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Update on fiber optic installation

Little Wapsie Communications provided this update on the fiber internet project:

Most of the electronic equipment has began coming in! We are now waiting for the engineering team to get the equipment for the central office installed/configured. You may have seen Fusion fiber splicing crews around as they are working hard to get the fiber spliced /tested. Once both processes are completed, we will begin turning customers up for service. Unfortunately, we still do not have an exact date that services will be ready to turn up. Once that is determined, we will begin setting up appointments to hook customers up!

Be on the lookout for upcoming information regarding customer sign-ups/dates that can be done. Thank you for your patience and support, we are excited and determined to get things up and running ASAP!

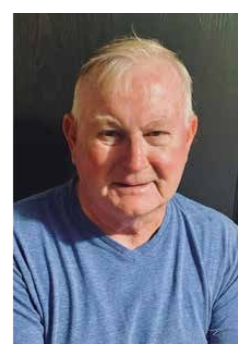
Nine candidates running for Mayor/City Council Positions

City elections are just around the corner on Nov. 2nd, and Fairbank has a good selection of candidates to choose from. Nine candidates submitted the necessary papers to get on the ballot. If you pay any attention to the surrounding small town elections, you will see that we are very fortunate to have that much interest and commitment to serve our community.

The incumbent mayor, Mike Harter, is running for a third term and is being challenged by Jason Kayser for the next 2-year term. There are three incumbents on the city council who are running for another 4-year term. The incumbents are Ted Vorwald, Tammy Erickson and Tyler Woods. They are being challenged by Ron Miller, Drake Mangrich, Mike Everding and Matthew Coffin. We asked all the candidates to send us a picture along with some information about themselves and what they would like to accomplish if elected. Here is what they had to say . . .

MIKE HARTER

I am running for my third term as Mayor of Fairbank, Iowa. Some of the accomplishments the City Council and I have achieved are keeping Fairbank's tax rate low, purchasing a new police car, as well as a new maintenance pickup. After the storm in late August, Fairbank lost many trees. We hired a company from Cresco to cut trees and trim others. We will now be starting the re-seeding process in the parks and planning how we will be replacing some of the trees we lost.



One area I would like to improve on is recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors to Fairbank. My hope for 2022 is to have marked bicycle paths, more walking paths, and

pickle ball courts.

Many thanks to the citizens of Fairbank for their support.

JASON KAYSER

I have lived in Fairbank my entire life and graduated from Wapsie Valley High School. My wife Christy and I have three children.



I am currently a Sr. Loss Control Specialist at Grinnell Mutual, working out of an office in our home. Previously I was a Jesup Police Officer, worked at the Buchanan Co. Jail, a firefighter, EMT Engineer and Fire Inspector at Waterloo Fire Rescue and Fire & Safety Specialist at UNI (Campus Fire Marshall).

My community activities include:

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Streets will be closed at the following intersections:

- Collins Road & Christians Trail
- 6th Street & Front Street
- 6th Street & Forest Street



Fairbank Community Club president Mike Harter presents a check for \$7,500.00 to Betsy Wierck, Board President of Little Island Child Care Center. The Community Club donation will help the Day Care with their proposed new addition and remodeling project. Looking on are some of the members of the Community Club: (l. to r.) Bob Bellis & Jean Bellis, Maury Welsh, Ted Vorwald, Julie Costello, Jan Vorwald, Adam Costello, Amber VanDaele, and Janece Silva (manager of the Day Care).

A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

I hope, by now, everyone has seen the new murals in town. These murals are located on the west side of the Historical Building and on the west side of the Lehmkuhl Building. They are great additions to the City.

Benny Reuhs has offered to clean head stones in the Fairbank Cemetery. The Wapsie Valley National Honor Society has also contacted me about helping with this. All of this help is greatly appreciated and will help beautify the cemetery. Thank you very much for all of those that are involved in this endeavor.

Work will soon be starting on two water mains. One will be on Grove Street and the other on West Main. We have been dealing with some breaks in these lines and hope this will solve the problems.

We have not yet decided on how many of the trees we lost will be replaced. The Park's Committee will be meeting soon to discuss this. One of my recommendations will be to allow community members to purchase a tree in memory of a loved one or as a gift to Fairbank.

Lisa Kremer from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission met with the Council on Monday, September 27, to discuss some programs to help Fairbank with some other projects. One project is the Community Catalyst Building Remediation which will help with restoring buildings in the community. The other program is Main Street Iowa which is a leading voice for preservation-based economic development and traditional commercial district revitalization.

If you haven't registered to vote, please do so. There will be two people on the ballot for the two-year term of Mayor. There will be seven people running for three Council seats. There is an article for the City Election included in this edition of the Islander.

Just a reminder, the people who live in Fayette County, will have a question on their ballot. The question deals with the City's resolution on how we will use the one cent sales tax money. The people who live in Buchanan County will not have this question until 2023. The difference is in how the two counties deal with the sales tax issue.

The election is Tuesday, November 2. The School Board Election will be the same day this year. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy



By Mary Bodensteiner

Wow, I cannot believe it has been almost four months since I was crowned Miss Fairbank, and that I am already six weeks into my senior year! But, as they say, time flies when you're having fun!

I have been keeping busy with school, cross country and FFA during the week, and cheering on my Iowa State Cyclones on Saturdays! I am looking forward to everything that is coming this year and it will go flying by, but I am making sure to take it all in.

Since I have been crowned, I have loved my time representing the town of Fairbank. I had so much fun at Fairbank Island Days with all the festivities, and especially these past few months at Music in the Park! I have enjoyed the opportunity to wear my crown and sash as I got to know the



My First Runner-Up, Nollynn Silva, and I at Music in the Park collecting donations and selling 50/50 tickets for the Community Club.

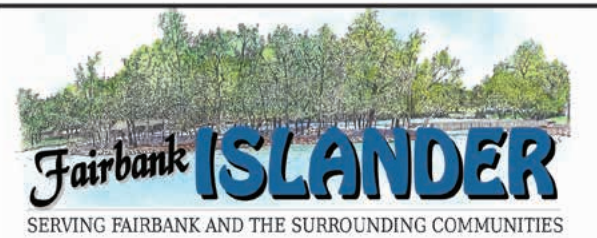
community better. My family has always enjoyed spending time together listening to music, but what could be better than doing this in your own town? It was so fun to see all the young families with kids running around, and friends who have known each other for years enjoying good music in one of our beautiful parks!

It was also fun to stop by the farmers market. The watermelon

from the Becks was one of the best I had ever had! I hope to see all these new activities going strong in the coming years! As queen, I cannot wait to do more in this wonderful town of Fairbank!



(L - R) Mike Weepie, Joe Rubino, and Duane Schmidtke working at the IC Fall Festival. Raffle winners were Carol Woods, Mike Buenzow, Ellie Buzynski, Donna Higgins, Dorothy (Larry) Duffy, and Janet McGrane.



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VOTERS OF WAPSIE VALLEY

The Wapsie Valley School Board did NOT unanimously support the petition to change the way we elect our school board members. The change would result in losing control of electing the representative of our own district.

VOTE "NO"
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Vote "YES"

on the
November 2, 2021 ballot!

Wapsie Valley tax payers who vote "YES" will be able to vote for every candidate running for school board, in all 5 districts regardless of what district you reside in.



**MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES
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ranks of firefighter EMT, Fire Training Officer, EMS Training Officer), Captain and Assistant Fire Chief of EMS and currently president of the Fairbank Fire and EMS Association, Fairbank Development Corporation, Fairbank City Council (1999-2011), Community Protection, Recreation & Culture, and Administration committees, Knights of Columbus, Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office, and Northeast Iowa Coordinator of Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program.

RON MILLER

I have been a lifelong citizen of Fairbank and have held three previous terms on the Fairbank City Council. I retired from John Deere Project Engineering Center and served 48 years with the Fairbank Fire/EMS Department. President of the Iowa Firemen's Association and am the current Chairman of the Buchanan County Emergency Management Commission and the current Chairman of the Fayette County 911 Board.



I want to bring more businesses to Fairbank and will work to help Fairbank continue to grow. I have the time to conduct city business that is needed while holding a seat on the council.

Thank you for your VOTE.

TED VORWALD

First, it's good to have a choice of two persons running for the Mayor's spot and six persons running for three seats on the City Council for 4-year terms.



In the next four years, I would like to help with the Main Street project that is scheduled for 2023. This project has been in the making since 2012 and is finally getting close to being done. The project consists of new sidewalks, water main from 6" to 8", new cement street and some storm sewer work. Also, new asphalt overlay and new sidewalks from the Fairbank Clinic to the railroad tracks on Grove Street. This is a big project and will make Fairbank shine. The Council is also looking at storm sewers from Walnut St. to the river on West Main Street. This will fill in the ditch on the south side of Main Street. We will be looking at planting trees in the parks that were destroyed

in the storm that we had. After the recent bad storm, we need to look at installing some cut out & fuses on dead end lines so that we can get the power restored to the main parts of town faster. The line-men crews still did the best they could to restore the power as soon as possible.

