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**August 27th ...remember
this date!**

Community Health & Wellness Day

The Fairbank Fire Department & EMS, in co-ordination with the MercyOne Fairbank Clinic, will be hosting a Community Health & Wellness Day on Saturday, August 27th. Mark your calendars..... it might be the most important thing you'll ever do!

The event will be held at the Fairbank American Legion Hall from 9 a.m. til noon. It's FREE to attend and no pre-registration is needed.

Their goal is to provide an opportunity for community residents to learn skills they may need in the event of an emergency, along with educating people about important health issues.

Some of the topics that will be covered are: Hands only CPR, AED use, "Stop the Bleed", Stroke Recognition, Information about Wellness Check-Ups - Cancer Screenings, Blood Pressure Checks, How to Respond to Someone Choking, Basic First Aid, Breast Health, and Alzheimer's and Memory Care, and more.

Everyone should plan on attending. And urge other family members and your friends and neighbors to attend. You never know when emergencies will arise - your response could make the difference between life and death.

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FAIRBANK SAYS GOODBYE to a beloved Mayor, Community Club President, Teacher and Friend

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Mike Harter passed away Monday July 18, 2022 in a tragic automobile accident while doing one of the things he most enjoyed, educating young people.

This isn't so much an obituary but a letter to those that knew Gregory Michael Harter (G Mike).

On April 27th, 1951, in a log cabin in Pisgah, IA, Mike was born to Guy and Eloise (Erixon) Harter.

Mike grew up working on the family farm in the Loess Hills of Iowa. Always a teacher at heart, even as a child, Mike loved learning and knew at a young age he wanted to share that passion with others.

Mike met the love his life in 1972 while attending the University of Northern Iowa, majoring in driver's education and politi-



Gregory (Mike) Harter

cal science. On May 24th, 1975, Mike and Marla were united in marriage in Olin, IA. The very next day the newlyweds moved to Council Bluffs, IA, and Mike worked at a meat packing plant in Omaha. Three months later they moved to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Mission,

SD, where they both began their teaching careers.

In 1978, they welcomed their first son Andy, and in 1979 Mike and his family moved to Orient, IA, to begin teaching high school social studies and coaching baseball, football and basketball for Orient Macksburg.

In 1983, to complete their family, Mike and Marla welcomed their son Ryan.

After earning his master's degree in Education Administration from Northwest Missouri State in 1985, the family moved to Russell, IA, where he was the high school principal, while still being able to teach a variety of classes.

In 1991, Mike was offered the high school principal job at Wapsie Valley High School which began his love for a town and community that would become his forever home. A community

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Albrecht, Klingaman earn top honors

The 2022 American Quarter Horse Association Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships and The National Ranch And Stock Horse Alliance held their World Championship shows concurrently at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma in June. The show hosted more than 2,700 entries from 35 states.

Fairbank residents Dave Albrecht & Kris Klingaman, earned top honors with their horses at the highly competitive show. Kris and her horse "Very Smart And Light" earned 6th place in NRSNA Amateur Ranch Trail.

Dave showed "Very Smart And Light" in the AQHA Level 1 cutting to seventh place. Dave showed "Smart As Cat" in the VRH Limited cutting to 8th place out of 77 horses, and 7th in the NRSNA.

Both Albrecht-owned horses were shown by trainer Zach Hedberg of Amery, WI in the Open Senior Cutting. "Very Smart And Light" received 4th place, and "Smart As Cat" earned 7th place, earning two more top ten awards.



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Mike



by the family of Mike Harter

We wish this was an ordinary run of the mill "Message from the Mayor", but unfortunately it's not. This past week has been the heaviest, longest most difficult week of our families' lives. But, because of the people of Fairbank, that load has been made a little easier. We cannot say thank you enough.

Fairbank is more than a town, it's a community that looks out for one another, a family that is there to pick someone up when they need a hand, and a hug when one of us is hurting.

That is exactly what Fairbank did this past week: the food, flowers, cards, and visits have been a light in our time of darkness. We can never repay the acts of kindness that Fairbank has shown us, but we will do our best to do so.

Mike loved Fairbank and the people in it. He wanted to see the city grow, prosper, and thrive. We know that it will because of the citizens of Fairbank. In closing, please take time to talk to your neighbor, visit a friend, and tell a loved one how you feel about them, because tomorrow is never guaranteed.



Mike at his surprise 70th birthday party hosted by his family last year.

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where his sons would graduate high school and, in 2018, was honored to be elected the Mayor of Fairbank.

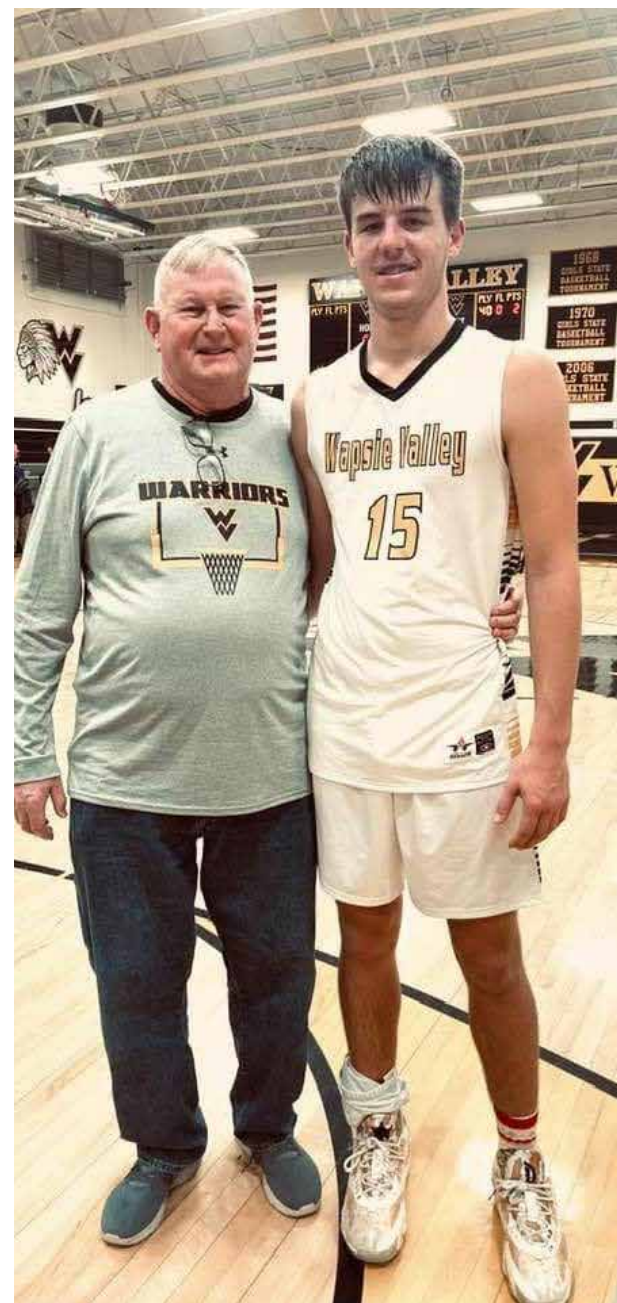
After eleven years at Wapsie Valley, Mike became the superintendent at East Greene Schools in western Iowa, while also serving on the Iowa Girl's Athletic Union. Not wanting to uproot his family, but not wanting to pass on a great opportunity, he traveled back and forth, coming home on weekends to be with his family.

Although, self-admittedly not much of an athlete in high school, Mike loved all sports and coached many teams throughout the years - his true passion was baseball. At a young age his love for the New York Yankees began. He was overjoyed the summer of 1995 when he finally got to experience watching his favorite team play at Yankee Stadium with his family.

Before retiring from education in 2014, Mike was honored to serve one year as the interim superintendent for Wapsie Valley Schools - and although that came to an end, Mike never gave up his passions - teaching Driver's Education, officiating as many sports as he could and substitute teaching wherever and whenever he was needed.

