"

Interview with Curt Vorwald

BY BETTY BRANDT PASSICK

This 1937 B John Deere tractor was bought by my brother-in-law's father in Minnesota and passed on to him by his father. I bought it about 10 years ago with the intention of restoring it but kept putting it off. When the COVID-19 pandemic came along, I needed something to do, so it finally happened.

I pretty much dismantled and cleaned all the parts with a putty knife to remove the dried-on grease and dirt, then power washed with hot water and degreaser. The hood was painted at a body shop, and stencils purchased from K@K Antique Tractors were installed by a professional.

I was raised on a farm, and during high school for three years I worked for a farmer in Monona. He had two D John Deere tractors, which first got me interested in the 2-cylinder model.

But I've always liked taking things apart to see what makes them work and then seeing if I could get it back together.

I also worked thirty years working for Deere & Company in Waterloo, so my blood does run a little green.

My wife Kay and I moved to Fairbank in 1966. I have served as a Fairbank volunteer firefighter and EMT for twenty-five years, plus a few terms on the city council, and am a charter member of Jaycees.

I've seen many changes in our small town, Kay and I have enjoyed raising our family and living here.

I would like to interview and write articles about long-time residents (town & farm) of the Fairbank area for publication in the Fairbank Islander. Please contact me to nominate yourself, or someone else: bbpassickauthor@comcast.net.

A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

This month, I would like to talk a little bit about what the City has done and is still doing in response to Covid-19. We did follow the guidelines from Governor Reynolds as much as possible. Some of those items were closing City Hall, except by appointment. We closed our playgrounds. The City Bathrooms were not opened until early June. The City Council meetings have been available online. The swimming pool didn't open until we were told it was okayed by the Governor. The library has been closed also. We have installed a glass partition on the desk in City Hall and have now opened City Hall to the public. Our Council Meetings are still online, and we practice social distancing while attending.

Still we need to practice safe habits. Social distancing, wearing a mask when around people, and most im-

portantly, STAY HOME if you are sick, or have been around anyone who has been sick.

At the City Council Meeting on June 22, the Council accepted a resignation from Klint Bentley as Police Chief. Earlier in the year, Rick Dietrich announced he was retiring on June 30. We are happy to have Mike Everding on board to start as a part-time police officer. We are also looking for another part-time officer.

I want to thank both Klint and Rick for their service to our City.

Again I also want to congratulate all of the graduates this year, and also all of the students who have completed what has been a strange year. The Wapsie Valley Staff also needs a BIG pat on the back for all of their efforts in making school work as well as it did the last few months of the 2020 school year.

A note from our FAIRBANK ISLAND QUEEN

This was not the ending I had pictured for my senior year, but I think it's safe to say that it is definitely a memorable one. I am so grateful that we were able to have a commencement ceremony and that the weather was perfect for the occasion. It may not have been the commencement we had pictured since we were freshmen but it was such a special ceremony and it went off without a hitch. With commencement wrapped up many of us are doing orientation, registering for classes and moving out. The weekends are filled with graduation parties and excitement for what will come in the fall. This may not have been what we expected for the end of our senior year but we made the best of it and we all grew from this experience.

I have been very busy this summer working and spending time with my friends before we start a new chapter in our lives. I am so happy that the pool was able to open, and I love seeing all the little kiddos having such

a good time at the place they love. I enjoy spending my day with the kids and I love making memories with them and my coworkers!

Fairbank Days was supposed to be last weekend, and I was supposed to pass the crown on to the next Miss Fairbank. I have been thinking about Fairbank Days a lot because it is such a fun time and it's something that I look forward to every summer. I especially enjoyed Fairbank Days 2019 because I had such a fun time participating in all the events that come with being Miss Fairbank, and I loved talking to the kids and letting the little girls try the crown on. I wish more than anything that I was able to crown the 2020 Miss Fairbank so they could have the experience that I had. There are still so many unknowns in everyone's lives right now but I know for a fact that we will grow from this situation and become better people because of it!

-Melody Kayser



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Scott

Scott/50th

Steve and Patricia Scott of Fairbank will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 25th at the IC Church hall in Fairbank. There will be an open house from 3:00-5:00 p.m. followed by a DJ from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

The Scotts were married July 20th, 1970 in Independence, IA. Their children are Doug Scott of Fairbank, Rachelle Fink (Denny) of Fairbank and April Solomon (Shane) of Jesup IA.



Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wedemeier

50th Anniversary

Larry and Connie Wedemeier, of Oran, observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Larry Wedemeier and Connie Fasse were married June 20, 1970 at St. Peter Lutheran, Denver.

Their family includes: Lyn (Chris) of Marion, Rod (Jamie) of Canton, GA and Cory (Erin) of Brillion, WI and grandchildren: Autumn, Owen, Austin, Carter and Lucy.



It's a card shower! Carolyn Schmidtke Bayness

The family of Carolyn Bayness of rural Fairbank, is requesting a card shower in honor of her 75th birthday on Tuesday, July 7th 2020. Her family includes: her husband Jerry Bayness; children: Bridget (Bill) Brackett of Pleasant Plains Illinois; Bryan (Jenny) Bayness of rural Fairbank; and Beth (Bill) Dixon of Fairbank. Grandchildren include Makayla, Taylor, Brittany, Lauren, Jonathan, Haley. Great grandchildren include Addison, Grace, Emory and Dixon.

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Fairbank Aquatic Center opens with new rules

The Fairbank Aquatic Center opened on Thursday, June 19th with many changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of the practices were developed after close examination of the recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control regarding swimming pools. These measures may be changed depending on state guidelines and local conditions.

All lifeguards are taking their temperatures periodically throughout the day. Any staff member exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 will be sent home and not be allowed back until tested, or until 14 days have passed.

Based on CDC recommendations, installation of hand sanitizing stations were made. Additional personal protective equipment is available.

Deck chairs are available, however they are positioned in small groups to maintain a six-foot distance. Patrons are asked not to move them.

All personal items must remain in your area on the deck or in the lockers provided at the aquatic center.

At least one employee is assigned continual sanitation duties each day. Sanitation includes all common surfaces, bathrooms, lockers, diving board, and so on. All drinking fountains are closed.

Based on CDC recommendations, anyone exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 is not allowed to come to the facility. Patrons are asked to practice good personal accountability and all

CDC and state guidelines.

Patrons and staff are expected to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet. Occupancy of the pool and deck will be 50% of the engineered specs, or the National Fire and Building Code (whichever is less).

Patrons are limited to local users only. Local users are defined as residents of Fairbank, Jesup, Dunkerton, Oran, Readlyn, Oelwein and Denver.

Safety information and guidelines will be posted. Recorded safety announcements are broadcast on the public address system regularly. Anyone not following guidelines are asked to leave.

A written procedure has been developed to respond to and report possible patrons and employees infected. This includes reporting, public notification, and sanitation processes. All patrons must sign a hold-harmless waiver. A copy can be found at www.fairbank-ia.org.

No public swimming lessons are offered this season. Lessons are limited to private swimming lessons with one student (or two if from same household) for a half hour and six groups in the pool per half hour. Half-lesson sessions are staggered throughout the morning and evening (outside of regular hours). One parent or guardian is allowed with their child. Students and guardian must arrive on time (no early arrival or admittance).

Operational hours are the same,



Kids always love the water slide. Lifeguards are doing a good job of monitoring the social distancing rules, making sure that there is at least 6' between the kids on the stairs, and only one child on the platform.

with the addition of a family hour. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, the pool is limited to families from the same household. This is a temporary measure owing to Covid-19. Because of potential infection, some families may feel more comfortable with a "family hour." If patrons do not have a pass, the cost is \$2 a person for that hour.

Rates are reduced for the season. City resident family passes are \$130 and singles passes are \$70. Rate for out-of-city family passes is \$145 and

single pass for \$75.

All food at concession stand will be pre-packaged.

Private parties are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the weekends, and the facility will be sanitized between public swim and the party.