Some other projects are the Little Island Day Care Center, and helping and making sure the Fairbank Islander newspaper keeps serving the citizens of Fairbank and rural areas.

I would appreciate your vote to help carry out these projects and goals.

TAMMY ERICKSON

I was born and raised in Cedar Falls, IA and moved to Fairbank in 1983. Since then, Fairbank has become my hometown. Kevin and I were married in 1990 and together we raised three children, all graduates of Wapsie Valley. Kevin and I both live and work in Fairbank. Kevin has been with Costello Diesel since 1982. I have owned my own in-home daycare, worked 12 years at the Fairbank Food Center and 7 years at Little Island Child Care Center. Since March of this year, I am enjoying retirement, spending time with my family and working on my hobbies.



In the past I have been involved in several committees: Fairbank Days, School Bond committees, Fun For Everyone playground committee, and currently a member of Fairbank Community Club.

I have served two (non-consecutive) terms as a council person for the City of Fairbank. I feel honored to serve as a representative to the residents of Fairbank. I enjoy talking with people and listening to their ideas and concerns. The residents of Fairbank are always my priority when considering plans we have as a council. I think it is important to work within our budget and prioritize projects. Looking forward to the future, I am very excited about our Main Street project beginning in 2023. I would also like to see us work on making our street and parks more handicap accessible. I have seen firsthand the need for the day care expansion and am helping to raise funds towards that goal.

I look forward to serving as your representative in the next term and encourage everyone to please get out and VOTE!!

TYLER WOODS

I am very proud to be born and raised in Fairbank and have always thought we



had something special here. From when I was a kid, I always felt safe and continue to work to make sure kids have the same feeling I did. I also feel it is important to make sure we continue to work toward financial stability like we have been, while also being able to do things such as the large main street project coming in the next years. I would love the opportunity to continue the work we have been doing over the last 4 years and continue in the right direction to a safe and secure Fairbank.

DRAKE MANGRICH

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Drake Mangrich. I grew up in Fairbank and have resided here for the past 30 years.



I have served our community, as well as surrounding communities, for the past 16 years as a firefighter and EMT. I've held several different officer positions throughout my time on the fire department. In the past I was employed by the City of Fairbank, as both full and part time, and have an understanding of how our departments operate.

I am running for city council because I believe that every member of our community has a voice and it should be heard. I want to see Fairbank continue to support our local businesses and to strive for growth, both commercially and residentially. That's why I'm asking for your vote - so I can help Fairbank continue to be one of the best cities in northeast Iowa and a place that people are proud to call home.

MIKE EVERDING

I started my city experience back in the early 2000's with the city of Stanley. I have served several terms as a council person and Mayor. My wife Tammy and I moved to Fairbank in Oct of 2019 and it was shortly after that, that we learned that Fairbank is a great community with great people.



I have been attending the Fairbank City Council meetings regularly and I current-

ly serve as the Vice Chair of the Fayette County 911 Board.

Having attended the council meetings on a regular basis I learned that Fairbank has great city leaders that really care about their community. It is not my intent to "unseat" a current member, as all three current members have done a good job. With that, I also feel that after a certain amount of time, it may be time for some different views and perspectives. I understand that this is a four-year commitment, a commitment that I am willing to make and after that time, I would support a new person to take my place.

As a city council member, one of my key areas would not only be listening to your input and concerns, but seeking out resolutions.

Fairbank has great things on the horizon, our 2023 Main Street project, walking paths, bicycle trails and more! I would like to assist in continuing to make Fairbank a great place to live, work and play.

MATTHEW COFFIN

I am a Fairbank native and Wapsie Valley graduate. While my career took me away for a good decade to the Des Moines area, my wife Brenda and I knew that Fairbank was where we ultimately wanted to return to raise our two boys, Jacob and Silas.



I became passionate about pursuing public service on the City Council after having returned to Fairbank. I like to think I am genuine, objective, and straight-forward. I strongly believe having someone on the Council with this mindset is imperative. My experiences and interactions outside of our community provide a unique perspective that will serve me well representing Fairbank.

Our community has a can-do and will-do attitude to serve others. I will work hard to maintain the greatness about Fairbank, as well as collaborate with others in pursuit of growth and progress for our community - for this generation and those to come!

Just a reminder, all Fairbank residents living in Buchanan County will vote at the Fairbank American Legion Hall. Those who live in Fayette County will vote at the Oran Community Hall. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm in both locations. If you would like to vote from home, you need to go to <https://sos.iowa.gov> and complete a State of Iowa Absentee Ballot Request Form and submit it to your county auditor. However you do it, PLEASE VOTE!

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Fall in Iowa brings a special feel to our rural communities. Friday night high school football games always provide a great family night out. Wapsie Valley Cross Country meets at area golf courses or running venues will increase your step count as you go from spot to spot to cheer on the runners. If you are looking for an inside event, Wapsie Valley volleyball will always give you an exciting night of action. Of course, the fall season in Iowa will provide numerous college-level sporting events every weekend. The sights and sounds of the ongoing harvest will round out that rural Iowa fall feeling.

We continue to progress with the new concession stand project at the JH/HS facility. Walls are up and a roof system will now safeguard the interior finishing projects. This new concession stand will be ready for spring activities and beyond. Another board-approved project will soon begin with the engineering of air quality improvements with heating/cooling options for rooms on the west side of the JH/HS building. This funding was received in part from the federal government, as part of the ESSER III Fund (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund). This work will be completed during the summer of 2022. We are also working with two insurance companies for the replacement and repair work of damages during the storm on August 24, 2021.

Homecoming 2021 was a great time and a fun week of activities for staff and students! Thank you for the time spent preparing students for the theme days during this week. The students and staff did a wonderful job with each of the theme days. Congratulations to the 2021 Homecoming Court: Ryan Schares, Brady Sauerbrei, Max Kayser, Holten Robinson, Gavin Leistikow, Gunner Meyer, Bridget Seemann, Ellie Neil, Syndie Martin, Lydia Imbrogno, Baylee McMahan, and Nollynn Silva. Ryan and Bridget were crowned Wapsie Valley 2021 Homecoming King and Queen.

We are excited to share progress reports for all students during the parent-teacher conferences on

October 12th and 14th. Thank you in advance for attending these conferences, as the discussions provide reflections and insight into your child's academic progress. Please discuss with staff other times to meet if these two dates do not work into your schedule.

Please continue to have a great fall and come out to support the Warriors in any fashion possible.

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,

Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

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Wapsie Valley FFA competes at the State Fair

By Kali Lampe, Chapter Reporter

Wapsie Valley FFA sent 11 members to the Iowa State Fair this year! We had members compete in various events. Member Megan Lahmann exhibited 4 of her horses in many events. Kaylee Kleitsch and Kali Lampe sent photos down to be judged. Ethan Olthrogge had a metalworking project that was presented at the fair. Ellie Neil showed her Breeding Gilt and she received Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt. Cole Neil showed his Breeding and Market Hogs. Tyce Hagenow displayed a tractor that he restored. Brock and Brody Kleitsch both competed in horticulture. Andrew Matthias and Elle Voy competed in farm crops.

We also had many members help in the Foundation Booth to sell collectibles. Congratulations to all of the members who competed at the state level!

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FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

August 1- 31, 2021 Report

Ambulance Calls: 14

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accidents With Injuries: 0

Fire Calls: 2 (2 mutual aid)

Storm Watch & Storm

Damage Assessment: 1

EMS training hours: Approximately 40

Fire training hours: Approximately 60

~ Fire Training was rural water supply and pumper operations.

~ EMS training was a guest speaker.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Brad Gordon, Chief
Fairbank Fire Department



Job Title: Mechanic



John Ohl

by **Betty Brandt Passick**

Mention the name "John Ohl," and Fairbank old-timers immediately recognize the name. John was renowned as one of the best mechanics in the area - his specialty: Ford cars and trucks. John Edward Ohl was born May 3, 1899, on a farm a mile from 7 Bridges Park in Blackhawk County, Iowa to Charles Henry "Bertie" Ohl (1869-1955) and Julia Samantha Reed Ohl (1870-1953). John had six siblings: Gertrude Ohl Crouse (1889-1985), Howard Clarence Ohl (1891-1972), Walter (1894-1920), Ora "Toots" (1896-1983), John, Alta Lavina Ohl Shannon (1901-1990), and Marvin (1908-1975). A family picture taken about 1917 includes: Back row: Alta, Walter, Howard, Ora, John; Front row: Charles, Marvin, Julia Reed Ohl, Gertie.

John attended school at Fairbank, but never graduated high school. At age 19, he married Margaret "Mag" Lamb (pictured) on Aug. 15, 1918 in Waterloo, though resided in Fairbank in a two-story house on the east side of what is known today as "Veteran's Park." Six children followed: Jack Ohl (1919-2003), Don Ohl (1921-2000), Bernard Ohl (1923-2008), and Hershel Ohl (1926-2010), Marlene Ohl Friedrich

(1932-1998), Gloria Ohl Bantz (1941).