Mike's family was his life. Having loved watching his boys excel in their activities throughout high school, his greatest joy was being able to watch his five grandchildren thriving in all of their activities. You could find him cheering on the Warriors on the bottom row of the visitor's section at Wapsie Valley Varsity Basketball games.

Mike was a man of integrity, passion and love. As a lifelong public servant, in addition to dedicating his life to teaching hundreds of students, he also was passionate about serving and leading the communities he lived in. Holding organ donorship close to his heart, Mike was a proud organ donor



Mike and his grandson, Mason Harter, at a Wapsie Valley game.

though the Iowa Donor Network.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother, father, and two brothers Leo and Gary.

He is survived by his beautiful wife, Marla Sanborn Harter; children Andy (wife Jeni) and Ryan (partner Jasmin); five grandchildren - Peyton (fiancé Maddie), Carson, Mason, Grace, and Maddux; two brothers - Harlan and Wrex; and one sister, Patty; along with many nieces and nephews.

Leaving behind so many amazing memories of all that knew him, Mike will be greatly missed and will always remain in our hearts. Thank you for always being you Mike!

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." - Babe Ruth

A celebration of life was held at Wapsie Valley High School at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2022. A reception was held at the American Legion following the celebration of life. All those who knew and loved Mike were encouraged to come.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be placed in Mike's honor. These donations will be used to establish a memorial in his honor.

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“Deb Yonkovic – Retiring after 42 Years”

by Betty Brandt Passick

Yonkovic Daycare is closing effective September 1st. Deb Yonkovic initially began offering child daycare in 1980 in Hopkinton, Iowa, after marrying John Yonkovic. He had children from his first marriage, and eventually, they had two children of their own. When a neighbor lady needed a babysitter, Deb reasoned that since she was already caring for their children – what was one or two or three more?

A few years later, the Yonkovics moved into the two-story house across from the Baptist church in Fairbank. Then, one day Gladys Shields asked Deb if she would consider doing child daycare, as Gladys was quitting the business. She said there was a strong need for childcare in the area. Not long after, Yonkovic Daycare was founded.

Thereafter, each week Deb had 4-5 children in her daycare – newborns up to about age 5 -- but sometimes the headcount included elementary aged children who only needed a place to go for a few hours after school.

About a decade ago, she began

to care for the infants and toddlers of the adults who had first come to her daycare as children.

John passed away in 2016. He and Deb had been married thirty-nine years. “He always helped out... Usually, there was at least one child on his knee,” she said.

Between 1980-2022, Deb estimates she cared for children from thirty-eight families.

“My job has been rewarding. I will miss the smiles and laughter. The crafts, dancing, and singing. The races. Doing the Limbo. The chalk drawings on the driveway....teaching them to write there. When the older ones got bored, I got creative and took them to the kitchen and taught them to make things like cinnamon rolls. These children became part of my family. I’ve also had lots of helpers over the years, and I’m going to miss all of them,” she said.

Deb still plans to help out with childcare from time to time, as needed.

In the meantime, she plans to schedule some needed knee surgery...and do lots of camping at Guttenberg.



Deb Yonkovic is retiring after 42 years running a daycare service at her home in Fairbank. She gathered some of her current kiddos for this cute picture! (L. to R.) Caden Matthias, Colton Hesse, Finley Stamp, Caelyn Clarke, Deb, Allaire Clarke, Sam Rechkemmer, Bryce Wells, Lauren Matthias, Parker Kottke. The name of the little boy in front was left off per the request of his parents.

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If you didn't attend the July 6th Music in the Park, you missed a great show by Jason Kayser and Mick Staebell and their "dueling pianos". There was a good crowd despite the warm weather. The Community Club appreciates everyone who came out for the fun and entertaining show. The next Music in the Park will be on August 3 with music by Bruce Bearinger. See you there!

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Highlights - June NE Iowa Spring Book Tour

by Betty Brandt Passick

Thank you to all those who attended my June Northeast Iowa book tour — made up largely of new venues: Decorah, Fort Atkinson, Manchester, and Hopkinton (with repeat visits to Sumner and New Hampton). All were ideal sites, in that the early chapters of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*, *Murder on the Prairie* (2021) take place in Delaware County.

About a dozen people came to the Fort Atkinson Community Center (sponsored by the library) on January 10th, who were very engaging in our discussion. I've been invited back in the fall to conduct a "Writing a Memoir" workshop. Watch for more details.

Covid-19 prevented me from previously visiting the Delaware County Historical Museum Complex in Hopkinton — the former site of Lenox College (1859-1944). As I stopped my SUV outside a long narrow brick structure on June 11th, I felt hope tugging at me. Might those in attendance have new information about Dr. Alexander Wiltse, who first resided in the Colesburg area after immigrating from Ontario, Canada in the 1840s. Additionally, I still had not located Dr. Wiltse's portrait, listed among the assets in his probate. Might someone in the area have donated it to the museum? Ultimately, my hopes were dashed. Still, I am grateful for the nice tour of the 4 old Lenox College buildings, all of



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which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places in America.

I met another fun group at the New Hampton Public Library on June 14th. While I talked about Dr. Wiltse's lost history in county records and newspaper archives, attendees enjoyed mile-high me-ringue banana cream pie from Klunder's Kafe (need I say more)?

The last leg of the tour came on June 15th at the Manchester Public Library, built in 1902. Today, this library is the third oldest Carnegie public library being used as a library in Iowa. I felt privileged to speak in such a stately place of

learning - and again, the interaction with attendees was excellent, as I went through my PowerPoint slides (during a tornado watch). Another surprise: Rev. Mary Green, former pastor of the Fairbank United Methodist Church, identified herself among those in the audience.

The Decorah Driftless Journal gave me this nice review: "Both gangster books are set in Iowa, and while they are historical fiction, they are based on fact and actual crimes based in Iowa."

A special thank you to The Landing Market in Decorah and J & C Grocery in Sumner for consigning to sell my 2 novels.

AUTHOR EVENTS

2022 Book Tour #3

FALL DATES

- Saturday, August 13, 9-1, Booksigning, Lake Elmo Farmers Market, Lake Elma, MN
- Friday, September 30, 1 pm, "The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician," Author talk, Delhi Public Library, 311 Franklin St., Delhi, IA
- Monday, October 17, 6:30 pm, "The

Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician"
Aplington Legion Memorial Library
929 Parriott St., Aplington, IA

FESTIVALS

- August 10-12, Iowa Arts Summit (virtual)
- (Pending) Saturday, August 20, 2pm, River Runner Regatta and Cardboard Boat Race Whitewater Park, Manchester, IA
- (Pending) October, Iowa City Book Festival, Iowa City, IA

CONFERENCES

- Thursday/Sunday, September 8-11, Panelist: "Researching Historical Mysteries", (Friday, September 9, 9:45am), Bouchercon, the World Mystery Convention, Hilton Minneapolis, Mpls, MN
- Saturday, October 1, 9-3, DVBF 2022, 7th Edition Live, 2030 Adams Street, Mankato, MN
- (Pending) Saturday/Sunday, November 26-27, 10-6/10-4, GSR Fine Arts Festival 2022, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN

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- Sat. Aug. 6, 10-noon. Author talk. Fredericksburg Memorial Library. 138 W. Main St., Fredericksburg.
- Sat. Aug. 6, 2 pm. Author talk. Tripoli Public Library, 101 4th Ave. SW, Tripoli.
- Mon. Aug. 8, 5 pm. Author talk. Nashua Public Library, 220 Brasher St., Nashua.
- Tues. Aug. 9, 10:30 am. Author talk. Readlyn Public Library, 309 Main St., Readlyn.
- Wed. Aug. 10, 6 pm. Author talk. Plainfield Public Library, 723 Main St., Plainfield.



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“Music to My Ears”

by Betty Brandt Passick

So, what kind of a music education did you receive in school? How accomplished did you become? How did music help you develop into the person you became today? These were questions asked of Geraldine “Deane” (Lehmkuhl) Fink, who was willing to share her story.

She credits her love and appreciation for music to her family -- and she was born into a very musical family.

