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Stepping down after 14 years with the Fairbank Public Library

by Betty Brandt Passick

Beth (Bayness) Dixon grew up on a farm 3 miles north of Fairbank and attended school in Oelwein. She married Fairbank local Bill Dixon in 1993 at the Little Brown Church in the Vale at Nashua. They purchased a house in town and were blessed with two daughters who attend Wapsie Valley Elementary school.

Beth said, "I applied for the job fourteen years ago after hearing of a possible job opening. I was interested because my girls loved the library and after school activities. I have so many great memories from my years at the library—from days when everything ran smoothly to days when I had to make major changes, like during a pandemic (Covid-19), to allow us to continue to serve the community," Beth said.

One of her favorite memories includes delivering books to patrons who were unable to come to the library - particularly, Parkview Assisted Living residents. She got to know patrons on a personal level, and they became like 'family'.

"People like Howard Durham and Bob Maricle used to stop by the library. They were interesting to talk to because each had a lot of knowledge of the town and its people," Beth noted. "I miss Bonnie Meany, too; she volunteered at the library and knew a lot about the area. All these people are now deceased."

Technology has really changed at the library. Initially, Beth used the card catalog and stamped the dates in pockets of the books. At some point, she began to scan everything into the system using a computer. Members can even download audio books to listen to as they drive to work.

Beth has also enjoyed hosting author visits, after school activities, painting classes, fundraisers, Santa visits--and so much more. Books about Fairbank on the library's shelves, written by local authors, include: Reflections of an Older Woman (2006) by Verlie (Hahn) Trower (1916-2018). Verlie was born and raised in Fairbank; her father Charles William 'Bill' Hahn served as town marshal from 1916-1949. Many Hahn relatives established businesses on Main Street in the early 1900s.

Also, Betty Brandt Passick, whose family of 10 moved into the town in the mid-1950s, launched 2 books at the library: We Are Eight, a Memoriam (2015), and Gangster in Our Midst (2017), an historical novel which tells the true story of one of Al Capone's gangsters, Louie La Cava, who lived, off and on, in Fairbank for over sixty years. The library has books written by regional authors, as well.

Fairbank's first library was housed in the front half of the old King Bros. Grocery building in block #1 on



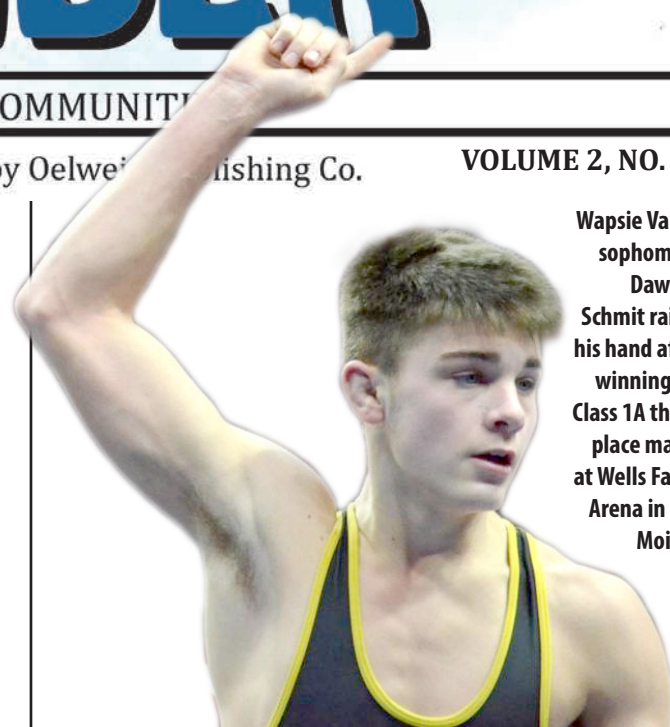
Beth with grandchildren Grace, 5, and Dixon, 1.

the north side of East Main Street. The Fairbank Tourist Club took on the project of raising funds to erect the current library building at 212 E Main Street, the site that once housed Hotel Wiltse built by Dr. Edwin and Lucy (Dean) Wiltse in 1877. The structure had been deeded to the town when it was torn down in the 1970s.

The Fairbank Public Library came to fruition in 1980 with donations from the people of Fairbank and surrounding area—plus, a portion of building funds came from an old Four County Corn Show account.

The first librarians were Coralene (Varney) Lehmkuhl and Allice B. (Leehey) Cowlshaw. Angela Berg has been library director for the previous five years,

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Wapsie Valley sophomore Dawson Schmit raises his hand after winning his Class 1A third-place match at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines

DAWSON SCHMIT BRINGS HOME THE BRONZE

Congratulations to Wapsie Valley sophomore, Dawson Schmit, who placed third in his class at the State Wrestling tournament in Des Moines.

A step up the ladder - that's all Dawson Schmit wanted after a Class 1A 113-pound semifinal loss Friday at Wells Fargo Arena. Wapsie Valley's sophomore was fourth at 106 pounds last season and if he couldn't walk out with a state championship, he wanted to end on a win.

Schmit did, claiming the bronze medal with a second-

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Fish Fry this Friday Community Club decides to offer inside dining

The Fairbank Community Club is holding their annual Fish Fry this Friday, March 5th from 4:30 until 7:00 at the Fairbank American Legion. It was previously advertised to be just a drive-thru event, but due to the Iowa Governor lifting some of the restrictions, the Community Club has decided to offer the standard inside dining, but will be following the social distancing guidelines and ask all attending to please wear a mask until you sit down to eat. Those who intend to dine-in are asked to enter the front of the Legion at the west door.

If you want to place a carry-out order, enter the Legion at the east door in front of the Legion. You can place your order and have a drink while you wait.

For those who prefer, the drive-thru will also be an option in the alley behind the Legion. Please enter the alley from 2nd Street and head west towards the river. Place your order at the back door and it will be delivered to your vehicle.

The menu will be fish, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert, and a roll. The cost will be \$10.00 per meal.

A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

I am sure you have all been enjoying our beautiful weather the past few days. It's great news when the weather forecasters report sunshine and warmer temperatures.

The bad news is the Polar Vortex we endured before the good weather hasn't been kind. With the vortex affecting a large portion of the United States, the price of natural gas sky rocketed. For the time period of February 13 to February 21 we were at or near record lows for both the high and low temperatures.

The City of Fairbank buys most of the natural gas ahead of time, but when prices went up with the demand, our prices went up too. The most recent number I saw was an increase of \$178,471.18 over our normal price. I would like to call this "price gouging". I believe this will be taken care of by legal and legislative means, but until then, those prices will be passed on to customers.

The City of Fairbank is awaiting the City's next bill to see what the additional cost will be. We will then decide how to handle the situation. My hope is the people who raised the prices so drastically will realize there was no need to do so and then lower our cost.

Below is a section of a letter the City received from the organization we deal with in purchasing the natural gas for the City.

"We will do our best to minimize the impact and defer costs where possible. Investigations are already under way from legislators from all levels of government from local to the federal level and potentially multiple agencies. There are also anti-profiteering laws in many states to prevent consumers from being taken advantage of, but as you know this will take time. There is absolutely no justification for a cost increase of this magnitude. It is appalling and all efforts will be exhausted to make sure those who are responsible are not only brought to justice, but pay for damages along with any other potential civil or criminal penalties that can be assessed."