While John never served in the military, his four sons served in the armed forces: Sgt. Donald Ohl, 23, enlisted in the army Jan 30, 1940, and was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked; Bernard, 21, en-listed in the navy Aug. 6, 1942 and was a baker second class; Hershel joined the navy Oct. 26, 1943, and was a seaman first class; and Pvt. Jack Ohl, 25, who enlisted in the marines Mar. 24, 1944, became an airplane mechanic.

Carolyn Ohl, whose dad was Jack Ohl, said: "I believe Grandpa knew his 'calling' early in life, and soon began tinkering with trucks he made or modified." John's mechanical skills were surely welcomed by W. P. "Bill" Rechkemmer (1865-1947), who in 1910 had established the Ford and Fordson authorized sales and service business in the 7,200 sq. ft. of floor space located on the southwest corner of Main and First streets (current site of Don's Truck Sales). The business handled automobiles, trucks and tractors, a full line of parts and general repair work of every character, also Goodyear and Firestone tires, and a Willard battery service station. As Bill needed more cars to sell, he solicited a couple men to ride along with him to Chicago to drive a Ford back to the dealership. Carolyn noted John attended a Ford training center in Des Moines and became Rechkemmer's main mechanic, considered an expert in Ford products and repair.

Bill's three sons - Bill Jr., Phillip, and Claire - took over the business and ran it as Rechkemmer Bros. Garage until 1913, when they split it up.

Bill Jr. took over Ford franchise - adding Jewitt car sales. In 1920 he employed five people and sold eighty cars in his territory. In 1929, after the Great Depression hit the nation, the Miller Opera House closed (current site of Costa's Sports Bar & Grill), and Bill Jr. moved the business to the first floor. The top floor, which had theater seats and a stage, became a dance hall. In 1933, the property turned into a beer tavern. Phillip Rechkemmer took over



A family picture taken about 1917 includes: Back row: Alta, Walter, Howard, Ora, John. Front row: Charles, Marvin, Julia Reed Ohl, Gertie.

Rechkemmer Implement sales.

Claire Rechkemmer became a business partner from 1931-1937 in the Chevrolet franchise with Earl Bentley, B & R Motor Service. At some point, John became a "Chevrolet man," and the main mechanic at this dealership. The business moved in 1933 to the Thomas Duffy building at the corner of Main and Second streets (current site of Fairbank State Bank). A Mobile filling station was added on the south side. In 1936, Claire Rechkemmer left the firm, and Bentley sold the filling station, continuing the operation of the garage. In 1939 the building was sold to Gordon Bentley (1926-2019) and became Bentley Chevrolet. For a while, it's believed John rented the James Grouse Garage to do auto repair work. According to an article in the Oelwein Daily Register, Grouse purchased the double house on Grove and Second streets from Morris Leehey in 1922, with plans to build a public garage on the north side of the lot. Perhaps John rented the garage from Mr. Grouse, or from Mrs. Grouse after James Grouse died in 1946 at age 60. John's fee: sixty-five cents per hour.

Carolyn noted Grandma Ohl kept her photos in a five-gallon lard can, and she used to love it when Mag let her get it out so she could look at them. Years later, Carolyn was able to acquire and make copies of all of them. One of Carolyn's favorite photos was believed taken inside the B & R Garage.

In 1946 John left the B & R Garage and went to work at Park Gas, owned by Phil Riggs and operated by Leo Peters, located on the southwest corner of Main and Fourth streets. In 1933, the property became a Texaco station when Shirk Oil Co. in Oelwein purchased the property. In 1946 Louie Peters went into business with Leo; a year later they sold it to Barney Ohl, managed by John. The business was renamed Ohl's Texico Service.

John built a large garage on his property in 1947, where he planned to do all kinds of car repair work - though Carolyn recalls it turned out to be more a hobby place, than a business.

Around 1957, Don Ohl and Bob Heilmann purchased the Texaco station - rebuilding the property. That same year,

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Charles & Julia Ohl homestead near 7 Bridges Park.



John & Margaret (Mag) about 1925

Guest choreographers design pieces for Northeast Iowa Dance Academy's competition season

OELWEIN: For two weekends in August, Northeast Iowa Dance Academy (NIDA) brought in guest choreographers to design pieces for the upcoming competition season.

Katherine "Kat" Cheng arrived on August 8 to begin choreography for the NIDA competition team. She choreographed 5 solo pieces as well as 3 group numbers including routines in Contemporary, Lyrical and Sassy Jazz, before leaving again on August 11.



The NIDA dancers appreciated the skilled training Kat provided and the opportunity to rehearse the new routines under her guidance.

The dancers will continue to clean and perfect their routines under the guidance of Anna Kerns on Sundays throughout the year.

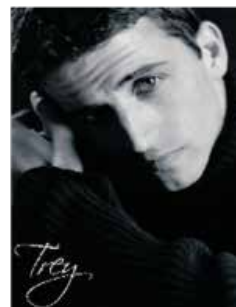
Kat has been dancing for over 20 years now. She is based out of Los Angeles and has toured internationally with such artists as Mariah Carey, Sabrina Carpenter, Pearl and in the MAC Industry Tour. She has also appeared on television in Mariah Carey's Magical Christmas Special, on the Tonight Show performing with Doja Cat and Bebe Rexha, in Disney Fairytale Weddings and in commercials for Shein. Kat has had the honor to work with many esteemed choreographers over the years.

Arriving on August 15, Trey Barber, set the routines for 2 Hip Hop pieces and a solo routine.

The Teen Small Group and Senior Large Group dancers benefited from his knowledge and training during his visit to NIDA which ended on August 17.

The time Trey shared teaching and rehearsing with the NIDA students and staff helped to prepare them for their competitions in February and March improving their technical abilities and artistry.

Trey has been teaching and choreographing for the last 12 years across the country. From his Champlin, Minnesota



base, his classes offer a creative approach to Hip Hop making his classes fun and exciting for everyone. His choreography has been featured on HBO Family, ABC's The View and on the Oxygen Network, to name a few. Trey has also worked with Radio Disney Artists, LMNT and DreamStreet.

The goal of competitions is to help dancers improve their skills, broaden their knowledge, and learn from the judges and other dancers. It is not only about scoring well but having the opportunity to observe different techniques and be inspired by the artistry of others. After back-to-back weekends of working with such talented choreographers, the NIDA students have a promising foundation for the competition season ahead.

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Saturday	9:00 – 12:00 pm

Book Club

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 2 PM

September Book Club Book

"The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules"

A Novel

by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

October Book Club Book

"Golden Girl"

:A Novel

by Elin Hilderbrand

Please contact the library if you would like to join our book club!

Fontana Park Visits the Library!

1st Wednesday of the Month at 1 pm.

October 6th

November 3rd

December 1st



STORY HOUR

9:15am on the following dates:

- Sept. 29 Apples
- Oct. 13 Falling Leaves
- Oct. 20 Down on the Farm
- Oct. 27 Halloween
- Nov. 10 Pumpkins
- Nov. 17 Owls
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 8 Snowman
- Dec. 15 Christmas

In Loving Memory



Carol Murray

Moon Campfrom Doug & Janice Martins
Hell For Breakfast

.....from Doug & Janice Martins

Turkey Goes to School

.....from Agnes & Sam Parkinson

Bears & Boosfrom Teresa Ryherd

Frog Bootsfrom Tina Dodge Family & Lisa Wanek Family

In a Book Club Far Away

.....from Pat & Jeannie Lincoln

Billy Miller Makes a Wish

.....from Mike & Janelle Murray

The Bruce Swapfrom Mike, Janelle, Justin, Rebecca & Tyler Murray

A Storm Too Soonfrom Carla Hanson

The Venice Sketchbookfrom Carla Hanson

Not a Happy Family

.....from Larry & Laura LaMasters

Joyce Hartman

Build Your Own Farm Toolsfrom Randy & Jodi Woods Family

The Joy of Living with Plantsfrom Rick & Jeanette Jones

Greg Brandt

All Our Shimmering Skiesfrom Rick & Cindy Woods

The Box in the Woodsfrom Ron & Carol Woods

The Ultimate Guide to Hikingfrom Chris & Leah Woods

Write My Name Across the Skyfrom Susan Vilmain

Rivalsfrom Carson Woods

Hardy Boys Adventurefrom Randy & Jodi Woods

ABC of Feelingsfrom JJ, Emily & Oliver Little

Craig Kleitsch

Arctic Storm Risingfrom Gary Fink

Zelma Fink

Fallenfrom Gary Fink

Andy & Beckett Kaufman

Lost in Outer Space

Lost in the Antarctic

Lost in the Amazon

Lost in the Pacific 1942

.....from Elaine Ernst & Mary Sharp

Wapsie Valley 2021 Year Book

.....from Marilyn Steggal Family

Mary Ann Ryan

Eleanor, The Spiritual Biography

.....from Sue Frost

Larry Boekholt

Larry Gets Lost in the Library

.....from Mike & Sandy Tagtow

Thank you



The B & R Garage - Pictured are John Ohl, center left; son Bernard Ohl, far right; and one of the other two men is Earl Bentley, perhaps seated.