Her grandmother, Matilda “Tillie” (Drechsler) Lehmkuhl, grew up in Oak Park, Illinois. She was plagued with headaches, but several of her siblings performed in the Chicago Symphony. Many times, guest musicians stayed in their home overnight. Tillie met William G. Lehmkuhl from Klinger, Iowa, when Bill’s brother August Lehmkuhl invited him on a business trip to Chicago. Bill, the youngest of seven siblings, had likewise grown up in a musical family. Deane treasures a photo of him at age 15 sitting with his violin and bow in his lap after a music lesson.

Tillie and Bill married in 1908 and resided in Fairbank with Bill’s German-born mother Sophia in the grand two-story home south of the railroad tracks along Fourth Street. Bill’s father John F. Lehmkuhl had died in 1890 from a barn-raising accident. The couple was blessed with three sons and two daughters: Clara (1909), Wilbert (1911), Ruth (1913), Elmer (1915), and Melvin (1916) -- Deane’s father.

In October 1919, two deaths in the family happened. Ruth died of a knee injury that had become infected. A week later, Sophia, age 82, was struck and killed by a train as she crossed the railroad tracks by the Baptist church while walking home from downtown.

By age 3, Melvin played drums with his sticks and a wooden chair and often

accompanied Tillie and Bill when they played piano and fiddle for house dances. But all the children became musical, excelling on piano and vocals. Melvin preferred popular swing music, which he embellished in his own style. Clara enjoyed more classical tunes, and often played organ for services at St. John’s Evangelical Church on the north end of town, where the family attended.

The children were educated at the small Lutheran parochial grade school next door to the church. The building had initially served as St. John’s church, built in 1865.

In 1935 Melvin married a Fairbank High School classmate, Vera Cummings. At first, they lived with Tillie and Bill. Deane, born in 1936, was their first child and the first grandchild. A year later her family of three moved into the apartment above Lehmkuhl Hardware on Main Street, operated by Bill and his three sons. Two more children followed: Dale, born in 1941, and Linda in 1944. A month after Linda’s birth, Dale was killed by a train.

Like her father and his siblings, Deane attended St. John’s school. Gerhardt Potratz was the teacher for the grades K-8. He also played organ for St. John’s church, and his pupils often sang for special services.

“I was five years old when I sang my first solo, ‘Away in a Manger,’ at the Christmas Eve program. In the second or third verse, I realized what I was doing, got scared of all the people staring at me, and sat down,” Deane said.

After church, all the Lehmkuhls gathered at Tillie and Bill’s home, when the front parlor door was opened exposing the mysterious and musty room, where grandpa played the fiddle and grandma chorded on the piano...and all the cousins ran in circles around the room, pre-



Melvin at the piano.

tending to dance.

Deane took piano lessons from Mr. Potratz until eighth grade, then her parents sent her to the high school to take clarinet lessons from the band director so she would be able to participate in band when she reached ninth grade -- clarinet, because she could use the instrument Melvin had played in high school. Deane was first chair clarinet all during high school.

In the early 1950s, she began taking piano lessons from Mrs. Roger Walker, who had been hired as the new high school music teacher. It wasn’t long before Deane accompanied the girls’ chorus; one year she got to play “Pomp and Circumstance” for senior graduation.

The school’s expectation was all able-bodied students would play basketball. Deane realized in her sophomore year that basketball wasn’t for her. She preferred instead to concentrate on music. Mrs. Walker -- married to Mr. Walker, the coach -- was very disappointed when Deane chose to pursue music over sports. Highlights for her was getting to write the music for each section of the concert band and to direct it.

“They were easy pieces, but before then I hadn’t realized each instrument section required specific music,” she said. “The middle C used to tune up the band was a B flat for the clarinets.”

After high school, Deane married Darrell Fink, who also loved music and played guitar. Of their two children, Roger grew to love playing drums and stringed instruments; Leigh Ann took piano lessons, but her interests were dancing, reading, and writing stories. Deane and Darrell -- and often Roger -- entertained at private parties and public performances for over thirty years.

A favorite family photo is of Deane, Darrell, and Roger -- and sister Linda (Kastner) -- making music, a common way for the family to spend their holidays.

The children were grown and married

by the time Darrell passed away. Deane retired as a Nursing Home Administrator and moved to Florida to work in Home Health. During the early 2000s, she learned of the “Awesome Original Second Time Around Marching Band” of Saint Petersburg, Florida -- a big name for the largest adult marching band in the world. The only requirement to join “Rounders” is the applicant must have marched in a band during high school or college. Deane recalls embellishing her application, rationalizing that the FHS band may have gone outside one day to try marching in formation. She was invited to participate in the percussion section.

The band filled the street from curb to curb and stretched nearly three blocks. The only maneuver they knew was turning a corner. The city of St. Petersburg finally allowed a few remote streets to close for practices. One of Deane’s first out-of-town events was Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Deane recalls one dress rehearsal was filmed as part of the band’s submission process to participate in the Macy’s 80th Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2006. Rounders was probably chosen because it was so large and consisted of old people, she noted.

As word got out that the band would perform at the Macy’s parade, people came in droves to join the group. Membership grew to about 650.

The logistics of moving the band to New York City proved vast. Buses had to be secured; a straight truck was needed to haul equipment, instruments, flags, etc. An entire hotel was required for sleeping rooms.

On Thanksgiving Day in NYC, members had to be up and dressed in uniform to board the buses at 2:15 a.m. If anyone forgot a glove, or hat, or any part of the uniform, they could not march in the parade.

Because the parade is televised, it’s



Family playing in band.

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timed down to the minute. A huge star in the center of the street at the front of Macy's front door marks the place for performances in front of TV cameras. The time for Rounders was 11:06. Another line painted across the street was where the upcoming unit waited its turn. If a band was not in place by the allotted time, it was motioned to move on and could not stop to play its music. Since Rounders was such a massive group, members in the front literally had to run in order for everyone to be in place on time.

"We played the song by the Beatles 'Here Comes the Sun' to promote Florida," Deane said. During the remainder of parade, she only remembers watching the feet marching in front of her. She did not want to be that one person in the band who was out of step, but often wondered what popular buildings or monuments she missed seeing along the way. At the end of the route, the band stood for a photo on the steps of NYC Post Office.

The next day was Black Friday, and a "free day" for band members. Many in their troupe went back into NYC. to see the sights. Deane took the opportunity to visit Rockefeller Center to go ice skating on the rink -- another dream came true.

Over the years, Rounders was invited to march in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. The band preceded the U. S. Marine Band. Deane was glad her band did not have to follow such an exceptional band.

Plans were underway to march in



Rounders Band

the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ireland, but COVID-19 canceled those plans. Through band members, Deane learned of a group of ukulele pickers -- by then, she had added playing banjo uke to her repertoire of instruments. She joined the group, and during Covid-19 started teaching a ukulele class.

"Uke playing is sweeping the country like wildfire. The Tampa Bay Ukulele Society, founded in 2009, is the largest in Florida," she said.

In summary, when Deane thinks about her life-long musical experience, she's grateful to have been born into such a musical family. She credits this early exposure to music for giving her the confidence to sing in church choirs, and even-

tually to bring the joy of music to so many others...in Sunday School, Bible School, and Junior Church Choir, and Cub Scouts. Additionally, she may not have had the nerve to join the largest marching band in the world, or to give piano lessons, or to teach a class in ukulele.

Today, at age 86, she spends much of her time with her grandchildren, with whom she continues to pass on her love for music.

"Music has enriched my life -- much more than basketball ever could have, of that I'm certain," Deane said.



Deane playing the ukelele.

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The following article was submitted by Martha Heinze of Oelwein. It describes an event in 1942 which almost took the life of her father (Herschel Siggelkov) when he was only 12 years old. According to Martha, "I remember as a child, my father always forbid us kids to go into the water of any river. He always said the Wapsi has very deep holes. You can go from a few feet to thirty feet in one step." Later on, she was told the story of how her dad had almost drowned in Fairbank when he was 12 years old. "He later told us kids that a man had drowned trying to save him and a girl after they stepped in a hole and were struggling to get to shore. He always said he felt guilty that the man died trying to save him." Martha, who is the wife of Alfred Heinze, formerly of Fairbank, thought that the story might be of interest to our readers. Maybe some of you will remember it.