This could be a long, drawn out process, but hopefully things will work out. Until then, let's enjoy our better weather, and hopefully the investigations will lead us to lower prices for our natural gas.



Members of the Fairbank Fire Department had the privilege of helping the Public Health Department administer Covid-19 vaccinations on Friday February 12th in Independence, over 300 vaccinations were administered. It was a great turnout and we were happy to help. Pictured are Elaine Zimmerman, Alexis Rausch, Janice Martins, Kevin Bodensteiner and Courtney Rochette.



Please help Parkview wish
Ivadel Luloff
a
Happy 99th Birthday
on March 11th!

She has been a joy to have living with us
and we are excited to help her celebrate!
Anyone wishing to mail cards
may do so to:

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Fairbank, IA 50629



BETH DIXON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and her predecessor was Karen Tiedt.

Beth says she's entering a new phase of her life with new interests to look forward to. "I will miss making home book deliveries the most. Some of my best times were the chats and catching up with patrons about their families.

I'm blessed to be among so many friends.... friendships which will last forever. Fairbank is a small, but strong, well-connected family," Beth said.

"Bill and I are both looking forward to spending more time with our three grandchildren," Beth added. "Bill just retired after 25 years with John Deere. He farms with my father Jerry Bayness and

brother Bryan Bayness. He also recently received his real estate license and works with RE/MAX in Oelwein."

I interview and write 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: bbpassickauthor@comcast.net.



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February 2021



The Wapsie Valley Community School District started the second semester a couple of weeks ago. We welcomed back several students who chose the On-Site Return to Learn Plan at Wapsie Valley. We do have a handful of students and families who have chosen to utilize the Required On-Line Learning Plan that utilizes the Edgenuity platform for curriculum delivery. The State of Iowa legislation has recently mandated that every student in the state have the choice to return to the on-site learning mode. This has not affected WVCSD since our district has had this option for families since the start of the school year.

Bremer County Health Department has allotted a small number of vaccines for staff personnel that will start being administered in mid-February. We are hopeful that state-wide availability of vaccines will increase so continued efforts to vaccinate and protect school staff will occur as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the athletic teams and fine arts members who have competed this past winter. We have had individual students in quarantine situations, but we have kept the teams as a whole competing in their respective areas. Weekly information from WVCSD can be found on our school website at wapsievalleyschools.com under the "COVID & Health" tab. Click on the Nurse's Corner for weekly health information and surrounding county positivity rates. A decreasing positivity rate from surrounding counties after the holiday season is a good sign that there is light at the end of this tunnel!

We wish you a safe and healthy winter season!

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe, Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

Living on the Edge

by Pat Pint

WEATHER WORRIES

The other morning as we were settling into our workday, Marlene made a confession. "I've known it for a very long time, but I finally have to admit it. My husband has a serious problem," announced Marlene.

"Is it an illness? A financial crisis? Is he cheating on you?" various friends asked. "My husband is a weather junkie," Marlene stated.

Lisa shook her head in dismay. "That sounds awful! Is it habit forming?" she wondered.

Marlene replied, "It is terrible. It's an illness that began as a child. Tim grew up on a farm, and the weather obviously played a critical role, as to planting, growing and harvesting."

"We're his parents overly weather conscious?" asked Donna.

"They turned on the noon news while eating dinner, and watched the weather updates while eating supper, and planned accordingly," she explained, "but Tim has gone way beyond that."

"Tim hobby farms only 40 acres, but he's a fanatic. He needs a 'weather fix' about 22 times a day. If he's not seeing it five times a day on regular TV or the weather channel, he listens to the weather radio. The internet has put him over the top. He not only gets the current temp, wind speed, wind chill factor and barometric pressure, it also forecasts the next two weeks for the entire Western Hemisphere. Tim frets over pending wind changes, storms and cloud formations."

Marlene shook her head, "He can't do anything about the weather, so I don't understand why it matters so much. On weekends, he converses with the TV meteorologist more than me."

"Well, I hate to change the subject, but I had better go outside and check the mail" said Lisa.

Joan spoke up, "Take an umbrella. The wind is supposed to shift from east to southeast with a 62 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a 38 percent chance of precipitation, but Channel 9 says it's at 43 percent, so who do you believe?"

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What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

When March comes, everyone is ready for Spring. We change the clocks on March 14th, celebrate with the Irish on March 17th, welcome Spring on the 20th, and observe Palm Sunday on March 28th.



This green Pistachio Cake is great for St. Patrick's Day!

Pistachio Cake

(Makes 12-15 servings)

Cake:

1 pkg. white cake mix
¾ c. oil
3 eggs
1 c. 7-Up
1 pkg. instant pistachio pudding

Optional:

1 c. chopped pecans
½ c. coconut

Mix ingredients together well. Pour batter into a greased and floured 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool.



Topping:

8 oz. Cool Whip ¾ c. chopped pecans
1½ c. milk ½ c. coconut
1 pkg. instant pistachio pudding

Mix pudding and milk. Blend in the Cool Whip. Spread evenly on the cake. Sprinkle with the pecans and coconut. Refrigerate.



Fish is a popular food during Lent; which started on February 17th. Salmon is one of the most nutrient-dense foods on the planet. It has a delicious flavor and can be prepared in many different ways. Canned salmon is convenient to use in tasty nutritious recipes like this Salmon Loaf.

Salmon Loaf

(Serves 6)

1 can salmon	¼ tsp. pepper
2 eggs, well beaten	¾ c. cracker crumbs or
¼ c. milk	1 c. soft bread crumbs
1 medium onion, grated	1 tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. salt	¼ tsp. red pepper



Drain salmon and flake. Add grated onions. Mix remaining ingredients in bowl or blender. Add salmon and blend in the cracker or bread crumbs. Shape into loaf in a greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until light golden brown.

If you prefer, **Salmon Patties** can be made with this mixture. Shape mixture into six (6) patties. Fry in a greased skillet on medium heat about five (5) minutes on each side. This is a quick way to make and enjoy salmon.

May the "Luck of the Irish" be with you and bring you joy in all that you do!

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SATURDAY MARCH 20th

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SIDE GAMES

We are raising money for the the charity
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Bring Some Extra \$\$ for Side Games and .50 Hicks

We can't wait to see YOU there!



Annual Pat Shannon Memorial Euchre Tournament is planned

Due to the state's governor lifting some of the Covid regulations, the Fairbank Fire Department is planning on going ahead with the Annual Pat Shannon Memorial Euchre Tournament, with all the necessary precautions. The event will be held Saturday, March 20th at the Fairbank Fire Station. There is a \$10 entry fee per person. Come as a team or come alone, they will team you up. Tournament starts promptly at 11 a.m.

The fire department started this event about six years ago, after the death of Pat Shannon who was a longtime member

of the Fire Department. They are raising money for the charity Hope Lodge, where Pat stayed during his cancer treatments.

There will be prizes for the winners. Bring extra money for Side Games and the .50 Hicks. A free-will donation will get you food (snacks and Irish Stew), as well as refreshments.

Players will sanitize tables after

each set of games, hands will be sanitized, temperatures will be taken before entry, and masks are highly encouraged. Anyone feeling ill will not be allowed in the fire station. This year will be pool play like last year's tournament.