John & Mag on their 60th Anniversary in 1978.

**JOB MECHANIC
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John operated a filling station in Hazelton, according to another Oelwein Daily Register article, which reported the business had been broken into - and twelve dollars taken from the cash register.

Numerous owners operated the Texaco in succeeding years, until 1966 when Charlie Joerger took over, renaming it Charlie's Texaco. Then for the next thirty years Darwin Fink owned the gas station - plus others. It sat empty a few years, too. In 1991, the property at

304 Main Street was purchased by Roger and Cindy Myers, when it became Myers Polaris.

"Grandpa's hobby was fishing. He loved walking or driving to the Wapsie River, just a few blocks from his house. Grandma loved to fish too, as did their children," Carolyn said. John and Mag celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1978 with a reception at Veteran's Park. They were within months of reaching their seventieth anniversary when John died on May 18, 1988, at age 89. Mag died on August 3, 1994 at age 94. They are buried in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

Carolyn added: "Gloria's son bought the place and tore down the old house, replacing it with another - so their property remains in the family."

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

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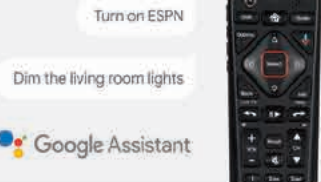
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by Betty Brandt Passick

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The first book in the series, *Gangster in Our Midst* (2017), won a 2019 Notable 100 Indie Book Award. Reserve your signed copy of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* now! \$16.95 + tax, S&H (total: \$23.50). Contact: www.BettyBrandtPassick.com.



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Three Fairbank veterans go to DC on Honor Flight

On Tuesday morning, September 21, three Fairbank men boarded a plane at the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids. Bob McGrane, Don Pint and Norm Pint were joining approximately 90 other military veterans, as part of the 39th Eastern Iowa Honor Flight to Washington DC. Don and Norm were accompanied by their sons, Darin & Dave. Bob joined up with his brother Larry and nephew Shawn McGrane. Larry was also a veteran.

The veterans had been waiting for their turn to take advantage of a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to visit monuments and memorials built in their honor for the sacrifice and service they made for our freedom. Priority is given to WW2 Veterans, Korean War Veterans, and Veterans with catastrophic illness followed by Vietnam Veterans and Veterans from other conflicts. All veterans are encouraged to apply.

Don Pint served in the Army from 1963 to 1967, spending 3½ years in Germany.

Norm Pint was also in the Army (1970-73) which included a tour in Viet Nam from May '71 to Mar. '72. He then spent the last year at the Pentagon.

Bob McGrane spent 4 years (1972-76) in the Navy, during the final years of the Vietnam War. He served on the USS John McCain. After being discharged from the Navy, he came home and joined the National Guard 133rd Infantry in Oelwein for 2 more years of service.

Once the Honor Flight landed at the Reagan International Airport in Arlington, VA, there was a welcome ceremony before they boarded three buses to see the sights, some of which included: Arlington Cemetery, the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, USMC and USAF Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial Wall and Korean Wall, Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, the White House, the Capitol Building, and many more.

Later that evening, they returned to the airport in Virginia for their flight home. It was a lot to see in one day, all the guys were very thankful to have had the opportunity, due to the fact that last year the flights were postponed because of the pandemic.

Both Don and Bob commented on how overwhelmed they were to see how many people came to the airport to welcome them back and show their appreciation for their service. Several of them handed a gift to each veteran as they passed by. Also, each Honor Flight includes two photographers who take pictures all day long documenting the journey. On return, the photos are printed into a book that each veteran will receive in the mail.



Bob McGrane and his brother Larry in front of the Lincoln Memorial

This photo was taken in front of the Washington Monument. Seated: Don Pint. Standing: Darin Pint (Don's son), Norm Pint and his son Dave.



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National 4-H Week - October 3-9, 2021

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting nearly six million youth across the country. Buchanan County, just in the past year, had a membership of 238 youth. Youth are mentored by over 100 Buchanan County volunteers to become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders. 4-H is delivered by ISU Extension and Outreach – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn-by-doing through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement.

The four "h's" on the clover logo, are made up by the concepts of "head, heart, hands, and health," which describe the organization's values that are instilled in its members. 4-H strives to be one of the largest youth-serving programs in Iowa by being relevant, welcoming, and inclusive as we partner to guide members to find their passions. 4-H welcomes all youth no matter their race, physical abilities, gender identity, or ethnicity; providing everyone the opportunity to learn, grow, serve, and belong.

National 4-H Week, on October 3rd-9th, gives time to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in Buchanan County who work to make a positive impact on those around them. There are 11 local 4-H clubs in Buchanan County that meet monthly in all areas of the county. Members in these clubs use skills to lead in service projects, serve their communities, promote citizenship, build leadership skills, and have fun participating in various recreational activities. You can find 4-H members exhibiting their projects at the Buchanan County Fair in July, participating in town celebrations, or volunteering their time at local non-profit organizations.

The enrollment process to join 4-H for the 2021-2022 year opened on September 1st. Grades K-3rd are considered Clover Kids, and 4th-12th graders are considered 4-H members. Buchanan County is always eager to welcome more youth into its program, so join today!

For more information to join, contact Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach at (319)-334-7161 or email Emily Martins, the County Youth Coordinator at emartins@iastate.edu. You can also visit the Iowa 4-H website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/> to learn more.



Atom Bombers 4-H club members met at Elle Voy's farm for their September meeting. The evening started out with a fun hayride.

Atom Bombers enjoy hayride at Voy farm

The Atom Bombers 4-H Club met on Sunday, September 12th at 4:00pm at Elle Voy's farm. New Buchanan County Youth Coordinator, Emily Martins, joined the club on a hayride hosted by the Voy family. After the hayride, President Reese Peine called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brock Kleitsch. Roll call was, "what was your favorite thing you saw on the hayride?" The Secretary's report was given by Destry Peine. The Treasurer's report was given by Brody Kleitsch.

September birthdays are Hayden Ryherd and Destry Peine. 4-H record books are due September 20th and online member enrollment is now open. National 4-H week is October 3rd - 9th. Members are encouraged to wear their club shirts on Wednesday, October 6th. New club calendars will be e-mailed to families. Club field trip ideas were discussed. The 4-H Pledge was led by Ava Auel.

Smores, refreshments and football were enjoyed after the meeting. The next meeting will be October 10th, hosted by the Auel family.



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

And just like that, we’ve entered October. This is an interesting month in a few ways. For Lutherans, this month is celebrated for the fact that Reformation Day falls on the 31st. This is the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to begin the debate over the practice of indulgences. But for most people, including many Christians, this month is also celebrated for the sake of the 31st - but with a different holiday in mind. That holiday, of course, is Halloween.

We don’t have enough space here to talk about its origin in Christian history. One thing we can talk about, though, is something our minds turn toward concerning this holiday: What happens when we die? As Christians, we might know well what we believe; but seeing ghosts, skeletons, and depictions of Satan around all the time gives us opportunity to bear witness to our faith. So, what do we believe? What do the Scriptures teach?

The Holy Spirit bears witness through the Bible that at death the soul and body separate. Indeed, this is what death is. (Lk. 12:20; Mt. 27:50) It is also the pure teaching of Scripture that death does not end conscious existence. At the Transfiguration, for example, Moses and Elijah were present with Jesus on the mountain. (Mt. 17; Mk. 9; Lk. 9) This continued existence extends not just over believers in Jesus but also unbelievers, as well. Their experiences after death, however, do differ. The souls of Christians, at the time of death, are immediately in the presence of Christ, as both St. Paul and our Lord teach at the top. There, they enjoy peaceful rest from their labors, joy, and happiness. The souls of unbelievers depart to hell, the place prepared for the fallen angels, to which those who do not believe in Jesus are now subject. (Lk. 16:23; 1 Pt. 3:19; Jn. 3:36) There they are punished and in torment - the chief being separation from the experience of all things good.

These are not the final stops, though, as both believers and unbelievers are also subject to the Resurrection. We’ll maybe talk more about this next month but, for now, the Scriptures do teach that all people will be raised from the dead when Jesus returns. That is, He will put souls and bodies back together again. Christians will enter, in both soul and body, into what is called the New Creation while unbelievers will return, this time with their bodies, to hell.