The following is from a front page story in the "THE WATERLOO PRESS" newspaper dated Tuesday, July 14, 1942

Union President Drowns in Attempt to Save Boy, Girl

Funeral services for Edward C. Miller, 61, 710 Randolph Street, Waterloo, president of the Carpenter's Local, who gave his life in a futile attempt to save two children from drowning in the Little Wapsipinicon River at Fairbank, Iowa Saturday afternoon were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 from Kearns Garden Chapel, the Rev. A. P. Blough officiating.

Five union brothers together with a member of the John G. Miller Construction Company for whom he had worked for 25 years, served as casket bearers. They were A. C. Beighold, Toger Anderson, Virgil Dye, Claude Dye, and M. W. West, all of local 1835, and Rueben Miller, representing the construction company.

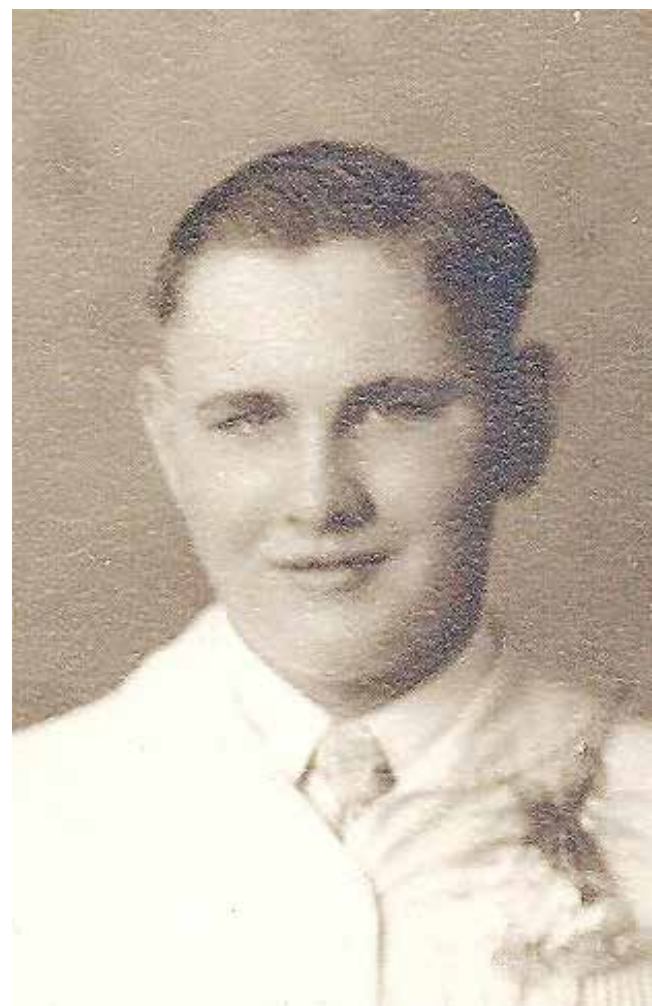
Visiting Friends

Miller had gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Siggelkov, farmers living near Fairbank, on Saturday. He accompanied the family to Fairbank where they planned to do some shopping. Two children, Herschel Siggelkov, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Siggelkov, and Emily Hanna, 633 Ankeny Street, Waterloo, had gone in wading at a small park in the city and stepped into a deep hole.

The union president dove in and swam about 50 feet to reach the children but his heavy clothing weighted him down. Meanwhile Henry Bunker, a Fairbank city employee, heard the cries of the children and succeeded in bringing the girl to shore. He also went out after the boy who managed to make shore. Bunker then joined in the search for Miller.

Body Is Found

The body was found by Harold Crouse, Fairbank. Artificial respiration failed to revive Miller though a pulmotor was used for more than an hour. Dr. N. L. Hersey, Independence, Buchanan County Coroner, returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning.



A later photo of Herschel Siggelkov when he was confirmed.

Two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Kaune, 2016 Falls Avenue, and Mrs. I. J. Scott, Pamona, Calif., and one brother, Ernest G. Miller, 917 Bertch Avenue, survive.

Edward Miller had been president and had been installed in office last week. He was one of the oldest members of the local in point of service having joined in June 1909. The local was granted a charter in 1907.



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Hopefully, a lot of you had a chance to go up to Sumner, IA to see "The Moving Wall - Vietnam Veterans Memorial" the third weekend in July. Sumner was celebrating their 150 Year Sesquicentennial.

"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for thirty plus years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall". He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

Below is a chart of some interesting facts:

VIETNAM CASUALTIES 1965 - 1975

YEAR- KIA	KIA	KIA
1965 - 1,863	Reg. Service - 34,464	Air Force - 2,584
1966 - 6,144	Drafted - 17,672	IA. Air Force - 50
1967 - 11,153	Reserve - 5,758	Army - 38,209
1968 - 16,589	National Guard - 97	IA. Army - 543
1969 - 11,614		Coast Guard - 7
1970 - 6,083	Officers - 7,878	Marines - 14,838
1971 - 2,357	Enlisted - 50,306	IA. Marines - 202
1972 - 759		Navy - 2,555
1973 - 68	TOTAL 58,178	IA. Navy - 58
1974 - 1		
1975 - 62		

Youngest - Dan Bullock (15)	Single - 40,775
Oldest - Kenna Taylor (62)	Married - 17,215
16 Year Olds - 5	Women - 8
17 Year Olds - 12	Avg. Age - 20 yrs.
18-20 Year Olds - 25,000	
Killed the 1 st Day - 997	Iowa - 653
Killed on Last Day - 1,448	Neb. - 395
Brothers - 32 Sets	S.Dak. - 195
Father & Son - 3 Sets	Minn. - 1,072



Because of the Labor Day holiday
the deadline for the next issue of the
Fairbank Islander is moved up to
noon on Tuesday, Aug. 30th.

COLLEGE NEWS

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Nearly 1,800 students graduated from the Spring Semester from DMACC campuses.

FAIRBANK: Reily Richards earned a degree in Agribusiness - Animal Science & Agribusiness - Farm Management.

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Upper Iowa University in Fayette announced the students who were among its March 2022 graduates. Honors, degrees and courses of study are included. Area students included:

FAIRBANK: Shawn McGarvey, Associate of Arts degree in General Business.

They also announced the May 2022 graduates:

FAIRBANK: Samantha Schnor, Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

August is the month to enjoy outdoor activities.
Grilling is one of the popular activities, providing an opportunity to prepare chicken, pork, beef or seafood in creative ways.

Marinade is a basic for grilling. It tenderizes the meat and adds a rich spicy flavor. There are many variations of spices and ingredients - allowing you to add any additional ones to suit your taste.

This recipe is quick, simple, and an easy way to make meats tender and juicy.

MARINADE*

1/3 c. extra virgin olive oil	1 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tbsp. lemon juice	2 tsp. kosher salt
2 tbsp. brown sugar	1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/3 c. low sodium soy sauce	1 tsp. chili powder
1/4 c. balsamic vinegar	1/2 tsp. paprika
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. onion powder	



Mix marinade ingredients. Put meat in a resealable plastic bag. Add the marinade - seal the bag and work the marinade around the meat to coat it. Refrigerate 2-6 hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally.

When ready to grill, remove the meat from the marinade and grill the meat to the desired doneness. If grilling beef, pork, or chicken, let the meat rest a few minutes before serving.

*Enough marinade for 2-4 pounds of meat depending on the size of the pieces.

There are many recipes for baked beans using different meats and beans. I found this recipe for simple to make and tasty baked beans in an early issue of "Taste of Home" magazine and have been using it ever since.