Many thanks go out to the Fairbank Aquatic Center Board for being willing to put in the extra time and effort to make this year's season possible. It's provided some much-needed normalcy for our kids, and we appreciate it.



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BLAST FROM THE Past

by Robert Shields

What enticed immigrants to travel half-way across the continent to an unknown wilderness? LAND! The government and land speculators flooded the eastern newspapers with ads proclaiming Iowa as the new Eden. Iowa had

Establishment of Fairbank

it all, rich soil for farming, lush timbers to build homes, game to hunt, unbroken prairie, and a multitude of streams to provide water power for mills. Books such as John B. Newhall's "A Glimpse of Iowa in 1846" provided a brief factual description of many counties and told what services the larger towns provided to newcomers, including a listing of what equipment settlers would need and where they could find it, as well as the cost. John's book also told which rivers were navigable and how far they could be traveled in each season.

Excerpt from - "A Glimpse of Iowa in 1846", by John B. Newhall

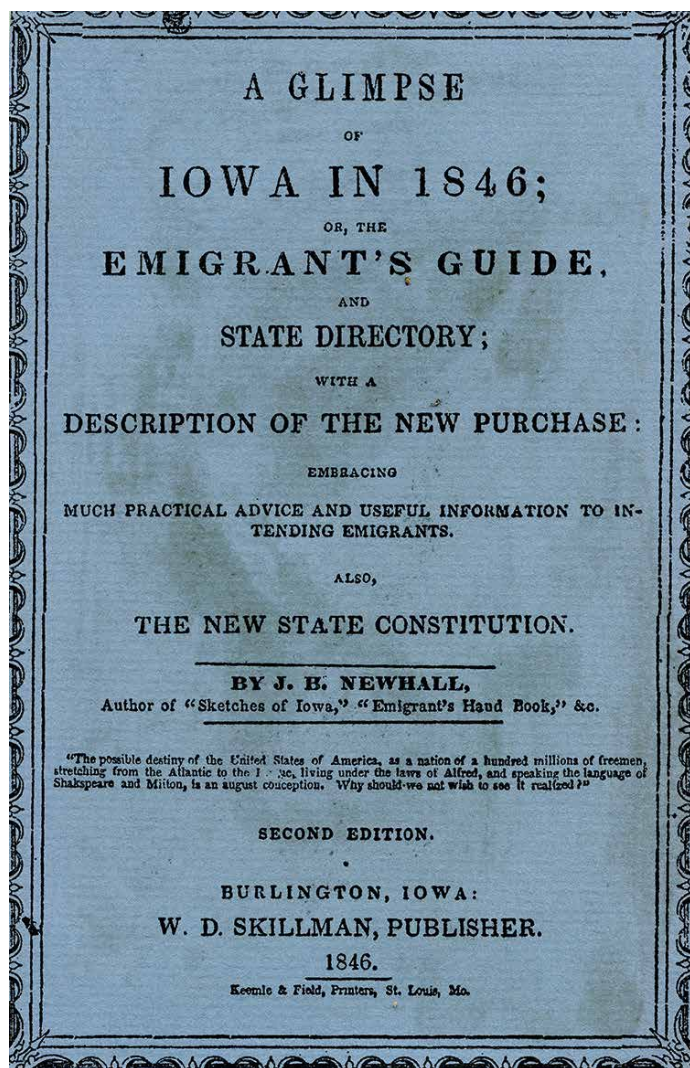
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Iowa was divided into 9 Land Districts, Buchanan County was part of the Dubuque Land District, and all transactions had to be done in Dubuque. "Public" lands were first offered at auction, then unsold land was thereafter sold on a "first come" basis at a standard \$1.25 an acre. A majority of land was bought up by land speculators, Arthur and Asa Clark were two speculators in Buchanan County that had purchased a large amount of land in the Fairbank area.

Franklin Everett and Clarence Bacon met at the Dubuque Land office while both were purchasing land in 1853, the pair acquired some land in partnership and both bought land for themselves. Everett secured 1200 acres. Everett and Bacon also purchased land in Bremer and Fayette Counties. On 12 January, 1854 Bacon and Evert bought the plat of land that would become the Village of Fairbank from Albert Clark in Dubuque. On 10 April, 1855 Bacon and Everett had the land surveyed and platted for use as the "Village of Fairbank".

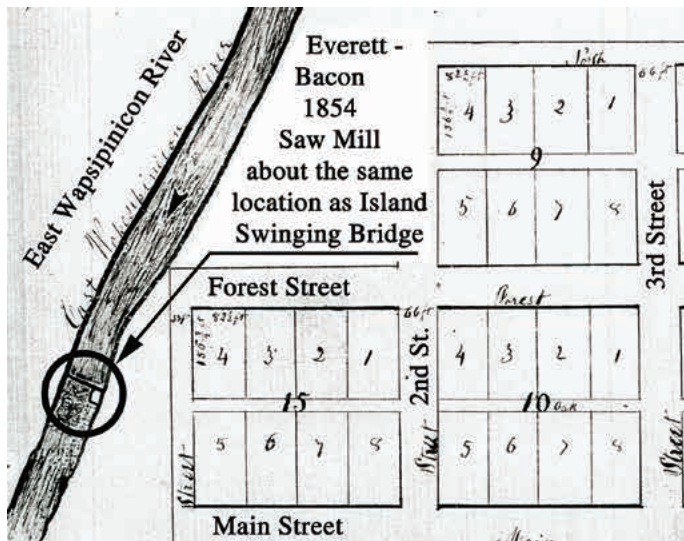
Clarence Warden Bacon was born 6 March, 1830 in Albany, New York, son of John Fairbank Bacon. John Bacon's mother was Martha Fairbank. The village of Fairbank and later Fairbank Township were named in honor of Martha. Before 1860 Clarence moved back to New York State to New Lebanon and



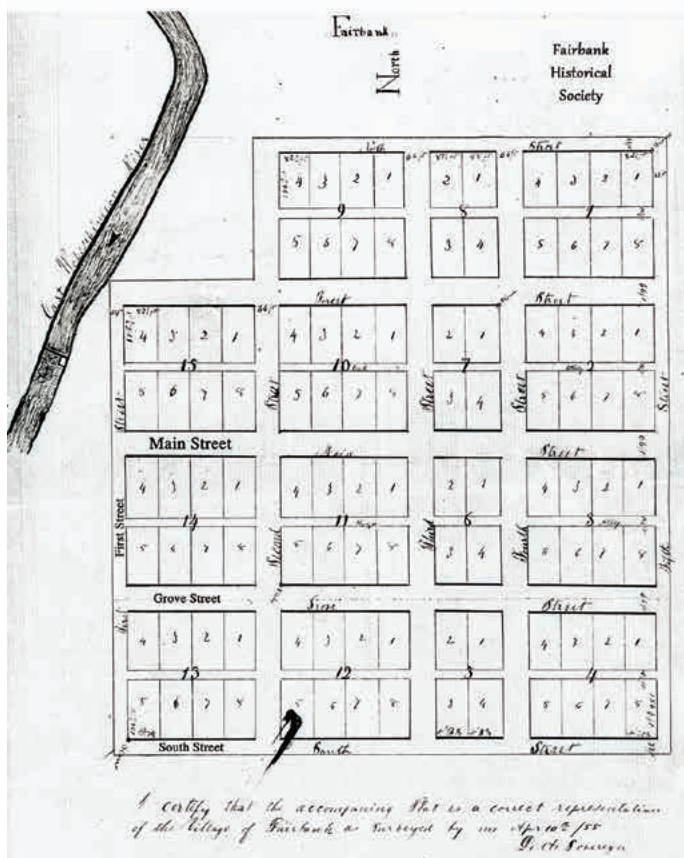
married Frances Frary in 1859, (yes his wife was Fanny Bacon) and had 7 children. Clarence was named Post Master at New Lebanon in 1877. He died 7 March, 1897.