This is a lot to take in. If the prospect of death and hell scare you, that is what it’s supposed to do. Only, let your fear direct you toward a God-pleasing life and not despair or unbelief. If you find you’re unable to make sense of all this, the Church is here for you; and so am I. We’ll be talking more about this in our Sunday services over the next couple months. I invite to join us. Or feel free to stop by the church or parsonage anytime.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jacob Swenson
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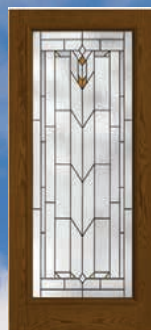
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NEW MURAL IN FAIRBANK



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The Fairbank Historical Society completed a mural on the west side of their building of the "Old Mill" as it appeared in 1900. Helping install the panels are Robert Shields, Rob Maricle, Bob McGrane, Joe Miller, and — not in the photo, Denny Farrington.

WV FFA students attend Youth Dairy Classic

The 2021 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in West Union on September 17, 2021. Thirty-one teams and individuals participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management.

The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support

through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter received a Silver Placing with teams receiving Golds, Silvers, and Bronzes. The members who competed this year were: Kaliya Lampe, Noah Richards, Madyson Richards, and Kanen Decker. Noah commented, "I had a very fun trip to West Union for the dairy judging contest. I learned a lot about giving oral reasons for placing the cattle the way I did."



Kanen Decker, Noah Richards, Madyson Richards and Kaliya Lampe at Dairy Cattle Event.

Pries Enterprises Major Expansion Underway

(Buchanan County, IA) Pries Enterprises continues its growth with a new 100,000 Sq Ft. expansion underway. In the past three years, Pries has invested \$40 Million and doubled their footprint to over 300,000 sq feet. The new expansion comes on the heels of opening their state-of-the-art anodizing line in 2019. This expansion will house the new 44MN/10' complete extrusion line including a Cometal Extrusion press with Energy saving system technology. The line will be fully automated with Cometal "big baskets" design, automatic stacker and destacker system, as well as the innovative multi chambers ageing oven technology served by the automatic basket shuttle. This is the largest extrusion press to date for Pries and will increase its capacity by 50%. The line is expected to be fully operational by December 31, 2021.

Matt Mc Mahon, President and Owner of Pries explains why they chose to do this expansion. "The aluminum extrusion industry continues to see strong growth in auto, building and construction and recreational products due to its advantages in terms of strength to weight and recyclability" McMahon went on to say that "Our recent expansions show our continued commitment to our customers, community and the aluminum extrusion industry."

Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC) Executive Director Lisa Kremer said of the expansion, "BCEDC is thrilled to see this expansion of Pries Enterprises in Buchanan County and their continued commitment to the community. The out of the box thinking of McMahon and the Pries staff is evident in their unprecedented growth. Buchanan County's Industries have been resilient in the face of COVID and, like Pries, are not only surviving, they are thriving. BCEDC works with our industries and communities to assist as they create an exceptional business climate within the county. This Pries expansion is the latest multi-million dollar expansion that Buchanan County has seen over the last few years."

Along with the expansion comes the need for additional employees. To this end, Pries is looking at hiring up to 70 additional employees between now and when the new addition is completed. These positions range from management and leadership positions to skilled and general labor positions including CNC operators, maintenance technicians, machine operators and packers. Currently Pries has 180 employees with at least 40% of those employees being women. To help aid the effects of the current labor shortage, Pries has increased wages, added monthly attendance bonuses, and revamped benefits. To learn more about their current opportunities and immediate openings, please visit Pries website at www.priesenterprises.com.



Existing Buildings of Pries Enterprises.



Panoramic view of expansion.

What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

October is officially the autumn month – with cooler temperatures and shorter days. It is also the month of Oktoberfest, a festival celebrating German heritage with music, polkas, and many delicious foods such as schnitzel, strudel, bratwurst and sauerkraut.

Bratwurst and sauerkraut are the national foods of Germany and beer is the national beverage.

Making sauerkraut was always a big job – shredding cabbage in a five-gallon crock, mixing it with salt, allowing it to ferment in a cool place, and then enjoying it all winter. (I still have my grandparent's wooden, three-bladed kraut cutter, and have it displayed along with my other antique kitchen tools.)

The Amish and a few others make their own sauerkraut.

I like the convenience of sauerkraut in a jar or can.

Sauerkraut is used in many recipes and in many ways. These sauerkraut balls, a German-inspired treat, make a tasty appetizer or side dish.

Sauerkraut Balls

- 1 lb. ground pork sausage
- 2 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 1 - 16/20 oz. can sauerkraut, drained & chopped
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 - 8 oz. pkg. round butter crackers, finely crushed



Brown sausage in medium skillet over medium heat, breaking apart. Drain and place in bowl. Stir in cream cheese, drained & chopped sauerkraut, and mustard until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place beaten eggs and cracker crumbs in separate bowls. Roll sausage into balls. (I use a cookie scoop.) Dip sausage balls first in egg then roll in the cracker crumbs. Place on a greased sheet pan. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, turning once for even browning. Serve warm or can refrigerate after baking and reheat when ready to serve. Makes 24-30 appetite pleasers.

Pumpkin Pie Spice Day is October 20th. Pumpkin pie spice has become a popular ingredient in many recipes besides the traditional pies and breads.

There are pumpkin spice drinks, ice cream, and even pancakes.

Jeri Johnson's Pumpkin Spice Cake using pumpkin pie mix is simple and quick to make and has just the right spice flavor.



Pumpkin Spice Cake

- 1 box spice cake mix, dry
- 2 tsps. soda
- 1 - 30 oz. can pumpkin pie mix
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup water

Mix dry cake mix, pie mix, and eggs. Dissolve soda in water and beat in with the other ingredients. Place in 9x13 inch greased cake pan. Bake in a 350 degree preheated oven for 45-50 minutes. (For Pumpkin Spice Bars, bake in greased 11x15 inch sheet pan for 35-40 minutes.) Let cool, frost with cream cheese frosting or top with whipped topping and refrigerate.

**October is here, so spice it up right.
With some brats and beer on Halloween night!**

Fairbank City Yard Waste Rules

Please make sure items are going to the designated area.



COMPOST

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Flowers/Garden Waste

BRUSH PILE

- Small Branches
- Twigs

NOT ALLOWED

- Plastic, lumber, furniture, bricks, rocks, tree stumps, etc.

SURVEILLANCE – There are cameras up to monitor what is being dropped off. If a person is caught disobeying these rules, they will be penalized, and they will be responsible for haul away fees.

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

2021-2021 IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ATTENTION: RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Need help with your heating bill?

The 2021-2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing.

If you are not sure where to apply, Dial 2-1-1, or visit <http://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> to contact your local community action agency, or write to: LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- * **Elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled:** October 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
- * **All other households:** November 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

WHAT TOTAKE:

- * **Proof of Income** (for all household members age 19 and over). Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you.
- * **Proof of Social Security Numbers for all household members** (documentation required.)
- * **Most recent heat bill**
- * **Most recent electric bill**

WAGE EARNERS: Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIXED INCOME: This income may include: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Family Investment Program, Veteran's Assistance, Unemployment Insurance, and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS: Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIP RECIPIENTS: Please bring your current DHS Notice of Decision or contact your local office for acceptable document information.

If you receive alimony or child support, it will also need to be verified. Additional income not listed here may be required. Additional income not listed here may also be required.

INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320

For households with more than eight members, add \$9,080 for each additional member.



Attention Fairbank Utility Customer!

FAIRBANK MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Resolving Customer Complaints

All of us at Fairbank Municipal Utilities do our best to make sure your utility service is as good as it can be. So if you have a complaint, we'd like to resolve it as quickly as possible. By calling (319) 635-2869, you can reach a utility representative qualified to assist in resolving complaints as they arise.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and Fairbank Municipal Utilities does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board at:

1375 E. Court Ave. Room 69,
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069
1-877-565-4450

or email at: customer@iub.iowa.gov

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

T. Woods/Vorwald to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

During the public comment section Dean Mangrich was present along with Kevin Kaufman and a few other residents in town. Dean expressed his concerns with the filling of a lot in town along the river located at 203 Water Street for a new construction home. There is concern about flooding and where the flood waters would go if that area were filled in. Kevin explained his concern for Costa's and how this could potentially lead to higher flood waters around the restaurant. There were no other comments from the other residents present.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the minutes of August 9th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/Erickson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of July were: General, \$19,908.13; Special Revenue, \$27,509.84; TIF, \$1,083.43; Capital Projects, \$4.88; Permanent Funds, \$206.41; Proprietary, \$153,165.72; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of July were: General, \$84,289.05; Special Revenue, \$6,767.01; Proprietary, \$200,237.78; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on July 31, 2021, was \$4,579,489.37.

Erickson/T. Woods to open the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a water revenue loan agree-

ment. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Councilman R. Woods questioned the need on getting a water revenue bond for financing due to how much money it costs to do all the paperwork. Attorney Prendergast called Maggie Burger with Speer Financial for help in answering those questions. Maggie explained that it protects the City's debt capacity and that it would be a very low interest loan according to the current market and would provide the surrounding banks with a chance to bid on this tax-exempt loan. There were no other comments received verbally or in writing. Vorwald/Erickson to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Vorwald to approve Resolution 2021-24 - Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into a Water Revenue Loan Agreement, Setting Date for the Sale of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 and Authorizing the Use of a Term Sheet in Connection Therewith. Ayes: Four. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None. September 13, 2021 was the date set for the sale of the Bonds.