BAKED BEANS

2 cans (28 oz.) pork & beans	1 c. cola
1 1/2 c. brown sugar	1 c. ketchup
1/2 lb. bacon, cooked & crumbled	2 tbsp. ground mustard
1 c. finely chopped onion	

Drain a small amount of liquid from the beans, save if you need to add moisture. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together and put into a greased casserole or crockpot. Bake uncovered in a 325 degrees oven for 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 hours or cook in a crockpot on low for 3-4 hours.

These can be made 3-4 days ahead and refrigerated. Reheat before serving. Leftovers freeze well.

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***“He called His disciples to Him and said to them,
‘I have compassion on the crowd’...And they ate and
were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left
over, seven baskets full.”***

(Mark 8:2, 8 English Standard Version)

These words come from the Gospel of St. Mark, in an account we heard not too long ago at St. John’s. In this passage, Jesus had withdrawn to a desolate place, perhaps, to rest by Himself for a bit. But instead, a large crowd followed Him to hear Him teach. Ever gracious and willing, Jesus did teach them - for three whole days. The Lord must have been an engaging teacher. We tend to check the clocks if a homily hits 15 minutes.

At the end of His sermon, and even before the people discovered it, Jesus noticed that the crowd had no food. They went away to hear Jesus, fully devoted to His Word. Now, it appeared they’d suffer for it. Not so. The Lord was moved to compassion over their need and decided what He would do. He took the seven loaves of bread the Twelve had with them, give thanks to the Father, divided up the pieces and gave them to be set before the crowd. Same with a few small fish. St. Mark tells us, “They ate and were satisfied...And there were about four thousand people.” (8-9)

There’s more to the text than we have time for, but what we do have time for is this: We all are in need. We are all in need of forgiveness, to be sure. Beyond that, we also have physical needs. We need food, for example. Here, the Lord shows He is able to provide both of these in spades. As a kind and compassionate Savior, Jesus provides for what we need.

As it seems that our belts and wallets might be getting tighter of late, we can be tempted to be anxious or despairing. The Lord offers you this promise: “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Jacob Swenson
St. John’s Lutheran, Fairbank

Inspiration From Across The Street

The door squeaked open as an elderly woman entered the reverently quiet Methodist church on Second Street, towards the end of the Sunday morning worship service. The Pastor and small group of attendees welcomed her, and learned she lived at the assisted living home near the church.

She told the friendly congregation that as she was out enjoying a beautiful Sunday morning walk, God spoke to her and told her she should just go to church. With a big grin, she enthusiastically remarked, “So I did!”

Following the service, the group met for fellowship and coffee, and enjoyed hearing some wonderful stories from their new visitor. The spry, witty, white-haired neighbor had a wealth of timeless stories to share from her childhood that gave all who listened insight into past generations.

The following Sunday, the fashionably dressed senior citizen entered the church again, this time several minutes before the service started. She walked in with a bounce in her step, briskly pushing her walker. Saying hello to church folks in the entry way, she proceeded to find her spot in the pew near the aisle at the back of the church.

The church service began with a welcome to all, especially the newest visitor.

Feeling prompted by the welcome from the pulpit, the lady proudly announced to the new friends, “I am 100 years old. I can’t see very good, and I sure can’t hear very good, but I’m so thankful just to be in church!”

Smiles stretched across the faces of the congregation and for a quiet moment, all who were attending felt very special to be in the company of this remarkable 100-year-old. What amazing determination to get herself up, get dressed, perfectly comb her hair, make her way by herself from the assisted living home, down the long sidewalk, cross the street and up another sidewalk to the church.

She felt so blessed to be attending the church service, when in reality, it was the regular parishioners who felt blessed and encouraged by her presence that day.

Hopefully you will realize that your presence can be a gift to others, just like Mrs. Ivadel Luloff is to the Fairbank Methodist Church, our inspiration from across the street!

Written by Kris Klingaman
Fairbank, Iowa
July 2022

Church Services





United Methodist Church

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Rev. Scott Jans
Worship Service: 9:00 AM



First Baptist Church

304 Grove Street
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Rev. Mike Anderson
Worship Service: 9:00 AM
Sunday School: 10:00 AM

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

CORRECTION:

In the July issue on page 4, the article titled “Fairbank Days Car Show Results” had a name misspelled. It should have read “Gary Sadler Mustang Award”, not Sandler. We regret the mistake and thank you for bringing it to our attention.

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 1-31, 2022 Report

Ambulance Calls: 12

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 1

Car Accidents: 0

Fire Calls: 2

EMS Training Hours: Approximately 26

Fire Training Hours: Approximately 76

~ EMS Training was on Human Trafficking

~ Fire Training was Water and Swift Water Rescue

Membership: Kim Gray was approved by the membership at the June 14th business meeting. She was approved by city council members at the June 27th city council meeting.

*Brad Gordon, Chief
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August 23rd

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Friday	1:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 – 12:00 noon



Tuesday August 9th at 2 PM

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Sept. Book Club

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August 10th

August 17th

August 24th

August 31st



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Bill served in the United States Army in 1970 & 1971. There was a draft lottery held in the U.S. in December of 1969. Individuals were selected to serve by their day of birth. Bill's draft number could have been as high as 365. However, his birthday was selected as number one. Six weeks after the lottery, Bill was in the service. He took basic and advanced individual training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. After his training, he was sent to Vietnam. Bill's training was in the Infantry so he spent time in the field overseas. After almost a full year serving, he got to return to the United States. Upon returning, Bill finished his two years of service at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

**Thank you Bill Brownell
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Note

Deadline for the next issue of the Fairbank Islander is noon on Aug. 30th.



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DONNA MARIE KROEGER

December 9, 1927 ~ July 2, 2022

Donna Marie Kroeger, 94, of Cedar Falls, passed away at UPH/Allen Hospital on Saturday, July 2, 2022. She was born December 9, 1927, in Fairbank, Iowa, daughter of Cassius and Mildred (Bushby) Ward.

Donna graduated from Fairbank High School in 1945, then attended Drake University in Des Moines for her B.A. in 1949. After graduation, she taught in Roland, then moved to Minneapolis where she worked as a Stewardess for Northwest Airlines.

On February 15, 1953, Donna married to Glenn Kroeger at the Methodist Church in Fairbank. They made their early home in Topeka, Kansas. By 1960, Donna and Glenn returned to Cedar Falls where she helped to found the Unitarian Universalist Church. She returned to school at UNI where she earned her M.A. in special education in 1973. Donna taught Head Start and in several area schools before retiring in 1996. Until her finger dexterity no longer allowed her to play, she played saxophone in the New Horizons Band, an experience she treasured.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Glenn; and sister, Carol Blech. She is survived by her 3 sons: Richard (wife, Judy) of San Diego, CA, Gary (wife, Shannon) of Cedar Falls, and Kent (wife, Christa) of Washington, DC; 5 grandchildren: (Emma, Peter, Christopher, Alexander, Zachary); and 3 step-grandchildren (Lily, Leo, Max).

Donna's Memorial Service was held on July 15, 2022, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Cedar Falls. Memorials may be directed to the Unitarian-Universalist Church.

**MARILYN JEAN SWANSON**

April 27, 1935 ~ June 27, 2022

Marilyn Jean (Baker) Swanson passed away peacefully on Monday June 27, 2022 in her home in Dunkerton, Iowa.

She was born on April 27, 1935 in Waterloo, Iowa to Leslie and Ruth (Clouse) Baker. She spent some of her childhood in Waterloo before moving to Chicago, IL and eventually Thermopolis, WY. There she grew up enjoying the Wind River Canyon with friends and working at the local hot springs. She graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1953 and moved back to Waterloo, where she worked as a telephone operator.

She would later be introduced to her future husband, Tommy Dean Swanson. The two were united in marriage on July 20, 1955 and had 4 children together; Jack, Jill, Eric and Erin (Katie).

Marilyn was a character with a strong will and a competitive nature! As a younger woman and mother, she was part of the community women's softball league and served as a cub scout den leader. In her later years, she could often be seen, and especially heard, at her grandchildren's sporting events and school activities. She was a distinct member of her community, approachable and entertaining. For decades, her whistle could be heard throughout town!