So shake off the winter blues and have some fun as we celebrate Pat's life and the holiday he loved, St. Patrick's Day.

Fairbank Community Club FISH FRY

at the Fairbank American Legion

Friday, March 5th

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION!

MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED

3 OPTIONS!

Inside Dining: Due to the Governor lifting restrictions, we will be offering inside dining with social distancing rules to be observed. Enter the Legion at the west door in front.

Carry-Out: Enter the Legion at the east door in front and place your order.

Drive-Thru: In the alley behind Legion. Enter the alley from 2nd St. and head west toward the river. Place your order and we will bring your order to your car.

\$10 Per Meal

Catch of the Day

MENU:

Fish
Baked Potato
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Roll
Dessert



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Friday, March 26th

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

at the Parish Center

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Roll
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Alivia Weepie

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Easton Kleitsch



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Cael Wilkinson



THE SHIELDS FAMILY

By Robert Shields

The Shields family story begins in the Emerald Isle, with Hugh and Mary Shiels. Hugh Shiels was listed in the 1790 "list of Flax growers" from Armagh [Ar MAH] County Ireland. Flax is a flowering plant that grows a little over 3 feet tall. After the flowers had dried and the seeds collected for the next year's planting, the Flax plants are pulled from the soil with care, as to not damage the plant fiber. The plants were then soaked in vats of water for weeks to start decomposition, in order to break down the fibers. The fibers were then washed to remove the putrid waste before being sold to weavers, to be spun into fine linen. All this work was done by hand.

Hugh and Mary's son, Bernard, was born March 2, 1811 in Lagan, Armagh County, in what is now in Northern Ireland. Bernard Shiels came to the United States, arriving in New York City on June 23, 1837, after a 3 week plus voyage across the Atlantic. Bernard moved to the Boston area soon thereafter as many Irish emigrants had done. Bernard petitioned for citizenship, July 5, 1848 in Somerville, Massachusetts. He became a citizen of the United States on October 30, 1852 at the U. S. Circuit Court in Boston, Massachusetts. On the 1850 Census it shows Bernard's occupation a dyer, working for a textile company.

Mary Anne Carbury was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1817, Mary's parents were Philip and Catharine Carbury. Bernard married Mary Anne Carbury April 20, 1845 in Charlestown, Massachusetts at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Bernard was a resident of Chelsea, Massachusetts and Mary was a resident of Boston.

Bernard and Mary Shields had seven children, Mary born 1846, Francis P. born 1851, Sarah born February 15, 1853, James born July 29, 1854, and twin sons Hugh and Thomas born May 30, 1857. They also had a son John who died in infancy. All the children were born in the Boston area.

Bernard, Mary and family moved to Alton (Fairbank) Township in 1858. Bernard and Arthur Woods bought land together that was located about one mile north of Littleton, on June 18, 1858. On March 19, 1859 Bernard sold his interest in this land to Asa Clarke, and on the same day he bought eighty acres of the forthcoming (John) Shields farm from Asa Clark. On the 1860 census for Alton (Fairbank) Township, Bernard listed his occupation as farmer and the value of his real estate as \$250. At the time of his death Bernard owned 215 acres of land. The family's home was near the northwest corner of the farm near the "Big Rock".

After Bernard's death on October 8, 1892 the family built a small home for Mary Anne on 40 acres near the center of the farm. Before her death she sold to Thomas and Hugh each a half of the farm, and Mary Anne kept the 40 acres where her home was located. Hugh bought 40 acres from Patrick Duffy on March 10, 1886. This is where the farm house and out building that the John Shields family grew up in now sit. In Mary Anne's will she bequeathed her home and the 40 acres to Hugh and Thomas. Out of this they

were to pay their siblings, Mary \$1,000.00, Sarah \$500.00, Francis \$200.00, and James \$500.00. In roughly 1939, the small home that was built for Mary Anne was moved to just west of the (John Shields) farm house and used as a garage with storage on the second floor.

Thomas bought out Hugh's interest in the farm on June 11, 1892. On the same day, Thomas sold his land south of the present-day "high power lines" to James. In 1904 Thomas bought 95 acres from Frank Burns.

Francis Shields went to Colorado during the 1870's to work in the mines. His name showed up on the 1880 census for Hinsdale County, Colorado. Francis must have done very well and retired to the town of Delta, Delta County, Colorado as one of the first settlers in the area. In his obituary he was described as one of "Delta's pioneer citizens." Francis owned over 2 full city blocks on Delta's Main Street. After Francis death his brother James went out to Colorado to settle his affairs, and brought Francis's body back by train for burial in St John's Cemetery in Independence. Francis's estate was valued at over \$30,000.00 and was divided among his surviving brothers and sisters, one fifth to each. Francis never married.

James Shields owned and farmed land south and east of the homestead and was on the Board of Directors of the Fairbank State Bank for many years. James never married.

Mary Shields never married and kept house for James her brother.

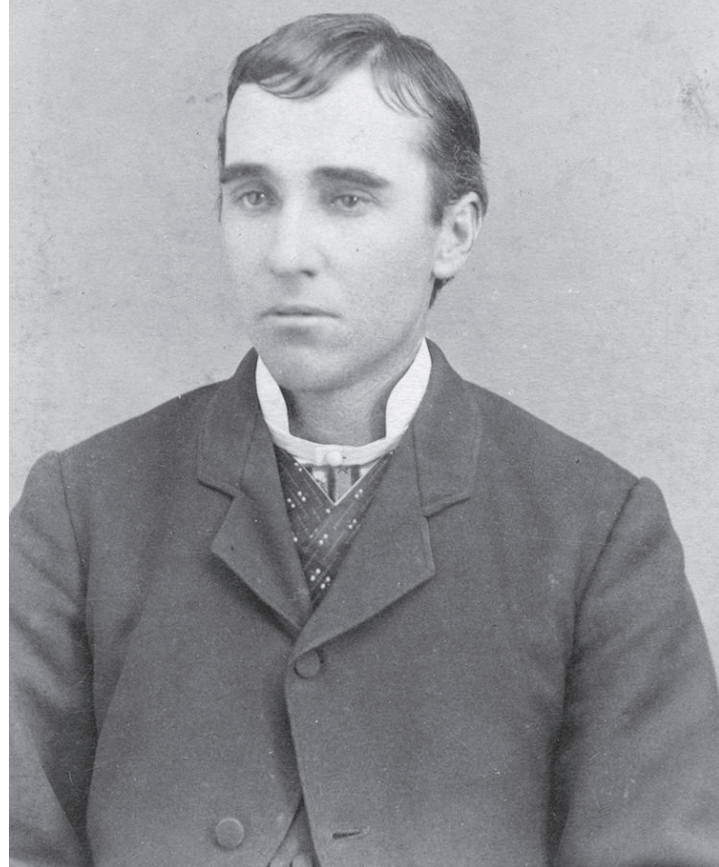
Sarah Shields married John Welsh, the son of Edward and Bridget (Conway) Welsh. They had seven children, Frances, Mary Ann "Mame" Peters, Edward F., Bernard, Elizabeth G. Miller, Margaret F., and James Francis, and they farmed in Oran Township. Sarah died December 15, 1930.