At the last meeting the council tentatively approved the base bid to Donlon Brothers Construction LLC pending a signed easement. The council since received the signed easement and officially awarded the base bid to them. Williams/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-25 - Resolution Approving Low Responsive Bid and Authorizing Execution of Contract for the 2021 Water Improvements Project. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Attorney Prendergast opened the bids for the 2013 Gray Ford Taurus Interceptor and the 2013 Red Ford F250 with Fiberglass Utility Box. 5 bids came in for the Interceptor with the highest from Yousef Dabbagh from Ringwood Motors out of Ringwood, IL for \$1,300.00. Nobody in the audience wanted to raise their bid. Williams/T. Woods to approve the sale of the Interceptor to Ringwood Motors for \$1,300.00. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Park to help with the birds. He is going to get more information on that and have for the next meeting.

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

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like ACCO, Supplies (\$773.00), ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies (\$183.18), BDS EQUIPMENT, Equipment (\$749.00), BIRDNOW MOTOR TRADE, Supplies (\$19.95), BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services (\$5,849.90), BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS, Testing (\$325.00), BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Rock (\$443.58), BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies (\$316.00), BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric (\$70,765.64), BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services (\$3,696.00), IAN BUZYNSKI, Lifeguard Refund (\$95.00), CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas (\$667.11), CEDAR FALLS UTILITIES, Services (\$7,691.68), CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas (\$5,954.34), CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas (\$1,983.30), CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation (\$4,321.56), MITCHELL COFFIN, 2021 Rec Director Fees (\$750.00), CODY CURLEY, Utility Deposit Refund (\$200.00), NICK CURLEY, 2021 Rec Director Fees (\$750.00), BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement (\$75.00), BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Clothing Allowance/Cell Phone Reimbursement (\$469.94), ALYXANDRA DIXON, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), DON'S TRUCK SALES, Supplies (\$146.95), HAILEY EITZENHFER, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), EVANSDALE FIRE RESCUE, Mutual Aid (\$200.00), FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies/Concessions (\$27.06), FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Utility Bills Sept 2021 (\$152.00), FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Box Rent (\$138.00), FAYETTE CO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, Dues (\$485.44), FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees (\$6,122.50), GALL'S INC., Supplies (\$124.99), GRAINGER, INC., Supplies (\$947.28), KRYSTAL & ANDREW HAUERSPERGER, Utility Deposit Refund (\$200.00), HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COMPANY, Supplies (\$216.00), ASHLYN HYDE, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), IOWA CODIFICATION, INC., Deposit (\$1,000.00), IOWA ONE CALL, Locates (\$82.90), IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water (\$8,088.00), IPERS, Benefits (\$4,816.92), DAVID JERGENS, Clothing Allowance/Cell Phone Reimbursement (\$200.75), HUNTER KANE, Lifeguard Refund (\$95.00), MAXWELL KAYSER, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), MELODY KAYSER, Lifeguard Refund (\$100.00), KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing (\$688.10), KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Classes (\$132.00), CHLOE KLEINHEKSEL, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), ABBY KOPPMANN, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), AMELIA LEACH, Lifeguard Refund (\$200.00), LINDA MCCANN, Author Visit (\$40.00), LYDIA IMBROGNO, Lifeguard Refund (\$100.00), MEDIACOM, Aug Internet/Phone (\$400.88), MEDIACOM, Sept Internet/Phone (\$400.88), METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION, Supplies (\$939.41), MIDWEST MUNIC. TRANS. GROUP, Dues (\$200.00), MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies (\$1,207.13), NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, Mutual Aid (\$2,652.68).

There were 4 bids received for the F250 with fiberglass utility box with the highest from Christian Woods for \$4,000.00. Nobody in the audience wanted to raise their bid. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the sale of the F250 with utility box to Christian Woods for \$4,000.00. Ayes: Five. Abstain: R. Woods. Nays: None.

Members from the Little Island Daycare board were present to give the council an update on their fundraising for their daycare expansion. They have about \$80,000.00 secured out of the \$150,000.00 needed to break ground. Two grants have a deadline of May 2022 for completion creating a need to try and start the project as soon as possible. The council said they would do some research on the possibility of using the city's low to moderate income dollars towards the project. INRCOG will be contacted to see how and if this is possible.

After deciding what to put on the ballot in Fayette County at the last meeting, a resolution was needed to do the same in Buchanan County. Erickson/Vorwald to approve Resolution 2021-26 - Resolution Relating to the Allocation of the Local Option Sales and Services Tax in the amount of 1% for the City of Fairbank, Iowa to be effective January 1, 2024 and Specifying the Purpose to which the Revenues shall be Applied with the following verbiage: The specific purpose for which revenues will otherwise be expended is: 100% for any and all essential and/or elective city expenditures allowed under the Code of Iowa, including but not limited to specific purposes of police, fire, streets, library, parks, pool, cemetery, water, sewer, electric, and gas. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-27 - A Resolution to Amend the Personnel Policy Manual. Section 13.7 (D) pertaining to the investigation of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation complaints pro-

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check Fee (\$4.00), NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check (\$137.66), NE SECURITY BANK, 8/2/21 Payroll Processing Fee (\$10.00), NE SECURITY BANK, 8/13/21 Payroll Processing Fee (\$9.27), NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge (\$10.00), NSB/HSA, H S A Contributions (\$150.00), NSB/HSA, H S A Payroll Deductions (\$290.00), OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings (\$519.50), OLIVIA OLDFATHER, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Pest Control (\$80.00), PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services (\$504.75), QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services (\$52.86), RANDY'S LAWN CARE, July 2021 Services (\$2,100.00), RANDY'S LAWN CARE, August 2021 Services (\$2,100.00), KATE RISSE, Lifeguard Refund (\$95.00), ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees (\$4,017.00), KALVYN ROSENGARTEN, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), ROTO ROTOER SEWER-DRAIN SERVIC, Services (\$225.00), AUTUMN SULLIVAN, Lifeguard Refund (\$90.00), SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen (\$37.03), TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, Mutual Aid (\$1,653.38), TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, August Sales Tax (\$2,854.71), TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, August Excise Tax (\$1,191.88), TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services (\$1,185.00), U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes (\$8,739.47), U.S. BANK, July PEFA Gas (\$1,842.24), U.S. BANK, August PEFA Gas (\$1,842.24), USA BLUEBOOK, Supplies (\$512.96), UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies (\$1,878.59), VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones (\$158.56), VISA, AVAYA Phone System (\$308.28), WEBSITES TO IMPRESS, INC., Updates (\$100.00), BRADY WEEPIE, Lifeguard Refund (\$95.00), WELLMARK, Sept Premium (\$1,293.67), WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP., Supplies (\$5,648.67), BRENT WIERCK, Services (\$525.00), WILSON CUSTOM TREE, Storm Services (\$42,550.00), WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services (\$41.49), The Library Board approved the following bills on September 1, 2021: SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies (\$133.09), BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books (\$714.36), CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas (\$141.46), IPERS, Benefits (\$180.88), MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies (\$14.99), NE SECURITY BANK, 8/13/21 Payroll Processing Fee (\$0.73), OVERDRIVE, INC., EBooks (\$500.34), PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Pest Control (\$40.00), VISA, AVAYA Phone System (\$39.41), WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services (\$68.66).

Police Chief Everding stated that he would like to get a section of our code updated to include no walking on the dam. Jergens said they were working on getting a pole fixed that was hit by a vehicle by the City Cemetery. He said they were going to get the island reseeded and that he believed all the truck divots in private yards caused by them had been fixed. Jergens said the city could really use a grapple for the loader and the council agreed. Mayor Harter complemented on how nice the town looked compared to the shape it was in just three short weeks earlier. They are still figuring out the best way to get the wood out of the river.