Franklin Josiah Everett, was born 29 March, 1829, in New York State. At the age of 12, Franklin began working at a bank in New York City. At the age of 25, after learning bookkeeping skills he decided to move west to Iowa. In the fall of 1854, Franklin married Sarah L. Baldwin, born 28 May, 1829 in Pontiac Michigan, one of the first marriages in Buchanan County. 10 children were born from there union. Mr. Everett died of heart failure following extinguishing a fire in his General Store on 25 October, 1898.

Bacon and Everett built a log cabin, then later built a Saw Mill on the "East Wapsipinicon River" which soon washed out after a year or so. Franklin Everett opened a General Store which the family operated for years in different locations in town. Clarence was named the first Post Master in Fairbank. After Franklin's marriage to Sarah Baldwin in 1854 they moved into the log cabin with Clarence. The three keep house until their child Clarence Bacon Everett was born 05 September, 1855, being the first white child born in the township.



Enlargement of upper left hand corner of Fairbank original plat map



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Memories of Growing up in Small Town America during the Waterloo Riots of the 1960s

BY BETTY BRANDT
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(Portions from *We Are Eight*, a Memoir, 2015)

The May 25th killing of an African American man, George Floyd, on a Minneapolis, Minnesota street has awakened and marched poignant moments from the 1960s to the forefront of my mind.



ple years after moving into the pink house, I walked home from public school one day to find our kitchen transformed into a butcher shop. Lulabelle had met her demise. Thereafter, I wasn't spared from watching Mom and Dad hatchet off the heads of chickens either. The way their heads and bodies contin-

ued to jerk after being separated was a particularly gruesome sight most children never need to see.

I realized I was just catching up to the realities of life. Back on the farm my older brothers had helped Dad kill and gut sows and cows. That's where the meat on the table came from.

My town--though I never thought much about at the time--was wholly made up of Caucasians. However, locals told me the town did have one Italian American gangster who arrived in the 1920s. (I never did meet the guy).

Fairbank had an ongoing Amish presence, too--still white people. They resided on farms in Buchanan and Fayette counties, and at least two or three horse and buggy units could be seen most days on the streets of town. They came, dressed in their solid blue and black attire, to purchase groceries and other supplies, and to visit our iconic Island Park. A few Amish kids attended the public school, too. They were just kids--like any other kid. Still, in a certain way they were as mysterious to me as was the gangster.

Another poignant moment was realizing the world was probably full of all kinds of people--most of whom I might never meet. The world was a good place for everyone.

In hindsight, these were among the easier lessons of my childhood.

During the 1960s, I lost any remaining childhood innocence, when civil unrest began to unravel around the world, and in America--all brought right into our living room through a black and white television.

I never did find the words to adequately describe the horrendous day in November 1963 when our beloved President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Various conspiracy theories surfaced: the Russians, vengeance for the Cuban missile crisis, and President Kennedy lack of support for America's African American community. I didn't think anyone in my small community knew the answer why he was killed, any more than I understood it.

In 1964 America's involvement in



Photo: Fairbank Main Street, 1950s, permission Howard Durham, Fairbank historian

the Vietnam War (1959-1975) escalated, and a few years later our family would say goodbye at a bus station to a brother, who, upon graduating high school, left for military service to fight in the jungles of Vietnam. Somebody, please, tell me why America has involved itself in a war eighty-six hundred miles away, I wanted to know. And, please, God, keep him safe.

Then a racial war between white and black people erupted in America. Through television I learned most southern African Americans still lived very impoverished lives and many people, particularly in the North, were unaware the majority of southern black people were still prohibited from voting, denied based on failure to pass literacy tests.

One of the first things our new President L. B. Johnson did was to sign the Voting Rights Act in 1964, after Congress determined the existing federal anti-discrimination laws were not enough to overcome the resistance by state officials' enforcement of the 15th Amendment. I thought that was probably a good thing to do.

A series of incidents and calamities followed, among them:

-- March 1965: Jim Crow laws such as literacy tests and poll taxes were instituted to disenfranchise African American voters and to keep them from voting. On Sunday, March 7 ("Bloody Sunday"), 600 hundred marchers assembled in Selma and tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge on a protest march to Montgomery, Alabama. They were only a few feet short of the bridge when their way was blocked by Alabama State troopers and local police. Police shot tear gas and began beating the nonviolent protesters with Billy clubs and whips. A lot of people were hospitalized. The event was televised around the world--when we saw on television the first-hand the violence and bludgeoning of African Ameri-

cans in their non-violent quest for justice and the right to vote. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a minister and social activist who had visibly been leading the U.S. civil rights movement, had been jailed in an earlier protest.

-- August 1965: A 21-year-old black man (Marquette Frye) was arrested for drunk driving on the edge of Los Angeles' Watts neighborhood. The ensuing struggle following his arrest sparked off six days of rioting, resulting in 34 deaths, over 1,000 injuries, nearly 4,000 arrests, and the destruction of property valued at \$40 million.

For days I watched Los Angeles burn. Then race riots sprung up in the northern states, including our own Waterloo, Iowa.

Our family made the thirty-mile trip to Waterloo most weekends. On Sunday afternoons/nights we religiously attended stock car races at Tunis Raceway, as my eldest brother worked for Gordon Bentley, owner of Bentley's Chevrolet-- and a stock car driven by Bill Zwanziger, who almost never lost a race. Plus, a couple times a month we stopped at the day-old bakery store to purchase loaves of bread--enough to fill our freezer. You see, Mom had discovered there were more interesting and varied things she wanted to do than make bread every three days. Good for her, I thought to myself. We also purchased a huge box of assorted glazed and raised doughnuts, long johns, sweet rolls, and jelly filled Bismarcks, which we siblings ate from the back seat of our Ford Victoria on the way home. That's a particularly sweet memory (pardon the pun).

The Waterloo air was always filled with thick smog and ash from coal-burning furnaces in homes, power plants, and industries. I once thought about asking Dad to turn on windshield wipers, but I thought better of it. He'd have probably taken my

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Fairbank Council reopens city parks

The Fairbank City Council approved, by a 4-0 vote on June 8, to reopen cleaned park bathrooms and playground equipment "which will be cleaned as well as public works can, but patrons will still assume risk if they're used," said City Attorney Heather Pendergast.

Drinking fountains will remain closed. There are two city restrooms, one across from the entry to Island Park, and one at the ballfields. A third restroom is a portable one at West Bentley Park.

"I personally would suggest that we do not allow use of the drinking fountains," Public Works Director Dave Ryan said, adding that it would be impossible to clean and sanitize them after each use.

No Little League this summer

No Little League baseball or softball will be offered this year, due to the fact that neither the boys nor the girls group had enough participants sign up to fill a team of nine or ten people.

Hopefully the Covid-19 pandemic will be behind us next summer, and the programs will start up again. They have always been a very popular part of our summers here in Fairbank, and we have no doubt that they will be back in the future.



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

It's summertime – a time to enjoy ball games, fireworks, barbecues and picnics. You've heard the saying "cool as a cucumber". Well, cucumbers are cool. Though actually a fruit, they are usually considered a vegetable. Cucumbers are an excellent source of vitamin A, C and K. They are available all year long and are a popular ingredient in salads, main dishes, sandwiches, drinks and for garnishes.

"Classic Cucumbers" is an easy to prepare mealtime favorite for most any occasion. Why not make some for your next picnic?

Classic Cucumbers

- 6-8 cups sliced cucumbers (peeled or unpeeled)
- 1 cup sliced onion
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt (regular is okay)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup white vinegar
- ½ teaspoon celery seed



Mix cucumbers, onion and salt. Let stand at least 2 hours. Meanwhile, boil together the sugar, vinegar and celery seed. Cool syrup mixture. After 2 or more hours, drain and rinse the cucumbers and onions. Pour the cooled syrup mixture over the cucumbers and onions. Stir and mix together. Refrigerate until serving.