She was a member of the Methodist church, active in both youth and adult activities. She was also a believer in Chinese astrology and soon after you'd meet her, she'd ask you what year you were born and tell you all about your "sign". Her greatest character trait was her love for her family. Her children and grandchildren were her greatest pride and joy. The quieter version of Tommy, but always the Matriarch, making sure her family was first.

She is survived by her brother Dale Baker, son Jack (Janet) Swanson and two daughters Jill (Larry) Rourke and Katie Smith, along with 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, husband, son Eric Swanson and granddaughter Dyana Leigh Rourke.

As a final contribution to others, Marilyn donated her body to Des Moines University for anatomical and surgical research. Cards and memorials can be sent to the Family of Marilyn Swanson, 202 W. Williams St., Dunkerton, Iowa 50626.

**MARLENE K. HARKIN**

April 11, 1943 ~ June 28, 2022

Marlene K. Harkin, 79, of Fairbank, Iowa, died peacefully on June 28, 2022, at the home of her son in Snook, Texas, with her family at her side.

Marlene Kay Reysack was born April 11, 1943, in Aplington, Iowa, the daughter of Echo & Grace (Mehmen) Reysack. She received her education at the Aredale School. Marlene was united in marriage to Richard Lee Harkin on July 16, 1961, at the First Baptist Church in Oelwein, Iowa. She was a cook for 19 years at the Wapsi Valley Elementary School in Fairbank. Marlene lived in Fairbank for over 40 years.

Marlene was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Fortsch-Duffy American Legion Post #552 Women's Auxiliary, both in Fairbank. She enjoyed spending time with family, grandchildren and friends. Also, she enjoyed trips to the casino and playing bingo.

Marlene's family includes 1 son: Robert (Lane) Harkin of Snook, Texas; 2 daughters: Diana Heathcote of Eustis, Florida & Roxanne Wenner of Fairbank; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; William (Jan) Reysack of Dumont; 3 sisters: Lenora Ott of Fairbank, Barbara (Harry) Harms of Hampton & Grace Bandy of Waterloo and many nieces & nephews.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard on November 7, 2006; 3 brothers: Echo Reysack, Harry Reysack & Dale Reysack; and 3 sisters: Ella Greco, Mary Ellen Boehmke & Dorothy Leake.

Funeral Services were held July 7, 2022 at the Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home in Oelwein, Iowa with Rev. Linda Miller officiating. Interment was at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, rural Oelwein. Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Women or the American Legion Auxiliary, both in Fairbank.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Coffin/Erickson to approve the minutes of the June 13th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of May were: General, \$27,366.82; Special Revenue, \$20,358.12; TIF, \$925.59; Capital Projects, \$15.26, Permanent Funds, \$9.07; Proprietary, \$200,461.60; and Transfers In, \$26,270.00. Disbursements for the month of May were: General, \$68,189.10; Special Revenue, \$4,627.10; Proprietary, \$184,587.21; Capital, \$22,355.00; and Transfers Out, \$26,270.00. Balance on hand at close of business on May 31, 2022, was \$5,287,047.80.

Brad Gordon, the Fire Chief, was present along with Kim Gray. Kim's membership was approved by the fire department that last week and they were seeking approval from the city council. Williams/Coffin to approve the Fairbank Fire Department's new member, Kim Gray. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with an update on what they have been doing and future events. She also introduced them to Mollie Hocken who is the new communications manager and Rob Heilmann who is the new tourism director.

Jason Kastli was present to ask the council about getting utility connections to his property which is located outside of the city limits. Attorney Prendergast stated that under Iowa code the city could provide utilities outside of the city limits but would be rare for only one dwelling due to the costs. Councilman R. Woods mentioned that there was a property in town that was not connected to the city sewer system years ago due to it not being in the city limits. Jason Kastli said he had never thought about the possibility of annexing into the city limits. Prendergast said that he needed to make a formal application explaining the plan and then it needed to be readdressed at a future council meeting. The first 100 feet of gas service would be paid for by the city and the costs for that were still not known at that time. The rest of the gas service and the full connection to the water and sewer would be the responsibility of the landowner. The water connection was a concern due to the long service line needed to connect to the closest main.

Letters were mailed and posted door to door along Grove Street between First and Second Streets to the homeowners regarding the sidewalk along their properties. The letters asked for them to attend the council meeting and stated the estimated costs share for their portion of the sidewalk. No one was present at the meeting. The council thought it would be a good idea for the council to talk with them in person. Erickson/Williams to have the sidewalk committee talk with the individuals about signing an agreement or having the costs assessed to their properties. Ayes: Five.

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Erickson/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Blake Gallery was present during the public comment section to ask the council about having chickens in town. He was wanting to get some. The council said they would have to discuss at the next meeting and that there would probably be an application process and it would require an ordinance change.

Williams/Erickson to approve the minutes of the June 27th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The Treasurer's Report was tabled for the next meeting.

After discussions and complaints, an abatement was served by the police department on June 14, 2022. The owner was given 21 days to remove the junk from around the property, repair the shed, and fix the broken window in the home. Mayor Harter extended the abatement already by 6 days to allow the council to discuss at the meeting. The owner was not able to attend the meeting but was able to call City Hall earlier that day to see if an extension would be granted. The shingles are purchased for the shed and the appliances had been cleaned up. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve another 4 weeks until August 8th to get the property cleaned up. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. A nuisance for a property along 5th Street was discussed for the condition of the lawn. A notice will be served to that landowner as well.

Since the last meeting, Councilman T. Woods and Councilman Coffin were able to talk with a few of the landowners along Grove Street regarding the sidewalk along their property. Three individuals were in attendance. Brett Cummings, Ashley Bast, and William Land. Cummings mentioned to the council that they don't care if there is even a sidewalk there. They were worried about possible water issues in the future due to the elevation of the homes and the current sidewalk and the road. Bast was not happy with the way her property was left from the contractor. Land was worried about rain and the flow of the water. Councilman R. Woods said that more research could be done on the sidewalk plans and decided at a later council meeting. They thanked the council and just wanted to make sure more damage wouldn't be done, and more money spent just to not be satisfied.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2022-25 – Resolution Naming Depositories. Ayes: Three. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None.

Change order #3 from Donlon Brothers for the 2021 water system improvements project was presented to the council. It included a substantial decrease of \$28,930.00 due to not running into the rock like they had expected originally. There was also a decrease in expense at the intersection of Halpin and West Main Streets. Erickson/R. Woods to approve the change order #3 for the 2021 Water System Improvements project. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the partial pay estimate #5 of \$39,285.26 to Donlon Brothers for the 2021 Water System Improvements work that was completed through the end of June 2022. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

A quote was received from Legacy Roofing of Iowa offering to donate

Nays: None.

Two bids were received from the request for proposals on auditor services for FY 2022. Attorney Prendergast opened them during the meeting. Keith Oltroggee out of Denver, Iowa for \$2,900.00 and Hogan and Hansen out of Waterloo, Iowa for \$5,000.00.

Williams/T. Woods to approve Keith Oltroggee to do the services for the FY 2022 required city annual exam. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Councilman Coffin reached out to our insurance provider representative, Adam Kerns, and he agreed that the damage to the gazebo roof should have been refunded at replacement costs meaning that the wooden shakes should be replaced instead of having a more affordable options applied like steel. They are still looking into that. Councilman T. Woods told them that Mitch Coffin with Legacy Roofing would like to volunteer their labor when the council decides what they want to install.

The personnel manual needed amended due to the city acquiring cameras at the aquatic center. The system will be kept in a keyed lock box in the office at the aquatic center and the key would be available if needed to review footage from the City Clerk or the Mayor at City Hall. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2022-21 – A Resolution to Amend the Personnel Policy Manual. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Big Iron Auctions agreement was discussed to approve through resolution to sell some of the extra truck boxes and equipment that the city was storing. Williams/Coffin to approve Resolution 2022-22 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Big Iron Auctions Online Auction Listing & Marketing Agreement. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A listing of end of the year transfers was presented in the form of a resolution. R. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2022-23 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion was held on the employee wages for FY 2023. Numbers were calculated for a 3% increase in salaries for the public works, office staff, and police department.