Vorwald/Williams to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor. Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM via phone conference. Members present: Vorwald, R. Woods, and Williams. Absent: T. Woods and Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Jergens, Public Works Director and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Williams/Vorwald to approve the agenda. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter stated a resolution was ready for approval on entering into a contract with Jeff Wilson with Wilson Custom Trees for the work needing done in the parks, the cemetery, and right of ways in town due to the storm that went through town last week. Attorney Prendergast approved the contract after adding that Wilson Custom Tree holds harmless the City of Fairbank against any loss, damage, or causes of action which occur as a result of the work involved in the scope of this contract. Vorwald/Williams to approve Resolution 2021-28 - Resolution Entering into Contract with Wilson Custom Tree for Emergency Tree Trimming and Removal Following Storm Damage that Occurred on Tuesday August 24, 2021, in Fairbank, Iowa. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Vorwald/Williams to adjourn at 3:03 PM. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor. Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in an emergency session on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 12:30 PM. The agenda was posted at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. An emergency meeting was needed to discuss storm damage from the previous day. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Members present: Williams, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: R. Woods and Vorwald. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Harter wanted to meet to discuss the storm damage after math procedures and clean up following the storm that occurred on Tuesday afternoon on August 24, 2021. The City of Fairbank was hit with winds that caused city wide power outages, tree damage, tree loss,

and debris to all areas of the town. Luckily there were no injuries and very minimal home damages to report. Jergens was still working on trying to get power back to homes in town. Cedar Falls Utilities, New Hampton, and Traer came to town on Tuesday evening to start getting the power outages figured out. Most areas were back on by noon but there were still some issues he had been trying to get figured out. The debris cleanup process had begun by the public works and volunteers as well. Attorney Prendergast informed the mayor to remind the council that no contract work could be done on private residential properties. Everyone had been working hard to get the roads cleared and their yards and neighbor's yards cleaned up. Jergens reported that the yard waste site was keeping up with all the brush as of right now. A group of volunteers went into Riverside Park and started clearing it out. It was thought that the Island Park, West Bentley, and Veterans Park were too dangerous to enter

drove around town with Jason Kayser (Fairbank Fire Department President) and again with Councilman Vorwald to look at the right of way trees needing removed and trimmed due to the damage they sustained. He submitted a proposal for the emergency work. The total for those trees was \$8,625.00. He also had proposals for the following parks and areas in town: Island Park, \$20,250.00; West Bentley, \$3,500.00; Fairbank Cemetery, \$675.00; and the Veteran's Park, \$1,550.00. Vorwald/T. Woods to hire Wilson Custom Trees to do the emergency storm debris removal needed in town listed in those proposals. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Mayor Harter wanted to extend Thank yous to all of the volunteers that had showed up to help the community.

Mayor Harter also wanted a garbage container placed

without an expert in tree cutting to make it safe first. Mayor Harter thought he would make a proclamation closing the parks until they were safe to enter. Wilson Custom Trees out of Cresco and Boomerang out of Cedar Rapids were present to see if they could offer their services to the city. Jeff Wilson with Wilson Custom Trees was going to ride around with Jason Kayser (Fairbank Fire Department member) to figure out which right of way trees needed removed and trimmed for being dangerous. Mayor Harter stated that there would be a meeting scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:00 PM to make some decisions on who to hire to help with the right of way trees and parks.

T. Woods/Erickson to adjourn at 1:05 PM. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor. Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

behind city shop for residents of Fairbank to take their debris that was not trees or brush. It was noted that the Fairbank Cemetery received some damage and that the insurance adjuster would have to walk through that when looking at the fence that was destroyed. There were some other areas listed like the gazebo, swinging bridge, and more could possibly be found as the trees are picked up.

Mayor Harter also updated the council that he approved, after the police department ok'd, an event at Costa's on September 11th where there will be a section of their backyard fenced off for outside games during a planned party. There will be no alcohol sold outside.

Vorwald/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:23 PM. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

CAROL ANN MURRAY

December 2, 1935 ~ September 15, 2021

Carol Murray, age 85, of Fairbank passed away Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. She was born December 2, 1935 in Oelwein, the daughter of Delbert and Frances (Dresbach) Haberkamp.



Carol attended and graduated from Fairbank High School.

After graduation she furthered her education at Upper Iowa University in Fayette by getting her degree in education. Carol first taught in Waukon, Buffalo Center and the Rake School Districts. Also during that time she went back to Upper Iowa to get her four year degree and graduated with honors.

Carol married Charles "Chuck" Murray on October 24, 1964 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank. Carol and Chuck first lived in the Buffalo Center area for eight years and moved to Fairbank in 1972. Carol was active in the church serving as the music leader and board member for many years. She was also a member of the Fairbank American Legion Auxiliary. Carol was an avid reader and spent countless hours at the Fairbank Library researching and keeping up on current events.

She is survived by three sons: Patrick (Emmanuelle) of Goose Creek, South Carolina, Michael (Janelle) of Buffalo Center, and Thomas (Melissa) of Marion; four grandchildren: Victoria Beck, Justin Murray, Rebecca Murray (Leo Kruse) and Tyler Murray; three step-grandchildren: Ben Newman, Kenneth Hunt and Maddelynn Hunt; two sisters: June (Bob) Swenson and Gail (David) Judisch; two sisters-in-law: Eleanor Murray and Beverly Mathison; along with many nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Chuck and a stillborn son, Mark Todd.

Funeral services were held September 20, 2021 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank, with inurnment at a later date in the Olena Mound Cemetery, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church, Cedar Valley Hospice or the family.

ELLEN MAE ANDERSON

January 19, 1954 ~ September 24, 2021

Ellen Mae Anderson, 67, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Friday, September 24, 2021, at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial in Waterloo.



Ellen was born on January 19, 1954, the daughter of Leo and Olinda (Moeller) Klemp. She was baptized in her parent's home shortly after her birth and was confirmed at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. She was a 1972 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School and was united in marriage to Stephen Hans Anderson on November 27, 1976, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn.

Ellen worked at Santa Claus Industries from 1972 until 1978. Once the children were born, she became stay at home farm wife. Ellen helped with various tasks on the farm and would later have various part time jobs.

Ellen loved to sew and over the years quilted many quilts. She enjoyed spending time outdoors with her dogs and working in the garden. She devoted many years to the World Relief-School Kits and the Shoe Box Christmas gifts. Spending time with her family was important to Ellen, especially her time with little Leo.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Steve; a daughter, Audrey (Sang) Han; a son, Brian (Melissa) Anderson; a grandson, Leo Robert Anderson; and a sister, Doris Hartness. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary and Dr. Julie Anderson-Schuett officiating. Burial was in the St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church or to UnityPoint Hospice. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family with arrangements.

Little Island Day Care announcements


The Little Island Child Care Center in Fairbank is currently hiring. They is a cook position available, along with another part-time position. Apply at the Day Care Center at 101 S. 4th St. or call 319-635-2391 for more information.

The Butter Braids and Rada Knife Sales will start soon, just in time for Christmas. Watch for details.

Another big fundraiser is set for Saturday, November 6th. The popular "Side By Side Poker Run" starts out at the Fairbank American Legion with registration at 8:00am. - Free Will Donation.

There will be poker, food, music, a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds go to Little Island Day-care. For more information, find them on Facebook @ Fairbank Fall UTV Ride.

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JOYCE ANN HARTMAN

September 6, 1935 ~ September 3, 2021

Joyce Hartman, age 85, passed away Friday, September 3, 2021 at her home from complications of MDS cancer. She was born in Waterloo, September 6, 1935, the daughter of John and June (Bloom) Campbell. Joyce attended and graduated from Dunkerton Community School. After graduation she attended Iowa State University in Ames.



On August 6th, 1955 she married Duane "Chick" Hartman at the Presbyterian Church in Jesup. Joyce and Chick made their home in rural Fairbank where she helped with everything on the family farm. Joyce was a detasseling crew leader for 20 years, impacting many young people with her work ethic. She was a fabulous seamstress, making many wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses and other attire that would pass through her house. 4-H was a passion for Joyce, she was a leader for many years, putting her time at ISU to good work. Joyce was a longtime member of the Iowa Paint Horse Association, joining in 1968. She served as secretary of the Iowa Paint Horse Club as well as taking care of many Futurities. Joyce was a member of the Fairbank Tourist Club later known as the Fairbank Women's Club and the Fairbank American Legion Auxiliary. Joyce loved bowling with her purple bowling ball in the Tuesday night women's bowling league in Oelwein and later the Wednesday morning league. She remained active up to the last two years with her horses and still mowing the yard. Joyce loved when family came over to visit, whether it was a drop in visit or a special occasion. She spent many hours at her dining room table making beautiful scrapbooks of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to show off to anyone that would sit down and look at them. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a special place in her heart.

She is survived by her son, Harlan (Deb) Hartman; two daughters, Barb Boevers and Brenda Salisbury; 10 grandchildren, Lisa (Ryan) Peterson, Andy (Shelia) Boevers, Lee (Ann) Hartman, Sarah (Derek) Lounsberry, Jacob, Jenna and Jared Salisbury, Shon (Beth) Grimm, Matt (Lisa) Grimm and Kara (Josh) Burkhart; 21 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Jan (Craig) Hinde; and a brother-in-law, Loren Hartman; along with many nieces and nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Duane "Chick"; a son; Dean Hartman; a son-in-law, Dan Boevers; two grandsons, Baby Boevers and Bryce Grimm; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Janola and Melvin Hesse and Lois and Virgil Hesse.

Services were held September 8, 2021 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Westgate, with interment at Fairbank Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank was in charge of arrangements.

Deadline for the next issue of the Fairbank Islander is October 27th.