Fresh strawberries are always a welcome summertime treat as is this "Yummy Strawberry Pie"

Yummy Strawberry Pie

- 1 - 3 oz. strawberry jello
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ cup hot water
- 2 cups whipped topping
(plus extra for a dollop when serving each piece)
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
(plus extra whole strawberries for garnish when serving)
- 1 graham cracker pie shell



Dissolve jello and sugar in the hot water. Chill 20 minutes. Fold in whipped topping and the strawberries. Put the strawberry mixture into the graham cracker pie shell. Serve each piece with a dollop of whipped topping and a strawberry. Enjoy!

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July 16th
4:00 p.m.

What's Happening

Community Events

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- July 16th . . . "Thirsty Thursday" at the Fairbank American Legion starting at 4 pm
- July 28th . . . Life Serve Blood Drive, Fairbank United Methodist Church, 3:00-5:30 pm

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Treatment approved for emerald ash borer

The Fairbank City Council has approved for TruGreen to apply treatment this year to control the emerald ash borer at the city parks. John Atkinson, a representative from Cedar Rapids, proposed \$1 less than the increased price from the city's prior contractor.

The pesticide injection treatment is called TREE-age (emamectin benzoate) and will cost \$7 per "DBH" inch, which stands for diameter measured at breast height (taken at four and a half feet).

Half the ash trees on city property are treated yearly, for a total refresh every two years. This year, 34 ash trees for Island Park, 16 at West Bentley Park, and five in Riverside Park will be added to the treatment plan.

On observation, none of the ash trees at Riverside Park showed any evidence of having been injected or treated. Atkinson proposed treating them. "For the five trees in Riverside Park it would be like \$72" Atkinson told the council.

Public Works Director Dave Ryan said, "They weren't part of the plan. Kind of like the ball diamond, there's not much for ash trees. But Riverside is a pretty nice park and pretty well trafficked."

Atkinson explained that treatment could start as soon as leaves are out and sap is flowing, citing the Iowa Depart-

ment of Natural Resources.

The treatment will be ongoing until the emerald ash borer runs out of food or ceases to exist.

Fairbank OK's summer road spending

The City council approved summer seal coating of Fairbank streets at an estimated cost of just under \$29,300.

"Every year we try to do around the amount we're spending to upkeep," Clerk Brittany Fuller said, noting maintenance staff assessed the repair needs.

Prairie Road Builders of Hazleton will do the seal coating project. It was initially estimated at just under \$25,600, which included adding \$1,000 for patching in three spots.

Additionally, a crack filling project will be done with Kluesner Construction of Farley at an estimated cost of about \$3,700. This will seal asphalt roads to prevent moisture getting in which leads to heaving.

Sections of the following 11 streets were approved to be partly seal coated: West Main Street plus two patch areas, Halpin Avenue, Wisconsin Street, Washington Street, Davis Street, Water Street, VanDaele Street, North Street, two parts of the alley between Main and Fourth, Third Street South and Christopher Court plus a patch.



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LIVING ON THE EDGE

BY PAT PINT

My old friend, Ellen gave me a call the other day. After we shared a couple of recipes, she asked about the girls at the office.

"Nothing new," I replied. "Sally is going to Nebraska to visit family next month. Darla is still a pain in the neck, and Linda is pregnant with her third baby."

"So, I haven't missed much," she replied.

"Well, what have you been up to, you lucky retired lady?" I wondered.

She sighed. "Well, just to shake things up a bit, I hung clothes on the line from left to right instead of right to left. I put all my spices in reverse alphabetical order and I also bought a new throw rug for the bathroom."

"You dare devil you," I laughed.

Ellen continued, "I do enjoy the freedom of retirement. Roger is still working, so I don't go too far away from home. I spend time with the grandkids and some volunteer work at church. Luckily, we are both in great health."

"Sounds pretty sweet," I said.

She hesitated, "The problem is, I don't know what I want to be when I grow old. It seems a little late to join the Russian ballet or become a NASA scientist. I heard that Disneyland needs new Princesses."

I said, "My sister, Susan, retired about a year ago. She doesn't wear a wristwatch anymore. Susan takes a nap when she feels like it, and watches movies she's always wanted to see. She claims it took some time to get in a new groove. Susan has always been talented in flower arranging, so she makes bouquets for friends, family and neighbors. I did tell her she could earn money doing that. She explained that then it would become a job, and not just a hobby to enjoy."

I added, "Susan read that the in-

terests you enjoyed when you were about ten years old would probably be activities you would enjoy now."

Ellen answered, "Well, I always loved to read." I advised her to join a book club.

"I liked to do color-by-number paintings." I suggested. She put little numbers on her finger and toe nails.

"I enjoyed taking pictures with my own Kodak camera," she claimed.

Be sure to buy lots of film, I teased.

"Really Ellen, I don't know if you have to BE anything else than the special lady, wife, mother, grandma and friend you are now. You've more than proven yourself."

Ellen laughed, "It IS hard to beat perfection."

A couple of weeks later, I called Ellen back.

"Thanks for the pep talk," she said. "Remember, I bought a new bathroom rug? So, I decided to paint the bathroom, hung a new shower curtain, and bought large, fun, fluffy towels. I'm on a flamingo kick at the moment." She added, "I called my daughter, Missy, and told her about my new found interests."

"I'll bet she was excited for you."

I heard the eye-roll in her reply.

"She told me to be careful, as I am now on a fixed income."

Ellen spoke candidly, "Ya know, I've worked and saved for years and years. Besides, I hate to see our kids fight over their inheritance, so I didn't tell her I booked a trip for me and Roger to see some real flamingoes in the Bahamas."

"Then I hope the very last check you write, bounces."

I started musing about my own retirement in a couple of years.

The next day on my lunch hour I did buy a new throw rug for the kitchen...it's a start. I wonder what it takes to be a Disney Princess?

All About Oran... School History Books Donated to Local Libraries

Announcing the April publication of All About Oran... School History. The book describes the Oran, Iowa schools' 100-year history from 1918 - 2018. Author Connie Fasse Wedemeier compiled entertaining and memorable historical accounts through newspaper research, school documents, and interviewing people who called Oran home. As the town historian, she was motivated to share her collection of photos and preserve Oran heritage for future generations. The pictorial history includes 300+ photos beginning in the 1920's. Lists of Oran High School graduates, Oran eighth-grade graduates of the Wapsie Valley District, faculty, cooks, custodians, bus drivers and more, trigger memories that are often forgotten. Searching for photos of classmates, family and friends is made easy by using the photo index of 1200+ names identified in photos. The 160-page book has been shipped to Iowa, Colorado, California, Nevada, Florida, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota and Illinois.

David Cummings is generously donating copies of the book to libraries in Dunkerton, Fairbank, Oelwein, Readlyn, Sumner, Waterloo and Waverly in memory of his uncle, Russell Cummings (long-time Oran resident), and his parents, Dale & Bev Cummings, who have connections to Oran and surrounding communities. The author is donating a book to the Denver library in memory of her father, Virgil Fasse. Books will be delivered to local libraries soon, check for availability.

If you're interested in a personal copy of the book (\$20 plus \$5 s/h) send an email request to: allaboutoran@gmail.com You're invited to visit and join the Facebook Group - All About Oran www.facebook.com/groups/allaboutoran/ It was created to keep past and present Oran community members connected through sharing stories, photos, heritage and reminiscing together.



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Lets talk about faith

For some people, a priest is like a 911 operator. You only call him in an emergency, like the death of a loved one. For others, he is like a waiter in a fine restaurant. You see him only on special occasions. The priest is a shepherd, pastor, servant-leader, proclaimer, healer, organizer, and friend of Jesus. He is there in good times and bad, in sickness and in health. He is here to be the presence of Jesus for us all.

My name is Rev. Ray E. Atwood. I am pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank (I also serve Sacred Heart in Oelwein). Our parishes have been around since the 1870s, and have served Italian, Irish, and other communities in the area. We also encompass the communities of Maynard, Stanley, Oran, and Hazleton. I have been here since July 10, 2017.