A resolution was written for the approval of the salaries for FY 2023, starting July 1st. R. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2022-24 – Resolution Establishing Employee Salaries. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

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

SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies/Membership	\$298.63
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$102.79
ATLANTIC BOTTLING CO., Concessions	\$52.20
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., Equipment	\$2,932.06
BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies	\$1,560.00
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Equipment	\$5,111.58
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$4,631.82
D & D TIRE INC., Services	\$45.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$2,360.92
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Concessions/Supplies	\$58.33
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$5,351.54
FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees	\$1,491.25
GRAINGER, INC., Supplies	\$227.80
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, Supplies	\$57.70
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, Direct Assess Charges	\$136.05
IPERS, Benefits	\$5,265.04

labor and shingle materials for the Gazebo roof located at Riverside Park. Quote stated that OSB would need to be paid for by the city for around \$900.00. The shingles that they would be using would be Malarkey Vista Shingles. If the city wanted, they could buy a different shingle at the city's cost for a more wood looking shingle. The council will try and get samples to look at and will discuss at future meetings. There was no new information from the insurance company.

An upgrade to the electric service at Quality Truck Rebuilders was discussed. They are needing an upgraded service for some machinery that they are installing. Butler County REC recommended that the transformers be paid for by the city, so they are owned by the city. Part of the upgrade required another pole to be installed so that the CT panel wasn't located on the same pole. The quote was for \$6,481.32 from Butler County REC and that would get the new machine up and running. R. Woods/Williams to approve the electric upgrade at Quality Truck Rebuilders. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the contract (Plan C) again with Aegion/Corrpro for the City's annual water tower maintenance. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Services	\$ 152.04
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$ 356.30
ATLANTIC BOTTLING CO., Concessions	\$ 63.36
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$ 5,814.90
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC., Supplies	\$ 56.59
BUCHANAN COUNTY, Dispatch Fees	\$ 9,286.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 68,041.97
CAMRYN WOLFE, Reimbursement	\$ 21.00
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 2,162.99
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 1,208.88
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 4,321.57
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$ 1,561.00
DECKER SPORTING GOODS, Supplies	\$ 411.00
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone/Supplies Reimbursements	\$ 103.99
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE,	

Cell Phone/Clothing Allowance Reimbursements	\$ 368.96
DENVER AMBULANCE SERVICE, Mutual Aid	\$ 75.00

DONLON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION,	
Payment #5 2021 WT Improvements	\$ 39,285.26
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT, Supplies	\$ 223.92
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 256.44
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$ 27.02
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Utility Billing Postage July 2022	\$ 144.00
FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees	\$ 10,513.75
GRAINGER, INC., Equipment	\$ 671.46
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Supply Fee	\$ 122.37
IAMU, Safety Training	\$ 443.91
IMMACULANT CONCEPTION CHURCH, Concessions	\$ 187.59
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, Business Cards	\$ 308.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 8,981.84

field.

Vaughn Gross - would like a sidewalk put on the east side of Fairbank Elementary. Also spoke in regards to the Student/Staff Handbook and teachers having ample time for input.

4. Consent Items: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Wolfe and a transfer from the Interest Activity account to the Yearbook account (\$220.87) to bring the balance to \$0.00 for fiscal year-end. FYI-only Amanda Parker-Meyers requests to open enroll her 8th-grade daughter to Oelwein effective the 22-23 school year. Motion carried 5-0

5. Communication & Reports: Board: Brent - welcome to Mr. Hoover Superintendent: Mr. Hoover discussed the building leadership team retreat, Rural 2 having water in the basement, AEA technology services, SAI conference, sharing agreements, facilities, and 22-23 Superintendent goals.

6. Personnel-Resignations: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the resignations of Haley Tiedt - JH Softball, Valerie Westphal - HS-Part-time cook, Katelyn Gann - Instructional Associate, Elizabeth Kempf - Instructional Associate as presented and thank them for their service to WV. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the following contracts as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Anness Goodpastor - 22-23 F/T JH/HS-Special Education Associate - \$12.67 P/H, Caitlin McElhose - 22-23 F/T JH/HS-Special Education Associate - \$12.67 P/H, and Winter Cheer Coach - Base 1/0 - \$1,504, Kobe

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$194.27
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Addresses	\$20.00
LIZZIE MATTHIAS, Swimming Lesson Refund	\$35.00
MARC, Supplies	\$194.08
MARTIN BROS. DIST. CO., Concessions	\$163.23
MAURER TREE SRVICE, Services	\$2,700.00
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR, Supplies	\$1,218.15
NSB/H S A - H S A Contributions	\$500.00
NSB/ H S A - Payroll Deductions	\$135.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$143.50
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, State Taxes	\$3,436.00
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Monthly Pest Control	\$140.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$227.69
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB, Concessions	\$336.70
SECTOR, LLC, Services	\$3,755.71
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/1/22	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/15/22	\$10.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$23.49
TRUGREEN PAYMENT PROCESSING, Services	\$3,584.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$5,092.27
WATERLOO TENT & TARP CO., Supplies	\$180.00
WELLMARK, July Premium	\$2,665.54
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$60.00
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on June 23, 2022:	
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies/Membership	\$306.11
ANGELA BERG, Supplies Reimbursement	\$22.00
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$1,119.96
BIBLIONEX, FY 23 Subscription	\$800.00
KANE KLEANING SERVICES, Services	\$450.00
MILLER FENCE & FLAG CO., Supplies	\$31.00
OVERDRIVE, INC., EBooks	\$1,000.00
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Monthly Pest Control	\$45.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Equipment/Services	\$545.00
STEWARTSCAPE, INC., Services	\$1,986.68
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$23.50
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$80.00

Chief Drish told the council that overall Fairbank Days went ok. There were a few schedule changes, but they got it worked out. He also explained that the police cell phone was not on the officer on duty anymore and that the Buchanan County non-emergency number was the best way to get ahold of the police department. Brian Delagardelle stated that Mauer Tree Services was in town that past week and that he was working on estimates to get the stumps removed. There was a bench broken at Riverside Park that they were working on fixing. Councilwoman Erickson asked if a bike rack could be taken or gotten for the aquatic center since there were three bikes stolen over that past week. The cameras at the pool are scheduled to go in on Thursday. Mayor Harter congratulated the Fairbank Community Club and the Fairbank Economic Development for all their hard work to make another Fairbank Days successful.

Williams/Coffin to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

IOWA SURVEILLANCE TEAM, Equipment	\$ 4,214.91
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 112.98
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Classes	\$ 7.00
NICK KUKER, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
MIDWEST MUNIC. TRANS. GROUP, Dues	\$ 200.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 2,066.17
MYERS-COX CO., Concessions	\$ 907.92
NSB/HSA- Payroll Deductions	\$ 135.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$ 237.00
ONMEDIA, City Commercial	\$ 59.00
POWER STUMP REMOVAL, Services	\$ 300.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$ 57.50
RANDY'S LAWN CARE & SNOW, Services	\$ 3,500.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 1,087.50
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB, Concessions	\$ 385.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 1,593.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check Fee	\$ 4.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check	\$ 350.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
STEVEN RITTER, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMP, Life Policies	\$ 82.70
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen	\$ 30.61
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies	\$ 990.75
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, June Sales Tax	\$ 3,629.44
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, June Water Excise Tax	\$ 1,242.83
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 6,955.80
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$ 128.25
VISA, Pre-stamped Envelopes	\$ 2,417.45
VISA, Microsoft Email Accounts	\$ 110.50
VISA, Avaya Phone System	\$ 317.17
BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$ 225.00

The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on July 7, 2022:

SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$ 25.49
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$ 280.09
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$ 55.00
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$ 16.99
IAMU, Safety Training	\$ 63.41
VISA, Microsoft Email Accounts	\$ 12.50
VISA, Avaya Phone System	\$ 40.53

Brian Delagardelle stated that Kluesner Construction was working on grading the rear parking lot so they can finish it up in the next few days. They are also working on removing the dead ash trees in the public right-of-ways and in the city parks. Mayor Harter reminded the council of the barbecue contest at the Fayette County Fair if anyone was interested in representing Fairbank as a judge. He also told the council that the annexation brought up at the last meeting was still being researched.