Hugh Shields shared the homestead with his brother Thomas, before moving to near Oran to farm and later married Bridget Brown, July 11, 1892. Hugh and Bridget had 6 children, Bernard "Barney", Richard, Alice G., Helen McNamara, Elizabeth C., and Marie Reising.

Thomas Shields married Margaret O'Loughlin on October 10, 1894. Margaret was the daughter of one of Buchanan County's pioneer families, John and Margaret O'Loughlin. Margaret was born on the family farm near Otterville April 10, 1860. She taught in schools in Buchanan, Fayette and Black Hawk Counties before her marriage. During her vacations from school she assisted her sisters in a dressmaking business in Independence. The couple had two children, Mary Irene "Irene" and John Bernard Shields, Mary Irene went by Irene all her life. Irene married Walter Zewiske, June 14, 1938. They had no children. Thomas was on the Board of Directors of the Farmers State Bank for many years up until the bank closed in 1932. Thomas died July 8, 1933. At the time of his death he had 200 acres of land.

The Bernard and Mary Shields family were instru-

Thomas Shields



mental in the construction of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church building in 1868. Laying of the corner stone of the church was done June 26, 1868, the corner stone contained county newspapers, coins, paper money, a German Catholic newspaper, and a document in Latin telling about the formation of the church. The Immaculate Conception Academy School was partially destroyed by fire, December 14, 1916 after Irene graduated and John was a junior. John dropped out of school and along with his father Thomas, helped to rebuild the school. Thomas drove the mule team that powered the "Lifting Crane" used to raise building materials to the upper floors of the school. At the same time the old rectory was moved from across the street to the north of the school and remodeled.

John Shields married Magdalene Laverne Phillips, the daughter of John and Mary Magdalene "Lena" (Schmidt) Phillips, June 1, 1933. John and Magdalene had 13 children, John Jr., twin daughters Mary K. and Margaret I., Bernard Joseph "Joe", James P., Justin K., Jerald J., Madonna Marie, Michael Loras, Stephen Dennis, Maurice F., Maureen A., and Robert M.. John farmed with horses until 1955, even after he bought his first tractor, an International Harvester H, on March 28, 1941, along with a two bottom plow for \$540.

John and Magdalene's older children went to the Warren Country School on top of the hill south of the farm. They had to walk about a half mile to the school.

John tilled roughly 160 acres, planting corn, soy beans, oats, and hay. Raising Holstein milk cows, Chester White pigs, sheep, chickens for meat and eggs, and a myriad of smaller animals. Besides the farm work, everyone worked in the gardens. There was about a ½ acre patch of potatoes planted across the road and nearly half that much ground in other types of vegetables south of the house, as well as a small orchard of apple, pear and plum trees and a strawberry patch directly east of the house on the east side of the road. The boys often went skinny dipping in the Buck Creek for recreation. There was always a homemade baseball field in the pasture for Sunday afternoon games. Some years we had a Fourth of July picnic down in the pasture by the big oak tree near the culverts. Ma and Pa would take a card table and folding chairs. We would have cold meat sandwiches, potato salad, and Kool-Aid.



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IC Church to sponsor Fish Fry on March 26th

Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 26th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the IC Parish Center. Due to the Covid 19 guidelines, there will only be curb-side pickup this year. There will be signs showing the pickup route.

The menu includes Alaskan pollock, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. All meals are \$10.00.

DAWSON SCHMIT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

period pin of West Bend-Mallard's Donovan Hanson. Hanson led the first period 4-0 on a takedown and a two-point nearfall, but Schmit (32-4) picked up two points on a reversal and angled for back points as the frame ended.

"He scored off of my shot, so I'm still attacking," Schmit said of his mindset. "As long as I'm still attacking, I can score points."

Warriors head coach Dany Adams noted Schmit has put himself in that position before.

"He's so offensive (minded) if kids score off his shots," the coach said. "Dawson, even in the sectional and final, he's been down a little bit but always ends up coming back and regrouping. He's just so

calm and cool about it, keeps things in check."

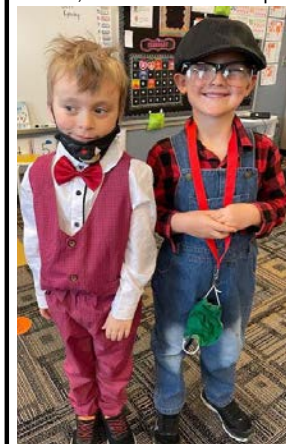
As the second opened, Hanson chose to go neutral. Schmit earned a takedown 33 seconds into the period and quickly held on for the pin at 2 minutes, 38 seconds.

"I'm pretty excited that I did end up higher than last year," Schmit said. "That was one of my goals. If you lose (before the title match), you have to go for the next best thing."

Added Coach Adams, "A two-time placewinner as a sophomore is always a good thing. He has a better feeling than last year with just winning that last match."



Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten students at Fairbank Elementary dressed up like 100 year olds and Mrs. Studebaker, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Miller took part in the fun!



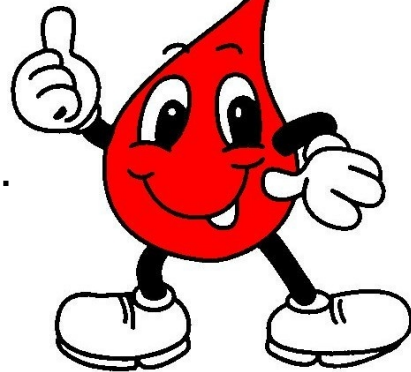
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WV students named to first semester honor roll

Wapsie Valley Junior/Senior High School has released its first semester honor roll. Students achieving academic success with inclusion on the honor roll are listed alphabetically by numeric grades 7-12. Students attaining a 4.0 GPA are recognized with an asterisk* after their name. Those earning cumulative 4.0 GPA are recognized with a double asterisk**.

Seventh Grade:

Ava Auel, Maya Barnes, Kaiden Belinsky, Taylor Buhr, Gwentyth Forsyth, Austin Franck, Bailey Mullihan*, Grace Mullihan*, Claire O'Donnell*, Norah Oldfather, Destry Peine, Carver Schares, Ella Schares, Kiley Schmitz, Mae Wedemeier*, Marshall Weepie, Adelynn Wierck, Hannah Wilcox.

Eighth Grade:

Danica Aiello, Peyton Curley*, Kanen Decker, Claire Fagerlind, Natalie Gray*, Kennedy Kane*, Drew Lansing*, Jaylin May, Addisyn McElhose, Kylee Moulds, LeeAnn Oltrogge, Logan Rochette, Caleb Schneider*, Timothy Seemann, Hayden Szurley, Hailey Wehling*.

Freshmen:

Jackson Adair*, Reagan Barnes, Aliya Brandt*, Wesly Brandt*, Jadyn Buhr, Ian Buzynski, Anna Curley, Dakota East, Javin Faust*, Kallie Franzen, Leena Fuller, Justice Gienau*, Jack Jans, Dayton Jergens, Kimberly Kalenske, Brock Kleitsch,

Brody Kleitsch, Easton Krall, Tucker Ladeburg, Kaliya Lampe, Lexie Lansing*, Isabel LaRue, Gabriel Matthias, Matilda Miller, Madison Mullihan, Reese Peine*, Madyson Richards, Liza Riordan, Kate Risse*, Jacob Schoer, Lily Schwickerath, Livie Shannon, Ava VanDaele*, Ella Weepie*.