This new newspaper is a wonderful means of communicating the events and activities of the Fairbank community. Like my Lutheran colleague, Pastor Jacob, I would like to share our perspective on faith, forgiveness, Scripture, the Church, and other areas of Christian life. The Church, founded by Jesus on the rock of Peter, is the People of God, the Mystical Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We are a dynamic community with a living Tradition going back to the Apostles. We have much to say on these and countless other topics.

I am a Catholic pastor, and as such, will speak from the Catholic perspective. Like Pastor Jacob, I am a pilgrim on earth, and, to paraphrase St. Augustine, "For you I am a pastor; with you I am a Christian." Immaculate Conception is the old stone church across the river. Check out our church, pastoral center, and new Marian prayer garden. All are sights to behold!

I am interested in these questions: Who is Jesus? What does He expect of His followers? What do Catholics believe? Why are there differences among Christians? How do we follow Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life? What is the Incarnation, Redemption, salvation? How does Our Blessed Mother fit into the picture? What does the Church teach about racism and social justice? There are so many questions for our collective reflection.

This is enough for our initial conversation. We will pick up in a couple months. In the meantime, my office hours are 9 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday. Come to the parish center and let's chat about Christ or whatever else you want!

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God's peace be to you in Christ Jesus!

My name is Rev. Jacob Swenson. I serve as pastor at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fairbank and also at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jesup. Both are members of a church body called the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The LCMS dates back to around 1847 and has roughly 6,000 congregations, including 294 in Iowa. Although historically a German group, the LCMS is an increasingly diverse body, including human beings of all backgrounds and walks of life.

If you weren't able to be with us last month, welcome! This article is simply a monthly conversation concerning our common Christian faith. Although I am a Lutheran pastor, it is not my intention here to argue anyone away from their congregation or toward my own. It is simply, as said, to have a conversation about what the Christian Church does and has always believed. If you don't now identify as a Christian - perhaps you are of a different religion, or no religion at all - you are certainly welcome to read here. If this is the case and you have made it this far - I am honored. I hope this conversation will be a level-headed and clear introduction to

Christianity. If you would like to converse in person, in whatever case, I'd love that.

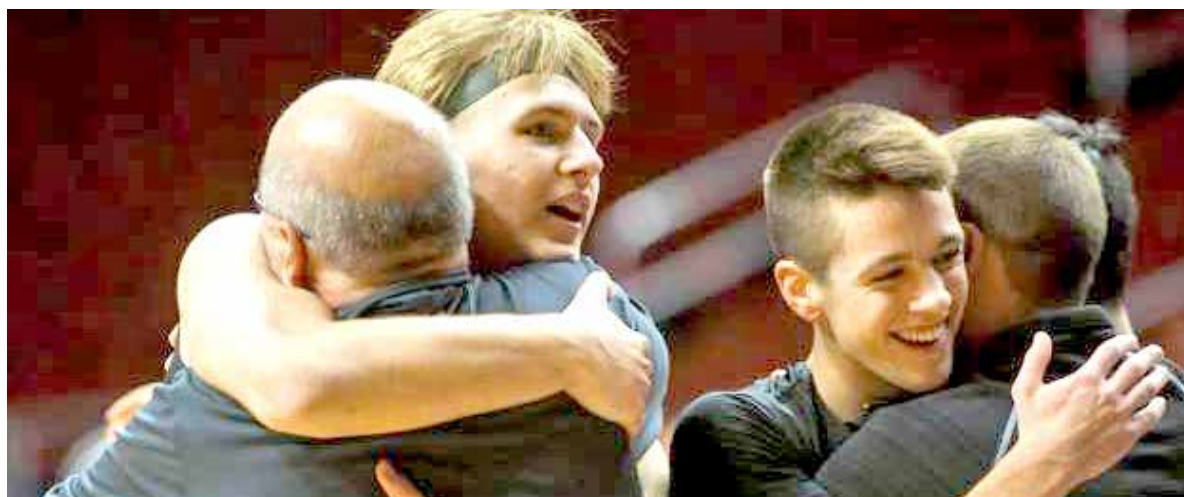
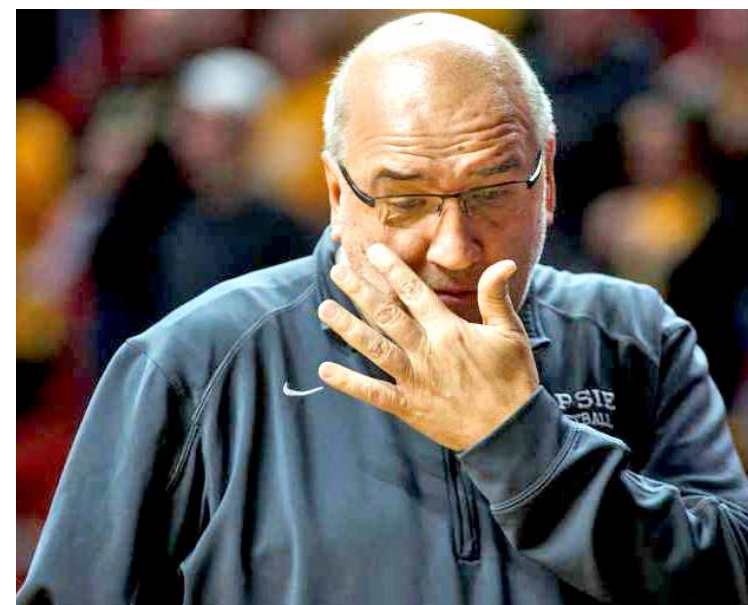
Now, last month we began talking about Jesus. That shouldn't surprise us because the whole Christian faith hinges on what we believe about Jesus. In the Apostles' Creed, which all Christians believe (whether we realize or not), we confess our faith that Jesus is "[God's] only son, our Lord." In the Nicene Creed, we get a little more technical. We believe that Jesus Christ is the "only-begotten Son of God;" "very God of very God...by whom all things were made." Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the one and only true, eternal God. Besides Him, there is no God. He, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit (we'll talk about the Trinity after a while) has always existed. He, in fact, is the creator of all that exists: the sun and moon, the stars and all planets, the earth, plants, animals, you and me; time, even.

This one, true, and eternal God in time entered into His own creation. He didn't change from God to man, but Jesus became at the same time both God and man. It defies what we learn in math, but I teach my confirmation students

to speak this way: Jesus is 100% God and 100% man. St. Luke tells us that the Holy Spirit "overshadowed" Mary and she was made to conceive. Jesus received His human flesh from her, and she gave birth to Jesus while yet a virgin. Jesus was born as we all were. He grew up. All the things that we experience, Jesus did. He knew sadness, loss and grief. He knew the aches that come from a long day's work. He knew hunger and thirst; poverty. He knew and suffered these things yet, at the same time, did not sin. Instead, He lived in complete love toward God and man.

For three years, Jesus bore witness to the truth. He performed miracles. He changed water into wine, cured the sick, made the lame walk and blind see. He fed large crowds with only a few loaves and fish. At least 3 times, Jesus even raised the dead. In his Gospel, St. John doesn't use the word "miracle." Instead, he uses sign. The miracles were each signs of the truth of Jesus' words and the ultimate purpose of His coming. If you can, remember this word, because we'll pick up here next month: Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jacob Swenson



Above: Players Kiks Rosengarten and Kobe Risse hug their coaches after the championship game.

Left: Coach McKowen wipes away a tear as the final seconds tick down and the Warriors celebrate their 65-53 win over Bishop Garrigan during the 1A state boys basketball championship game at Wells Fargo Arena on Friday, March 13, 2020, in Des Moines.

Marty McKowen named Des Moines Register's ALL-IOWA COACH OF THE YEAR

Marty McKowen has been at it a while, racking up nearly 600 wins in leading Wapsie Valley boys' basketball for almost four decades. Accolades and accomplishments have poured in since.

What he and the Warriors accomplished this spring will finish right at the top of the list.