JAMES P. SHIELDS

March 26, 1937 ~ September 1, 2021

James P. Shields, 84, of rural Fairbank, died Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA.



Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at St. Athanasius Catholic Church, Jesup, with burial to following in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the family for memorial Mass intentions.

Jim was born March 26, 1937 in Oelwein, IA, the son of John Bernard Shields and Magdalene (Phillips) Shields. He grew up on the family farm south of Fairbank, seeing it achieve both Century and Heritage Farm status. In 1955, Jim graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Fairbank. On May 12, 1962, Jim and Gladie (Kerkove) were married at St. Athanasius in Jesup. Jim worked 42 years at Donaldson Company in Oelwein as foreman of the Press Department, obtaining five US Patents for the company. He also farmed, raised and sold Christmas trees, asparagus and raspberries. Jim loved keeping busy and was happiest in nature or working on projects in his shop.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gladie of Fairbank; two daughters, Nancy (Rob) Levis of Vinton and Shari (Stuart) Wood of Iowa City; five grandchildren, Robert Levis, Johnathan (Kristin) Levis, Ryan Levis, Emily Levis and Miles Wood; four brothers, John Shields of Oelwein, Justin Shields of Cedar Rapids, Maurice (Diane) Shields and Robert Shields of Fairbank; three sisters, Mary (Norman) Berg and Margaret (Joe) McAllister of Florida, Maureen (Roger) White of Cedar Falls; and sister-in-law, Kathie Shields of Waverly. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Joseph, Jerald, Stephen and Michael Shields; and sister Madonna Junker.

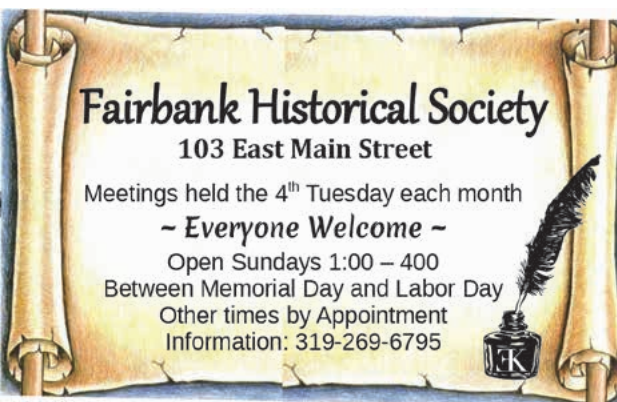
White Funeral Home, Jesup, IA was in charge of arrangements.

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GREGORY THOMAS BRANDT

September 20, 1969 ~ September 15, 2021

Gregory Thomas Brandt was born September 20, 1969. He died suddenly, at the age of 51, from a tragic work accident on September 15, 2021.



Greg was born to Lauren and Carol (Schaes) Brandt in Waterloo, Iowa, lived in Dunkerton the first several years of his life and then moved to Fairbank. He graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1988 and then from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Finance. His career path included various finance roles in the corporate world until his recent big adventure, starting his own sawmill business, Turning Timbers. His new business combined two of his favorite things - working with his hands and helping people.

Greg married Lynette Hoover on February 6, 1999 in Waterloo and they had two children, Gage and Aliya. Greg enjoyed being outdoors with family and friends - being on the Mississippi, fishing, hunting, and enjoying football (Go Chiefs). Of course, anyone who was around Greg during a football game knew it was only enjoyable if his team was winning. So much like his mom, you rarely ever saw Greg sitting still for too long. You knew Greg liked you, by the level of shit he would give you.

However, his "grumpy old man" facade never fooled anyone, especially the kids. Kids seemed to gravitate to Greg, we believe it's because Greg was a kid himself and could speak their language. They all loved him. And he loved them more. Dog whisperer was another role Greg relished. If there was a dog in site, it was usually glued to Greg.

Greg leaves behind his beloved wife Lynette and children Gage and Aliya; his father Lauren of Prairie du Chien; a sister Gina (Brad) Niewoehner of Hawkeye; his in-laws Ken and Sharon Hoover of Marshalltown; a brother-in-law Jim (Monica) Hoover of Urbandale; nephew and nieces: Macy, Megan and Molly Niewoehner, Cade and Ava Hoover; many aunts, uncles, cousins in the Brandt and Schaes family, along with his sweet golden retriever, Harper.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Carol; his grandparents; and his uncle, Ronnie Steggall.

Funeral Services were held September 21, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank, with interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

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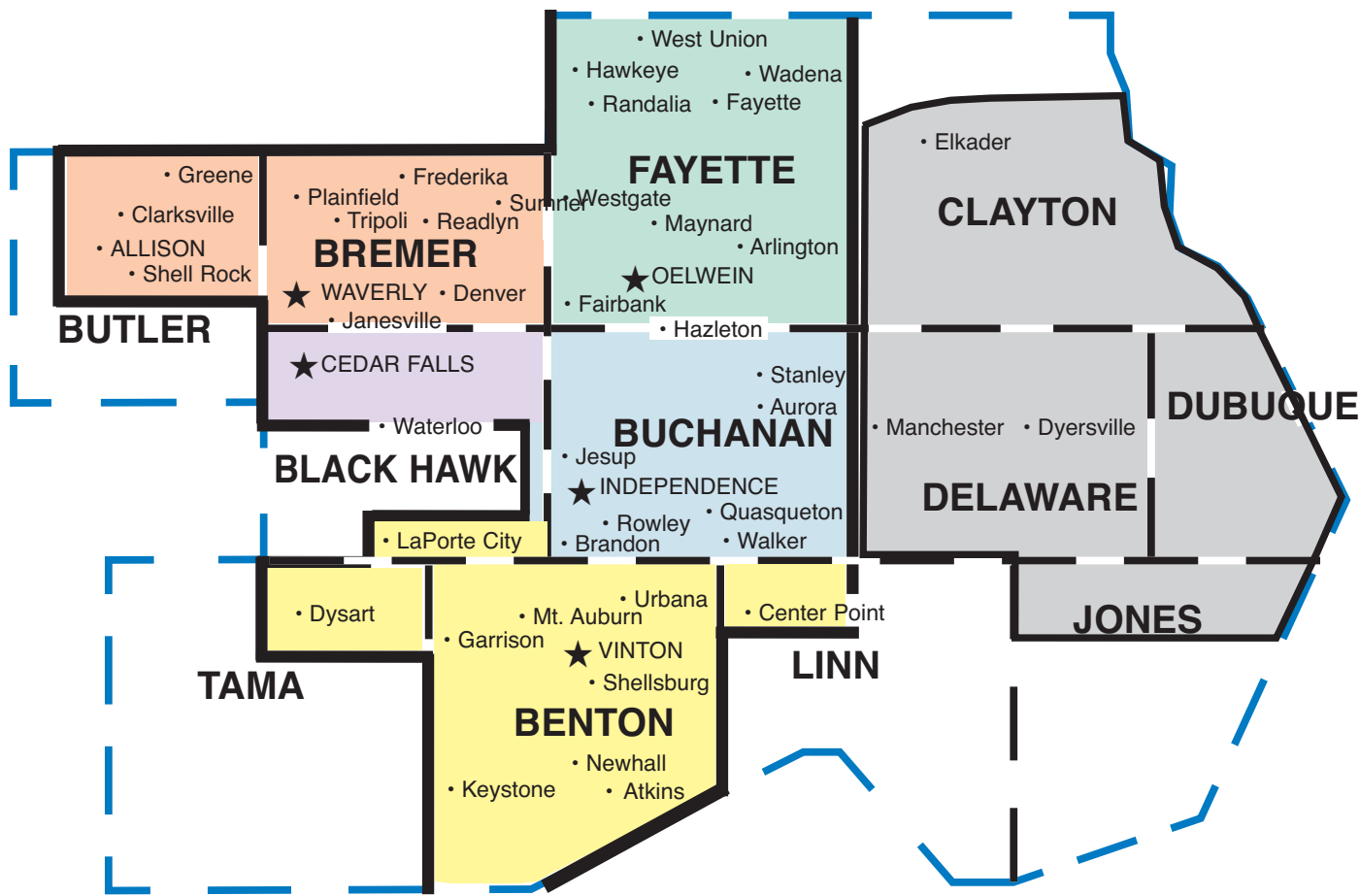
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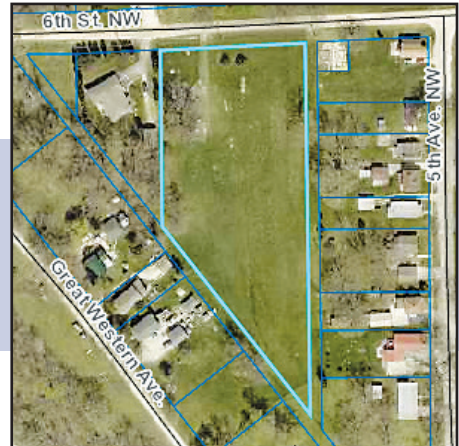
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