Sophomores:

Brylee Bellis**, Keegon Brown, Brooklyn Etringer**, Kassidy Freitag, Brok Grober, Jenna Hammitt, Ashlyn Hyde**, Emma Jones, Hunter Kane, Chloe Kleinhelsel, Braden Knight, Hannah Knight**, Sophia Kohl, Sydney Matthias, Amelia Meyers, Casey O'Donnell, Kalvyn Rosengarten, Dawson Schmit, Autumn Sullivan, Elle Voy, Brady Weepie, Treasa Wilcox.

Juniors:

Jada Aiello, Brody Blaylock*, Mary Bodensteiner*, Annamae Burkhardt, Nicholas Grober, Justice Heinze, Lydia Imbrogna**, Chloe Larson, Michael Mann, Sydnie Martin, Gunner Meyer, Ellie Neil**, Olivia Oldfather, Becca Platte, MaKenna Porath, Ayden Powell, Jaylyn Robinson*, Elly Schares, Ryan Schares*, Bridget Seemann**, Nollynn Silva*, Christopher Tibbot, Ronald Wilcox.

Seniors:

Blayde Bellis, Brady Benning, Emma Cutsforth, Alyxandra Dixon, Olivia

Hershey*, Grace Imbrogno**, Asa Kelley*, Johnathan Kerns, Kaylee Kleitsch*, Brayton Kohl, Joslynn Miller*, Colin O'Donnell*, Ethan Oltrogge**, Tyler Ott*, Adri Platte, Kobe Risse, Luke Roch-

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Stylist retires after serving 4-generational families between 1975-2020

by Betty Brandt Passick

Dorothy Duffy was born to Harold and Clavia (Hickey) Schmit and raised on a farm 5 miles north of Fairbank. It's uncertain how the Schmit family ended up in the Fairbank area. Her dad's grandfather, Joseph Philip 'J P' Schmit, came over from Tintange, Belgium at the age of eighteen and lived with a brother in Dubuque. Harold was the son of Phillip F. Schmit who married Ana Lorber from Oran.

Harold and Clavia were blessed with seven children: Charlotte (Gary) Ressler, Dorothy, Virginia 'Joyce' (Gene) Cunningham, Arlene (Bill) Jans, Phyllis (Dave) McFarlene, Mary (Brian) Higgins, and Lyle (Diane) Schmit.

Dorothy attended Weatherbee country school through the 8th grade, then Immaculate Conception school in Fairbank, where she graduated in 1961. The following year she married her high school sweetheart Larry Duffy at the I. C. church. Four children followed over the years: Laurie (Jay) Keens, Kevin (Lisa) Duffy, Jean (Brad) Ulrichson, and Cathy (Jeff) DeBondt. In 1969, she and Larry bought a home in Fairbank on Walnut Street.

In 1974-1975, Dorothy attended Waterloo School of Men's Hairstyling, before starting 'Hairport,' which she operated out of the addition to the front of their home built by her father. Harold

Schmit was her first client. A photo of him sitting in her barber chair appeared in the Oelwein Daily Register.

Most people knew Harold from the years he worked for Hein Bros. Construction, established after WW II by brothers Martin and Otto Hein. Martin was killed in a work accident in 1964. After that, Harold went to work for the Oran Telephone Company, but eventually went back into construction and was self-employed.

"In 1975, mine was the only barber shop in town specializing in men's, women's, and children's haircuts," Dorothy noted.

About a year earlier Jim Kaufman closed his barber shop at 219 Main Street--which had once housed 'Fats Barber Shop,' established in the early 1930s. The Eve Stainbrook Beauty Shop, established in 1956 at 106 South First Street, was still in operation. Her business also began in the barber shop on Main Street.

Over time, Dorothy expanded her home shop to accommodate 5-6 stylists, including Kathie Wroten. She and Kathie decided to become co-owners after



Dorothy and Larry decided to downsize their home in 1993 and move the business into the old Lehmkuhl/Cranston Hardware building on East Main Street. They named the business 'Mane St. Attractions.' The shop still had 5-6 stylists. They moved the shop a third time across the street into the former 'Chalet' building at 103 East Main Street.

Dorothy was widowed in 2002 when Larry passed away from cancer, the year they celebrated their 40th anniversary.

That same year, Dorothy and Kathie sold the shop to another stylist, Julie Lansing, who renamed it 'Visions Salon & Spa'--where Dorothy continued to work.

In 2016, Julie moved the business into the new building she purchased at 101-A Fourth Street South.

When Parkview Assisted Living was built in 2004, Dorothy began beautifying the hair of its residents several days a month.

"Patty Chase, Verlie (Hahn) Trower's friend, snapped a photo of me giving Verlie a perm in 2015," Dorothy said. "I will always treasure this photo. Verlie passed away in 2018 at 102 years. She was a mainstay in the community."

Dorothy continued to work for Julie until 2019, when, after undergoing a

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Maria Kayser named to President's List

Maria Kayser of Fairbank was among the almost 900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the President's List for the 2020 fall semester.

Kayser is a student in the Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is double majoring in Political Science and Communications. She is a Pre-Law track junior and the daughter of Jason and Christy Kayser. Maria is also on the Executive Board of the Phi Alpha Delta, University of Iowa Pre-Law Chapter. Maria is a 2018 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School.

The President's List was established in the fall of 1983 to recognize academic excellence. In order to be included on the list, a student must have a minimum 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the 2020 spring semester, and a minimum of nine graded hours with a 4.0 grade-point average (4.0 is an A) in all academic subjects for the spring 2020 fall semester. Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U), pass/fail (P/F), or pass/non-pass (P/N) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the president's list.



Congratulations to Wapsie Valley students Christopher Tibbott (left) and Asa Kelley for receiving all Division 1 ratings from all three judges at Large Group State Speech Contest at Postville. Their Ensemble Acting script was titled "Metatheatre".



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(Matthew 28:18-20 Evangelical Heritage Version)

Grace and peace be unto you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

We've been talking the last little while about the Christian Church: where does it come from, why do Christians believe what they do, etc. We settled last month that the Christian Church believes what it does through the revelation of the Holy Spirit through the Word (The Bible). According to St. Paul, the Scriptures are the tool of the Holy Spirit to create and sustain faith in the hearts of believers. It is the means by which the Church of Christ endures and grows. The written Word is not the only instrument of the Holy Spirit, however; nor was it the way that many of us were brought into the Kingdom of God. This month we're going to talk about the Sacraments; particularly, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

A Sacrament is what we might call a "visible Word." It is some thing instituted by Jesus Christ, to which He attaches His Word of forgiveness. This means that through these physical actions, the forgiveness of sins which Jesus won for us on the cross is applied to us individually. The Lord works this way because a) He is generous with the forgiveness of sins, and b) He wants us to be certain that we are forgiven and comforted in our consciences in times of trouble and doubt. When our sins afflict us or life overwhelms us, we can look to our Baptism, for example, and remember that through it we have the hope of eternal life.