In guiding No. 8 seed Wapsie Valley to a Class 1A title in March, McKowen has been named the Des Moines Register's 2019-20 All-Iowa Coach of the Year on Thursday. He already won this year's All-Iowa boys' basketball coach of the year award for his efforts.

Now, it's time for more hardware.

The Warriors were the No. 4 seed in their district regional and needed several upsets just to reach Wells Fargo Arena. In toppling substate opponents Gladbrook-Reinbeck, Alburnett, Don Bosco and Edgewood-Colesburg — three of which by double figures — Wapsie Valley secured its first state tournament trip since 2013.

That could've been enough to write a celebratory ending for 2020. But the Warriors weren't through.

A 49-45 victory over No. 1 seed Lake Mills in the state quarterfinals put the entire 1A field on red-alert. Wapsie Valley wasn't just "happy to be here." It was coming hard for a state

crowd no matter which squad was in the way.

Two days later, the Warriors cruised by No. 4 seed Montezuma for a 57-42 rout. Two days after that, Wapsie Valley finished the job with a 65-53 toppling of No. 2 seed Bishop Garrigan in the championship game. The win over Bishop Garrigan was No. 596 for McKowen and secured the first title in his illustrious coaching career.

It's clear the memories of this season and McKowen's impact won't soon be forgotten. From 3-5 in early January to finishing the year on an 18-2 surge, including 11 straight wins to end the campaign, this Wapsie Valley unit was as tight as ever.

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

May Report

Ambulance Calls:	8
Carbon Monoxide Calls:	1
Car Accident w/ Injuries:	0
Fires:	1 (false alarm)
EMS Training Hours:	Approx. 20
Fire Training Hours:	40

We have commenced in house training and it was optional for the month of May dependent upon members comfort level with being in proximity to others. Online training opportunities have been offered and recommended for all members to stay current with skills and trends. Our intent is to resume normal operations in June.

Both of our engines went through pump testing as required by NFPA and passed with no deficiencies noted.

Janice Martins and Collin Woods have completed requirements to be certified Emergency Medical Technicians with our ambulance service. Both deserve recognition for this achievement.

5 members are working to finish the Emergency Medical Responder course and will be able to assist in with ambulance operations when certified.

As always please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Submitted by: Brad Gordon, Fire Chief

Fire Department gets tested

On May 7th the Fairbank Fire Department had their fire trucks tested for operational efficiency and pumping capacity. This annual process is a requirement set forth by the "National Fire Protection Association". Although not a law, this testing is an important factor in determining a cities' insurance rating, which affects local homeowner rates.

Annual testing is designed to ensure that fire trucks meet the pumping capacity that they were designed and manufactured for. Most fire trucks have the capacity to pump between 500-2,000 gallons per minute. Some specialty trucks can supply 3,000 gallons per minute, such as a pumper truck at an oil refinery.

Local resident Michael Pint actually performed the testing. Mike spent 32 years in the fire service, 18 of which were spent as a "Fire Equipment Maintenance Technician" for the city of Cedar Rapids.

Mike started "Apparatus Testing Service" in 2011 as something to do in retirement. He sold the business to Trent Tapkin, Fire Chief in Martell, Iowa in 2017. By helping Trent with the business, it allows him to stay in touch with old friends as well as keeping up with the latest trends in the fire service.

Apparatus Testing Service covers the eastern half of the state of Iowa and tests between 225-250 trucks annually. The testing of the trucks gives firefighters peace of mind to know that a third party has made sure that all the safety systems are working properly and any deficiencies found can be repaired, also that the trucks are capable of meeting factory specifications.

Testing also is an important factor for cities from a liability standpoint, as maintenance records are always examined should a problem arise.

Fairbank is fortunate to have a good fleet of equipment, something it's citizens can be proud of and know that when called upon, they're tested and battle ready.



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The Fairbank Library's June Board Meeting was held and it was decided that starting June 8th we would extend our curbside/delivery. The hours are Monday through Friday between 1:00-5:00 p.m.

We added additional services for all patrons including faxing, printing, scanning, etc.

Please call the Library at (319) 635-2487 if you have questions or need assistance with getting books or our services.

Our book drop will remain open during this time and everything that comes in will be sanitized according to the recommended guidelines set by the State of Iowa Library.

You can also request books through the catalog found on our website <http://fairbank-ia.org/library.php> or by emailing the Library at f.library@mchsi.com

We want to continue making sure we are meeting your needs and keeping everyone safe. The Library Board will meet next on Wednesday, July 1st.

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BARB BRENNAN

Barb Brennan age 61 of Fairbank passed away Thursday June 4, 2020 at MercyOne Medical Center in Waterloo due to complications of Covid-19. She was born April 15, 1959 in Cresco, Iowa the daughter of Max and Charlotte



(Tonn) McGrane. Barb graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools with the Class of 1978. On March 8, 1979 she married Wade Brennan in Independence and made their home in Fairbank where they raised their two children, Joshua and Tonya. Barb was a dedicated wife, homemaker, mother, grandmother and most recently the caregiver for her father, right up until the day she was hospitalized. She enjoyed collecting DVD's, blankets and small animals as well as going to garage sales. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with family especially her grandchildren. Barb is survived by her husband; Wade, her son; Joshua (Kamie Voges) and her daughter; Tonya (fiance' Jeremy Yauslin) all of Oelwein, two brothers; Danny (Luan) McGrane of Cedar Falls and Dennis McGrane of Fairbank and her father, Max of Fairbank, 11 grandchildren; Sierra, Dakota, Chloe, Dalton, Kaydence, Katelyn, Dylan, Austin, Kayla, Alana and one great-grandchild; Oakley along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her mother; Charlotte, a sister-in-law; Barb McGrane and a nephew; Carson McGrane.

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

Memorials may be directed to the family: in care of Tonya Brennan 303 1st Street, Oelwein, Iowa 50662

MIRIAM JEAN HEILMANN

Miriam "Petey" Heilmann passed away on June 10, 2020 at age 95. She was a resident of the Pinnacle Care Center in Cedar Falls. Petey was born on November 26, 1924 in Dunkerton, Iowa the daughter of Carl and Eva (Jenson) Hein. She graduated from Dunkerton High School in 1942 and initially worked in the offices of the Rath Packing Company. Petey married Alfred "Fritz" Heilmann on November 18, 1945 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank and were blessed with two children, Steven and Vicki. Fritz and Petey owned and operated Heilmann's Service Station in Dunkerton for more than twenty years, She kept the books. Petey also worked for Peoples Bank and Trust in Dunkerton for many years, and at age 60 passed the test for her insurance license. After retiring she volunteered at Allen Memorial hospital for more than 20 years. She is survived by her son Steven (Merry) and daughter Vicki (Jim Reans), four grandchildren: Jonathan (Kim), Matthew (Christi) Porter, Scott, and Katherine (Peter Bo); three step grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Vicki Jones, 3309 Mount Vernon Drive, Waterloo, IA 50701.



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request in stride.

The street leading north out of town took us through African American neighborhoods. Through backseat windows, I sought out the faces of these families—mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters—who sometimes congregated on house porches in late August afternoons. There wasn't anything readily different about them, as far as I could see, beyond the color of their skin.

After the Waterloo race riots broke out, nightly TV news programs showed vivid scenes of white police officers with billie clubs and guns in pursuit of African Americans. And I watched as myriad homes and businesses burned. Reporters said instigators had come to the area and started the riots, but local African Americans were involved in burning and looting stores, too. Who would choose to burn their own home or business? What is going on here? I so very much wanted to know. I had learned about slavery in school, but that happened a century ago.

-- April 1968: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was fatally shot while standing on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

In the 1960s I learned about prejudice and hate in our world. And I got my first lessons in white privilege.

I suspected people all across America with four-block-long Main Streets were learning these lessons right along with me.

I'm still trying to figure out America's legacy of racism.

I'm sure it due to my small town upbringing that I truly believe we're better than this.