Erickson/R. Woods to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Ron Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

7. New Business: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Bremer County, IA. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the revised 22-23 Rock Valley Physical Therapy contract (\$16,700) as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the 22-23 Activities/Coaches Handbook adding that a volunteer coach will be required to have an Iowa Coaching Endorsement as presented. Motion carried 5-0. The Activities/Coaches Handbook may need to be revisited as Jerry Van Daele hasn't had time to read it.

8. Board Talking Points - Jerry would like Tom Joecken and Mr. Hoover to work together to get some of the outstanding projects completed on/at the baseball field

9. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Motion carried 5-0

WAPSIE VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Fairbank City Wapsie Valley CSD Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Board Minutes July 18, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Sauerbrei called the Public Hearing to order at 6:36 PM

1. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, Wolfe, and Van Daele Superintendent Hoover, Board Secretary Arndt, Brett Bergman

2. Others present: Lois Heineman, Jeff, Hughes, Tom Joecken, Vaughn Gross, Erin Johnson & 3 virtual participants

2. A discussion was held regarding the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

3.Public Comment: None

4. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to close the public hearing and adjourn at 6:38 PM Motion carried 5-0

1. President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:40 PM. All the above participants joined the regular meeting.

2. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the amended agenda striking B. under New Business as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public Comment: Lois Heineman spoke in regards to the WV method of election, hiring practices, & guiding students to their future when they have 60 years to work.

Tom Joecken - spoke in regards to several projects that weren't complete and are safety issues at/on the baseball



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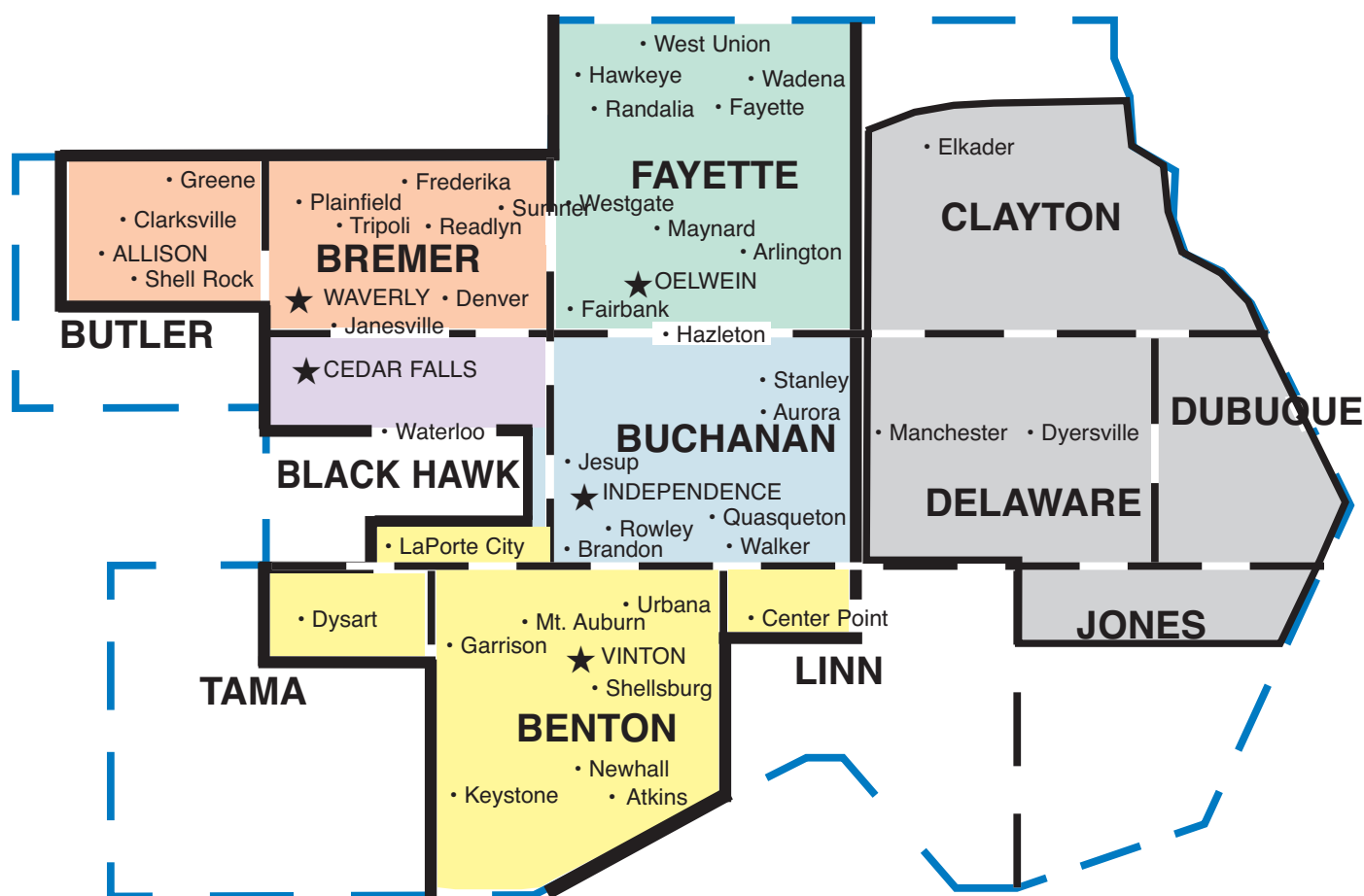


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**407 1st St. NE
Oelwein**
4 bedrooms, 2 baths,
main floor laundry



**716 2nd Ave. SW
Oelwein**
2 Bedrm, 1story Home w/deck,
det gar, shaded lot,
& appliances \$86,500



**514 1st St. SW
Oelwein**
Extravagant & Updated
2 story, 3 bdrms, 3 baths, HUGE
Kitchen & Sunroom, 2 car gar.



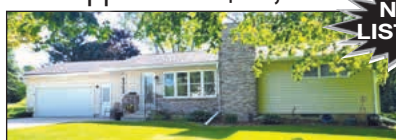
617 1st St. SE, Oelwein
1952 Sprawling Ranch – 2,668 sq ft on Main + 2,668 fin bsmnt,
2-3 Large Bedrms, 2.5 baths on main, ¾ + ½ in bsmnt, wet bar,
Several family rooms, formal LivRm & DinRm, Eat in Kitchen,
Dining Rm, & Den/Home Office. Newer Shingles, Updated
Furnace & Breaker Box. Heated/AC attached 2 Car Garage w/
Bonus room Above. Very Well Landscaped Corner Lot. Original
Mid-Century Appeal, 2 f/p, so many built-ins, Master Bath,
2 staircases. Perfect Family Home or Entertaining!



**COMMERCIAL
INVESTMENT**
• 122 S. Frederick, Oelwein
Restaurant/Bar
• 402 1st Ave. NE, Oelwein - Triplex



260 East St., Maynard
3 Bedrm Ranch, 1 1/2 baths,
outbuildings, 1 car att. garage,
steel roof, edge of town living,



519 7th Ave. NE, Oelwein
Immaculate 3 Bedroom updated Ranch
with 1 1/2 baths located on 2 lots.
Main floor laundry and sunroom with
fireplace. Large 2 car heated garage,
patio. Finished basement.
Priced to Sell at \$225,000.



**319 3rd St. NW
Oelwein**
3 Bdm, 1 Bath, 1 Car Garage,
New Steel Roof \$85,000

**RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING LOTS**
• 2.29 Acres M/L -\$20,000
• 3 Lots - \$25,000

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