As we said, a Sacrament is some physical action instituted by Christ. Baptism was instituted by Christ in the words quoted at the top. After He had risen from the dead and before He ascended to the right hand of the Father, Jesus commissioned His Church to make disciples of all nations through Baptism. Baptism is a word that comes from the Greek of the New Testament and means, simply, "to wash," or "apply water." Baptism, as Christ instituted it, means to apply water (in whatever way) to an individual while speaking, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Through this washing, Jesus brings us into His Kingdom and family. Although it appears simple to human eyes, Baptism is the means by which we are rescued from sin, death, and the devil and granted the hope of eternal life with Jesus and our fellow believers in heaven. It is the means by which the Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts, uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That might be enough for us now. It's worth noting that in the ancient Church, and in some places even now, the season of Lent was the time spent preparing candidates for Baptism. Next month, we'll explore further what Baptism does and how. The Lord bless our Lententide that we may keep His Easter in sincerity and truth.

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WV grads named to dean's list at University of Iowa

More than 7,400 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. Former Wapsie Valley students earning academic excellence with inclusion of the dean's list are:

Cassidy Brunscheon of Readlyn - Tippie College of Business; Primary Area of Study: Marketing.

Abigail Buzynski of Fairbank - Carver College of Medicine; Primary Area of Study: Radiation Sciences.

Holly Haberman of Fairbank - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Primary Area of Study: Journalism and Mass Communication.

Maria Kayser of Fairbank - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Primary Area of Study: Political Science,

Elsie VanDaele of Fairbank - Tippie College of Business, Primary Area of Study: Business Direct Admission.

Former WV student graduates from University of Iowa

Alec Martikoff of Readlyn was one of 1,800 University of Iowa students who graduated at the conclusion of the 2020 fall semester.

Alec studied at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and received a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Human Physiology.

Proceeds from Wapsie Valley Education Foundation's fall mailing distributed

Due to covid restrictions, the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation was not able to have its annual fall dinner and auction in November, 2020. In its place, an invitation to an Un-Dinner/Auction with a request for donations was sent out. The board met on January 27, 2021 to review the results of the request for donations as well as to review applications for classroom grants. Once again, the families and businesses of communities within the Wapsie Valley Community School district responded.

Donations of \$17,154.00 were received in response to the mailing. WVEF was also named as a beneficiary of an IRA from a long time supporter of the foundation of over \$6,100 which was fantastic.

The foundation board has put excess funds from previous years into savings accounts in the Readlyn and Fairbank banks. These savings accounts are not huge, but the board agreed on using some of those funds to be able to fulfill the requests to meet the teachers' requests for funding enrichment/classroom grants this year.

The applications came from elementary, junior high, and senior high; they came from the rural schools; they came from the music department, the math/science departments, the PE department. A listing of all the enrichment grants awarded are as follows:

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6. USA Weightlifting Certificate, Grades 7-12: \$500.00 (Students will be taught the proper form and techniques to safely perform in the weight room.

7. Science Lab Equipment: Microscopes: \$1,619.90 (Purchase of 10 microscopes to replace old/broken microscopes.

Fairbank PTO to hold fundraiser March 15-18

This year, in place of our Family Fun Night event, Fairbank PTO will still be hosting a silent auction to raise funds for updating classroom technology, student needs, classroom events, and new library books.

One of our newest projects is "Books on Buses." Students are able to choose a new book each night they ride the bus and return them when they are finished. Our current goal is to purchase a new playground structure. During Parent-Conferences, March 15th-18th, items will be up for

bid during our silent auction. These items will include projects hand crafted by teachers and students from each grade level, a Family Pool Pass donated by the Fairbank Aquatic Center, and donation items from family attractions in the surrounding area. We are happy to share that one of the items up for bid will be a certified football that was autographed by the entire 2020 Green Bay Packers football team and

coaching staff!

Make sure to follow Wapsie Valley-Fairbank PTO on Facebook for updates and to see photos of items before the auction.

Any other donations for our playground project are welcomed! For more information, contact Kathy Bachman at kbachman@wapsievalleyschools.org.



Congratulations to all the Winter Sports Athletes on another exciting season.

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Fairbank Public Library

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Jerry Kaufman

If I Built A Car

.....from Mary Kay Kaufman

Blue Truck Valentine

.....from Mary Kay Kaufman

Hello World Cars and Trucks

.....from Dorothy Duffy

Wanda Kaufman

I Really Want the Cake

.....from Dorothy Duffy

Harriett Risse

The Bear Must Go On

.....from Fairbank Community Club

Random Acts of Kindness

.....from Amos & Angela Berg

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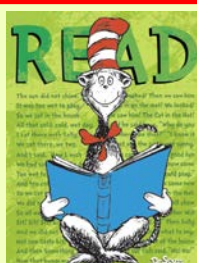
.....from Gary Fink

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for your generosity.



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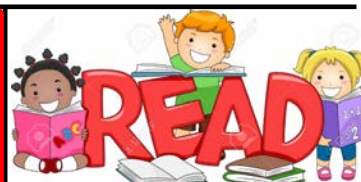
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| 1) Oh, The _____ You'll Go! | 8) Fox in _____ |
| 2) The _____ Battle Book | 9) If I _____ the Zoo |
| 3) Green Eggs and _____ | 10) And to Think that I /saw it on _____ Street |
| 4) Hop On _____ | 11) What _____ Should I Get |
| 5) _____ The Turtle | 12) There's a _____ in My Pocket |
| 6) The Cat in the Hat _____ Back | |
| 7) One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, _____ Fish | |



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| ~ Winnie the Pooh | ~ Gingerbread Man | ~ Dinosaur |
| ~ 101 Dalmatians | ~ Mickey Mouse | ~ Graduate |
| ~ Lion | ~ Noah's Arch | ~ Football |
| ~ Spiderman | ~ Horseshoe | ~ Golf Clubs |
| ~ Hot Air Balloon | ~ Santa | ~ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle |
| ~ Teddy Bear | ~ Elmo | ~ Mickey Mouse Full Body |
| ~ Sports Ball | ~ Bunny | |
| ~ Cross | ~ Kitty | |



The Library is Open Masks are Required!

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- ♦ No children in the library without an adult.
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- ♦ Please remember to practice social distancing inside the library and use the available hand sanitizer.
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- ♦ Request books through the catalog found on our website <http://fairbankia.org/library.php> or by emailing the Library at: f.library@mchsi.com

The Library Board will meet the first Wednesday of the Month at 4 pm.

Wapsie Valley Education Foundation announces 2020 scholarships

Wapsie Valley Educational Foundation awarded the following scholarships in May 2020 to graduating seniors.

~ Carlene Werner Memorial Teaching Scholarship-\$500: Jenna Curley

~ Carlene Werner Memorial Agriculture Scholarship-\$500: Cole Neil

~ WV Education Foundation Service Scholarships-\$500 each: Tanner Blaylock, Reese Welcher & Samantha Schnor

The following scholarships are given through the foundation:

~ Leistikow Scholarships-\$400 each: Hannah Miller, Brendon Brown, Anna Richards and Cole Neil

~ Hook and Liner Sportsman Club-\$500 each: Katie Sauerbrei & Gavin Hyde

~ Steve Phelan Memorial Scholarships-\$500 each: Jason Harks & Katie Sauerbrei

~ Readlyn Telephone Company (RTC) Communications Scholarship-\$1,000: Elsie VanDaele

Applications for 2021 scholarships offered by and through the foundation may be obtained by contacting Kate Nitz, high school guidance counselor. Deadline is March 31.