I would like to interview and write articles about long-time residents (town & farm) of the Fairbank area for publication in the Fairbank Islander. Please contact me to nominate yourself, or someone else: bb-

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REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 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, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: Vorwald. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Clint Bentley, Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. There were no public comments.

Williams/Erickson to approve the minutes of the May 26th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of May were: General, \$25,118.99; Special Revenue, \$30,157.69; TIF, \$3,135.92; Capital Projects, \$22.45; Permanent Funds, \$13.80; Proprietary, \$150,665.84; and Transfers In, \$383,443.87. Disbursements for the month of May were: General, \$213,086.1; Special Revenue, \$3,655.07; Proprietary, \$123,454.32; and Transfers Out, \$383,443.87. Balance on hand at close of business on May 31, 2020 was \$4,274,294.08.

Jason Kayser, the Fairbank Aquatic Center President, and Teresa Imbrogno, the pool manager, were present at the meeting to discuss the steps they had taken for possible opening of the pool for the summer of 2020. The pool board met on May 26, 2020 and listed out recommendations and rules they would follow with the hopes to eventually open. R. Woods/Williams to agree that the City intends to move forward with the plans to open and continue to work towards that goal as long as such plans are consistent with the governor's recommendations. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Nick Curley and Mitch Coffin were present to discuss the Fairbank Little League program for the summer of 2020. Mitch Coffin is taking over for Nick Curley as Summer Rec Director. They said there was not enough interest in the kids in 1st and 2nd grade to have a team this year so they decided to not have Little League this year. Nick stated that the older kids are doing a traveling league and that they are following the guidelines set forth for high schools. Nick also mentioned some improvements that were needed at the ball diamond which included another potential batting cage.

Erickson/T. Woods to open the public restrooms in town effective the morning of June 9, 2020. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Public Works will post signs stating that the restrooms will be cleaned once daily in the mornings. The drinking fountains will remain closed.

Adam Kerns was present to discuss the changes in the Workers Compensation proposal for FY 21. The premium went down significantly due to a comp claim finally dropping off. It will be paid and approved at the meeting on June 22, 2020.

The Public Safety Committee, Mayor, and Police Chief Bentley met with Mike Everding for an interview regarding the opening for a part-time police position on May 11, 2020 and they made the recommendation to

hire him for that position to the council. Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-13 - Resolution Hiring Part Time Officer. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Dave Ryan updated the council on the demo options for 405 Grove Street with the information that the DNR would allow the City to burn the house as long as the City fulfills their requests to get rid of the asbestos. R. Woods/Williams to move forward with the inspection for asbestos. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Employee wages were presented for FY 21 and will be on the agenda for approval on June 22, 2020 in the form of a resolution. Williams/Erickson to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

KLINT BENTLEY, Supplies	\$ 12.08
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$ 5,733.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 617.07
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 47,976.56
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 404.38
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$ 3,741.64
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 2,466.75
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 3,100.09
CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL, Notary Bond	\$ 21.75
CORNER MARKET & GREENHOUSE, Flowers	\$ 950.00
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$ 1,170.00
RICK DEITRICK, Mileage	\$ 22.50
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone/Clothing Reimbursement	\$ 184.10
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$ 476.42
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 895.46
FLORAL IMAGES & GIFTS, Flowers	\$ 64.30
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES, Supplies	\$ 50.37
CORY HARTMANN, Light Bar	\$ 800.00
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CO., Services	\$ 250.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SRF Payment	\$ 229,935.75
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$ 40.60
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 7,511.73
IPERS, Benefit	\$ 5,054.45
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone/Clothing Reimbursement	\$ 159.97
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 72.09
RUSTIE KANE, Services	\$ 262.08
STONE KANE, Videography	\$ 125.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$ 548.50
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Classes	\$ 56.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet	\$ 288.37
PAT MILLER, Agreement	\$ 250.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 161.68
NSB/HAS, HSA Contributions	\$ 150.00
NSB/HAS, Payroll Deductions	\$ 290.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 5/1/20	\$ 10.00

NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 5/15/20	\$ 6.25
NSB, Loan Final Payment	\$ 28,953.12
NSB, Bank Withdrawal Error 5/18/20	\$ 120.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$ 208.64
PARK PLANET, West Bentley Equipment	\$ 18,699.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY, Pool Boiler	\$ 14,215.66
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Subscription	\$ 479.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$ 161.85
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 1,718.75
DAVID RYAN, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, May Sales Tax	\$ 2,442.68
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Excise Tax	\$ 1,121.11
SCHIMBERG CO., Supplies	\$ 828.52
STOREY KENWORTHY, Supplies	\$ 22.99
THE SLED SHED, Push Mower	\$ 410.00
THOMAS ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, Repair	\$ 102.65
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services	\$ 1,185.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 7,147.38
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$ 1,965.60
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$ 164.67
VISA, Supplies	\$ 139.95
THEODORE J. VORWALD, Supplies	\$ 62.81
WELLMARK, Premium	\$ 7,451.26
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$ 557.67

The Library Board approved the following bills on June 3, 2020:

SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$ 211.53
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$ 386.33
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$ 42.00
DEMCO, INC., Supplies	\$ 109.00
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$ 4.18
FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Replenish Petty Cash	\$ 63.38
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$ 128.55
KANE KLEANING SERVICES, Services	\$ 450.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 275.92
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 5/15/20	\$ 3.75
STOREY KENWORTHY, PPE Supplies	\$ 141.97
RUTH WENGER, Services	\$ 172.25
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$ 66.05

Police Chief Bentley told the council he would start working on getting the new hire testing completed. Public Works Director Dave said the new pool heater is installed and seems to be working well. He also said the pool used 160,000 gallons of water to fill which cost roughly \$515. There was a water main break that past Saturday afternoon and it was fixed on Sunday which used approximately 80,000 gallons of water.

Williams/Erickson to adjourn at 7:27 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
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REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 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, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. Also present via freeconferencecall.com: Klint Bentley, Police Chief and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. There were no public comments.

Vorwald/Erickson to approve the minutes of the April 27th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of April were: General, \$124,683.60; Special Revenue, \$48,582.01; TIF, \$10,100.26; Capital Projects, \$23.05; Permanent Funds, \$15.13; Proprietary, \$186,890.41; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of April were: General, \$44,974.17; Special Revenue, \$3,613.84; Proprietary, \$138,977.08; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on April 30, 2020 was \$4,213,597.39.

Williams/T. Woods to open the public hearing on the FY 2020 Budget Amendment. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. There were no comments. Vorwald/R. Woods to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2020-12 - Resolution Approving City Budget Amendment #1 and Certification of Fiscal Year 2020. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Public Works Director Dave went around town with Dave Mauer to look at the trees that had been treated for the emerald ash borer. For the most part the treated trees looked well, and it was agreed by the council to continue treatment. Public Works Director Dave was going to work on some quotes and bring to the next meeting.

Submission for Main Street closing for Fairbank Days was discussed even though the event might not happen due to COVID-19. Williams/T. Woods to still get the request submitted to the IDOT for approval to close Main Street since it is a state highway. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Stone Kane with Milestone Film Co. had sent in an audio voice over to go along with the video he has been working on for promoting the City of Fairbank along with a videography contract. The council liked the verbiage in the video and his progress so far. Erickson/R. Woods to approve the contract with Stone Kane and Milestone Film Co. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The playground equipment replacement at West Bentley Park was discussed. The replacement parts themselves are quite expensive so the Fun for Everyone Committee was helping the City look into replacing the entire piece of equipment. They had four options to show the council. Councilman Williams mentioned if we could make the bigger one fit in that area for the same price as a smaller unit to go with the bigger one. Williams/R. Woods to approve the purchase of a playground equipment around the price of \$18,660 if the dimensions will fit after confirming with Public Works Director Dave. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

With the pending COVID-19 situation the opening of the Fairbank Aquatic Center for this season was discussed. The pool will still be filled in order to protect it and would be ready for occupancy if it is decided to

open for the summer. A lot will depend on what is said in the upcoming weeks. The council agreed that if it couldn't be opened before July 1st that it probably will not be open for this season.