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BARBARA L. SCHUPBACH

March 11, 1950 ~ February 21, 2021

Barbara L. Schupbach, 70, of Lansing, Iowa died Sunday, February 21, 2021 at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. She was born March 11, 1950 to Harold and Virginia (Creston) Haagenson. She graduated from Mabel High School in 1968 and received an accounting degree from Hawkeye Technical College.

Barbara was united in marriage with Michael Schupbach on November 15, 1969. Three children were born to this union. Barbara worked as an Accounting Manager at Triangle Plastics. She was the first female on the Fairbank Fire Department. Barbara enjoyed fishing, quilting, going to auctions, traveling and watching westerns. She was an amazing cook and valued time with her family.

Surviving Barbara are her children, Tamara Miller of Oran, Iowa, Theresa Behling of Eden Prairie, Minnesota and Jason (Abby) Schupbach of Waterloo, Iowa; grandchildren, Todd Miller, Hannah Miller, Tyler Behling and Layne Schupbach; and her siblings, Harold (Marsha) Haagenson of Rochester, Minnesota, Bonnie Storlie of Rochester, Minnesota, Dawn Judy of Rochester, Minnesota and Diane Jones of Arizona.

Preceding Barbara in death were her husband, Michael Schupbach and her parents, Harold and Virginia Haagenson.



DOROTHY DUFFY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

replacement--that didn't turn out so well--she was forced into retirement.

"Of my forty-five years as a stylist, I probably worked the longest with stylists Julie (Even) Lansing and Sean Delagardelle," Dorothy said. "And I enjoyed all my clients and was saddened to have to retire. It's remarkable as I look back over time that I've been a stylist for so many 4-generational families."

These days, Dorothy enjoys playing Bingo, going to casinos, taking trips--and spending time with her children, eleven grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren, who are her pride and joy.

"Until COVID-19 hit last year, the family vacationed every year at Jean and Brad's lake house. Now, we are waiting to get the vaccine," Dorothy added.

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:00 PM and regular session following at 6:00 PM on Monday January 25, 2021. Members present: R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Dave Jergens, Public Works; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

The budget for FY2022 was discussed during the budget workshop. The Council discussed all aspects of the City's proposed budget numbers and reviewed previous year's information from the utility departments.

Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda after removing Bruce Piehl - Lions Club Information due to weather. It was tabled to next meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes from January 11th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no public comments. Williams/T. Woods to approve the 2021 City of Fairbank Lawn Treatment Program with Davis Lawn Care. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

On January 6, 2021, the Fairbank Library Board had their monthly meeting and Pat Monat with Monat Wealth Management presented a program to the board about investing money into a fixed annuity. They were curious about options to invest money given to the library from the Howard Durham Estate. After looking through three investment providers, Oceanview Life, Midland National, and Equitrust Life, they motioned to invest \$100,000 into a 3 year with a rate of 2.15% and \$150,000 into a 5 year with a rate of 2.45% both with Oceanview Life. The council discussed the boards approval of the investment. The company is "A" rated but not FDIC insured. The annuity option of invest-

ing looked to be the best option in terms of control with the least risk for the best rate of return. T. Woods/Erickson to approve the two separate annuity investments with Oceanview Life. Ayes: Four. Nays: Vorwald.

There was no new discussion on the personnel manual updates. The council still hopes to finalize and approve in February.

Discussion on the updates needed to the city code were discussed. The Council and Mayor salaries will be increased if passed and possibly the allowed UTV travel times. The city staff and council will continue looking for the updates needed to the current code and discuss at future meetings.

The next budget workshop will be on February 8th at 5:00 PM.

Police Chief Everding reported that the department was doing work on the stolen snowmobile case. Delagardelle said that there had been another water main break on West Main Street that past weekend and asked for permission to purchase a trash pump. The council was in agreement that the City needed one to help get the water and mud out when repairing a water main break. Jergens talked about purchasing a new city truck. The council asked him to bring quotes to the next meeting for possible approval. Councilman Vorwald stated that one of his two goals he would like to see happen in town was expanding the daycare center. Currently there is no room for any new babies until Spring of 2022. He wants to explore all avenues on what can be done to help them raise money. He plans to get a fundraiser thermometer going and start getting the word out that money would greatly benefit the completion of this project. Councilman T. Woods said that one of his goals would be to get more walking paths in town. Grants will be researched for that goal.

Williams/Vorwald to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Employee Wages--- Calendar Year 2020
JACKSON L ADAIR \$ 659.03

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1st - 31st, 2021 Report

Ambulance Calls: 3

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accidents With Injuries: 1
and 1 accident with fire

Fire Calls: 1 structure fire and
1 mutual aid fire

EMS Training Hours: Approx. 36

Fire Training Hours: Approx. 40

~ Fire training was Crew Resource Management.

~ EMS training was annual skills certification

~ Dance fundraiser went extremely well and people were very generous given these difficult times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

~ QPR for suicide prevention presented by Ryan Nesbit on February 11th starting at 6:30 p.m.

~ We are hosting Ice Rescue Training February 12th and 13th and will use the gun club pond for evolutions.

Brad Gordon, Chief
Fairbank Fire Department

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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The Fairbank American Legion would like to thank all of you who came to our fish fry last month. It was overwhelming, with the COVID-19 going on, we were not expecting such a good turnout. We apologize to some of you who did not get a full menu. We will try to make that right with you come next year. Thanks again for your support.

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REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:00 PM and a regular session followed at 6:00 PM on Monday February 8, 2021. Members present at City Hall: Williams, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Dave Jergens, Public Works; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk. The budget for FY22 was discussed during the budget workshop. The Council discussed the forecasted max levy information.

Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were no public comments during public comment section.

Vorwald/R. Woods to approve the minutes of the Jan. 25th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of January were: General, \$56,762.92; Special Revenue, \$24,975.52; TIF, \$239.99; Capital Projects, \$5.63; Permanent Funds, \$6.19; Proprietary, \$174,914.17; and Transfers In, \$275,781.91. Disbursements for the month of January were: General, \$25,346.12; Special Revenue, \$2,797.18; Proprietary, \$151,401.29; and Transfers Out, \$275,781.91. Balance on hand at close of business on January 31, 2021 was \$4,599,603.96.

Bruce Piehl, a Denver Iowa Lions Club Member, was present to talk to the Council about the Leos Club. Also present was Dale Schrad, Vice District Governor, and Doug Welton, Past District Governor. The Leos Club is a youth organization of the Lions Club. The Wapsie Valley High School is set to start a Leos Club next fall. Leo stands for leadership, experience, and opportunity. The organization is there to help serve the community and they said they would enjoy having the support from the City and Council. He mentioned possibly starting a Lions Club in Fairbank. Mayor Harter stated, in agreement with the Council, that they had their support.

Vorwald/Williams to approve Resolution 2021-01 – Resolution Setting the Date for the Public Hearing on Maximum Property Tax. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The Proposed Property Tax Levy was published at \$10.29241 and the public hearing was set for Monday February 22, 2021 at City Hall at 6:00 PM.