The council was presented with a letter from the property owners at 205 Grove Street along with some pictures of some damage that occurred to their trees during snow removal this year. Vorwald/Erickson to pay them the amount that they asked for and agreed to the terms in the letter. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A partnership with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC was discussed but there was nothing new to report. The committees were still meeting to see if it was something that they wanted to consider. They will let us know for the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the demolition options for the house located at 405 Grove Street. More information can be gathered once everyone knows what they are dealing with when it comes to asbestos. Samples will be collected so quotes can be obtained. It will be discussed at the next meeting if there is more information to report.

The Office of Auditor of State sent a letter wondering if the council is considering them for the FY20 Annual Examination. The council thought they would like to return to doing their examinations with Keith Oltrogge out of Denver, IA but that the results of the FY19 Audit could change that. The City Clerk was directed to respond to the Office of Auditor of State as unsure at this time.

Erickson/Williams to move the second meeting in May to Tuesday, May 26th at 6 pm due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Williams/T. Woods to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

AMAZON, Supplies	\$32.89
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,733.00
BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Roadstone	\$127.60
BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$525.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies	\$1,270.20
BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV., Dues	\$500.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$44,310.19
CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Supplies	\$883.08
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$3,973.80
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$336.75
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$ 4,721.15
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 3,963.49
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 4,462.04
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
DAVID RYAN, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Grass Seed	\$ 102.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$ 124.25
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 11.00
ENGINEERED OPERATIONS & SERVICE, Services	\$ 1,236.60
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage Utility Bills May 2020	\$ 136.50
FARM WIN CO-OP, Lease	\$ 2.00
GALL'S INC., Clothing Allowance	\$107.99
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES, Supplies	\$300.23
HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$549.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$6,878.17

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Absent: Williams. Also present: Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; and Klint Bentley, Police Chief.

Erickson/Vorwald to approve the agenda. Williams arrived at 6:03 pm. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no public comments. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the May 11th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A Fairbank Floodplain Development Permit application was on for approval for the rip rap placement on the area south of the dam on the east side to finish up the Homeland Security Disaster project #4334. Williams/T. Woods to approve the Fairbank Floodplain Development Permit application from the City for this project. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A quote was presented for treatment of the Ash Borer in town from TruGreen Commercial that was a \$1 less per DBH compared to the company that treated the trees last year. John Atkinson attended the meeting via freeconferencecall.com and stated that he had been treating trees for years and the treatment had been very successful. The quote included the 10 trees at Island Park and the 10 trees at West Bentley Park that have been treated in the past. He also recommended adding some trees from Riverside Park. Vorwald/Erickson to have TruGreen Commercial treat the original trees and to add the trees needing treatment at Riverside Park. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/Williams to approve the seal coating and asphalt repair quote from Prairie Road Builders and Kuesner Construction. The total work should be under \$30,000.00 and includes 13 areas in town. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The beginning stages of the demo options were discussed again for the property that the City owns at 405 Grove Street. A quote for the removal of siding was received from Advanced Environmental for \$7,850.00. Public Works Director Dave was asked to check with the DNR about the rules of burning once siding is removed. Williams/T. Woods to approve the removal of siding through Advanced Environmental. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter said that Mitch Coffin was taking over the Little League program for Nick Curley. He said that he will leave it up to Mitch to see if they will offer a Little League Program for the summer of 2020 due to Covid-19. He also suggested maybe holding something later in the year but is leaving that decision up to Mitch.

Jason Kayser, the Fairbank Aquatic Center President, joined the council meeting via phone and stated that they would not be ready to open until at least June 10th if they could even open at all. The council agreed to put it on

the next agenda for June 8th hoping to know more details on whether there will be a pool season for this summer due to Covid-19.

The City parks and restrooms were discussed due to Covid-19. The restrooms will stay closed at this time and the playground equipment as well. Volleyball courts, ball diamonds, and basketball courts are available for playing but the council wanted to remind everyone that the bathrooms are currently staying closed.

Mayor Harter was asked if there was the possibility to have Prom on the Island. He said that if they had a committee and wanted to plan it that they could but to keep in mind that as of right now the public restrooms in town are closed and that they would need to practice the current social distancing requirements at the time of the dance.

Mayor Harter appointed Ron Miller to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill the empty position. T. Woods/Vorwald to approve appointment. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter appointed Jason Fuller to the Board of Adjustment after Anna Mae Wolfram resigned from her position. T. Woods/Williams to approve appointment. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.


T. Woods/Williams to approve the staff in City Hall to follow the Iowa League of City's Retention Policy when it comes to documents and whether to keep them. Since the storage room had been organized and cleaned out, they agreed to allow City staff to follow the policy and have a shredding company come and take the documents needing destroyed. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Police Chief Bentley said that he was looking into a refurbished light bar for the police car and wanted to know if the council was in favor of buying a used one. They agreed that it would not be wise to buy a brand-new light bar when they are not for sure what is going to happen with the current cop car. Bentley will get that installed and ready for bill approval at the next meeting. Public Works Director Dave says he will be getting the replacement tornado sirens replaced soon at \$1,500.00 a horn. City Hall will remain locked but open for appointments until at least the next meeting and it is advised that the public wear masks when entering. Councilman Vorwald said that the Fairbank Islander was set to be sent out on June 3rd and looked to be about 16 pages long. Councilwoman Erickson stated that the playground equipment was getting ordered and that it was a little different of a set up but that it was still within the same price that the council had voted on. Mayor Harter said that the City's Attorney, Heather Prendergast, said that she had reached out to John Danos, a bonding attorney with Dorsey and Whitney, in regard to a possible partnership with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC. More information will continue to be gathered for this possibly option and brought to the council meetings as updates until something can be voted on.

Erickson/R. Woods to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

IOWA SURVEILLANCE TEAM, Services	\$120.00
IPERS, Benefit	\$4,758.03
JOHN MEIER, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
KEITH & TAMMY CURLEY, Rebate	\$325.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$140.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet	\$452.02
MERCEDES SULLIVAN, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
MIDWEST COLLISION CENTER, Battery	\$95.00
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIP & REPAIR, Supplies	\$10.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$286.15
NSB, HSA Contributions	\$150.00
NSB, HSA Payroll Deductions	\$290.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 4/1/20	\$10.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 4/15/20	\$5.55
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Minutes	\$274.52
ONMEDIA, Graduation Commercial	\$450.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO.OF WATERLOO, Services	\$163.34
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$702.50
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$222.20
ROBERTS, STEVENS, PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$156.25
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Supplies	\$212.05
SMITH EXCAVATING, INC., Services	\$3,784.61
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies	\$409.62
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Excise Tax	\$1,169.49
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, April Sales Tax	\$2,834.89
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services	\$395.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$7,358.03
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$7,084.39
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$164.67
WELLMARK, Premium	\$7,451.26
WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP., Supplies	\$2,248.20
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$557.38

The Library Board approved the following bills on May 6, 2020:
 BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books \$620.74
 CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities \$180.80
 NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 4/15/20 \$4.45
 OVERDRIVE, INC., eBooks \$1,000.00
 TROTT TROPHIES, Supplies \$17.00
 WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services \$65.66
 Public Works Director Dave says he started looking into the purchase of a new pool heater but didn't know if we should purchase now for this pending pool season since the warranty is only good for one year after purchase. He was going to see if the warranty could hold until installed. Pea gravel was put down in the parks last week and he is working on getting the tornado sirens ready for replacement horns. The City also has Slow Children at Play signs for purchasing if anyone is wanting to install one in their yard. The cost is around \$52.00, depending on lumber costs, plus installation costs. The sign would need to be on its own post and follow the correct measurement for eye level from the ground.
 Erickson/T. Woods to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.
 Mike Harter, Mayor
 Brittany Fuller, City Clerk



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