An amendment to Chapter 17 – City Council was presented. The amendment included an increase to the salary of each Council member from \$30.00 per meeting to \$50.00 per meeting. Williams/Erickson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 347 – Amending Provisions Pertaining to Council Compensation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 347. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Vorwald to approve Ordinance 347 – Ordinance Amending Provisions Pertaining to Council Compensation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Ordinance effective January 1, 2022.

An amendment to Chapter 15 – Mayor was presented. The amendment included an increase to the salary of the Mayor from \$200.00 per month to \$300.00 per month. Williams/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 348 – Amending Provisions Pertaining to Mayor Compensation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 348. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/R. Woods to approve Ordinance 348 – Ordinance Amending Provisions Pertaining to Mayor Compensation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Ordinance effective January 1, 2022.

An amendment to Ordinance 338 – Golf Carts was presented. The amendment included changes to two sections. The fee for golf cart permits had been presented with a change from a \$30.00 renewal after your

initial purchase to a \$20.00 renewal after your initial purchase and permit licenses will be transferable to a new unit with proper inspection and updated permit information. Also, the verbiage was reformatted to fit the new license stickers the City provides with each permit issued. Williams/Vorwald to approve the first reading of Ordinance 349 – Ordinance Amending Provisions Pertaining to Golf Carts. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 349. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/R. Woods to approve Ordinance 349 – Ordinance Amending Provisions Pertaining to Golf Carts. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

An amendment to Chapter 74 – All-Terrain Vehicles was presented. The amendment included changes to three sections. The fee for UTV's were made the same as the Golf Cart Ordinance and permit licenses would also be transferable to a new unit with proper inspection and updated information. The verbiage for the license stickers also needed reformatted to fit the stickers that the City would provide with each permit issued. And lastly the time of operation was discussed. Currently the Ordinance stated that travel time is only allowed between sunrise and sunset and the change was proposed to allow travel between 5 AM and 9 PM. Police Chief Everding stated that he was not in support of the time change in the ordinance amendment and it was his recommendation not to change that section. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 350 – Amending Provisions to All-Terrain Vehicles. Ayes: Four. Nays: Erickson.

The second and third readings to Ordinance 350 – Amending Provisions to All-terrain Vehicles were tabled.

Approving Ordinance 350 was tabled.

Williams/R. Woods to approve the City of Fairbank Gas Operator Qualification Plan with IAMU. It was the same plan that had been followed by the City for the past two years, but council approval needed to be properly documented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/Williams to approve the liquor license for Boyd's Bar. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The purchase of a new city utility truck was discussed. The council was in agreement to purchase a vehicle around the quote that Public Works Jergens received from Birdnow in Oelwein, Iowa for \$35,000. Vorwald/T. Woods to allow Jergens to get a truck ordered. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Chapter 55 in the City's Code of Ordinance was discussed. Verbiage options for cleaning up after animals was presented to add to this chapter on animal protection and control due to the horses that visit the town frequently. Mayor Harter also said that he would contact the Amish community to let them know of this change before it goes into effect.

The next budget workshop was set for Monday February 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

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

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 289.78
B & K AUTOMOTIVE, Services	\$ 45.76
BEST SERVICES, Services	\$ 207.00
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$ 5,814.90
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies	\$ 139.18
BRYAN HEAVY EQUIPMENT INC., Supplies	\$ 69.86
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 58,039.78
CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Equipment	\$ 2,633.88
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 404.42
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric	\$ 4,517.09
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposit Applied	\$ 200.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 5,615.86
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 9,386.23
BBVA COMPASS BANK, Annual Cathodic Protection	\$ 960.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00

DON'S TRUCK SALES, Repairs	\$ 308.96
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 40.89
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$ 5.38
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Feb. Utility Bill Postage	\$ 140.40
FAYETTE CO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMA Dues	\$ 485.44
FEHR GRAHAM, Services	\$ 542.50
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES, Supplies	\$ 218.87
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CO., Testing	\$ 281.00
IAMU, Training	\$ 1,125.00
IMFOA, Dues	\$ 70.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER, Services	\$ 2,979.36
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, Fee	\$ 125.00
IOWA PARK & RECREATION ASSOC., Training	\$ 250.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 7,134.29
IOWA TOTAL CARE, Reimbursement	\$ 129.62
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 4,799.50
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 134.88
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 64.99
LEROY AND ANDREA HAND, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., Fees	\$ 1,549.40
MEDIACOM, Phone/Internet	\$ 425.38
MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, Drug Testing	\$ 48.00
MIDWEST MUNIC. TRANS. GROUP, Dues	\$ 200.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 440.14
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 1/4/2021	\$ 10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 1/15/21	\$ 8.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
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QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services	\$ 277.36
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, Equipment	\$ 1,198.58
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 1,821.25
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 264.99
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$ 35.99
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Jan. Sales Tax	\$ 3,109.78
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Jan. Excise Tax	\$ 1,178.18
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 6,766.27
U.S. BANK, Peeefa Gas	\$ 8,845.94
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies	\$ 129.15
UTILITY SAFETY & DESIGN INC., Supplies	\$ 1,510.14
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$ 574.68
WELLMARK, Premium	\$ 3,554.13
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$ 577.45
The Library Board approved the following bills on February 3, 2021:	
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$ 46.53
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$ 1,195.22
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric	\$ 222.38
FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Petty Cash	\$ 52.60
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 1/15/21	\$ 2.00
OVERDRIVE, INC., EBooks	\$ 500.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$ 69.24

Delagardelle stated that the extreme cold weather had been a struggle with the wastewater plant the past few days but that so far everything was working properly. Jergens said that the snow removal process had been moving along fine and that they had been working on clearing areas to allow for more snow.

Vorwald/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:57 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

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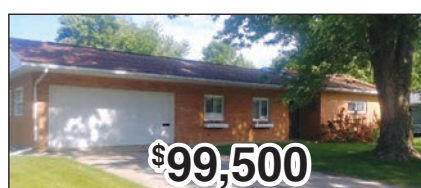
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433 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein
Large 2 Bdr. home with attached 2 car garage, corner lot

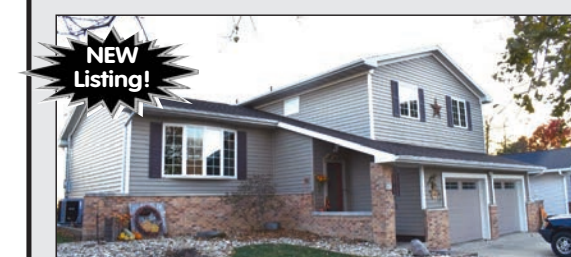
**\$99,500**

424 7th Ave. SE, Oelwein
3 bedroom, 1.5 baths



9909 R Ave., Maynard
\$200,000

Paved road - R Ave./C33 intersection, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, loaded w/updates, buildings, barn, new bldg., you can set it up for horses or cattle, 4.58 acres m/l.



1316 2nd St. SE, Oelwein
3-4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, F/P, master bath,

laundry by bedrooms, 2,000+ sq. ft. spacious multi-level, edge of town, too many updates to list, ready for the next owners!

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