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Retirement



The FFD announces the retirement of

Brett Cummings

after 16 years of service.

Brett joined the department on April 11, 2005

and held the positions of

Firefighter, Fire Lieutenant and Fire Captain.

Please join us in thanking

Brett for his service.

Coming next week ... "Music in the Park"

This spring/summer, the Fairbank Community Club is trying something new. They are sponsoring a monthly event called "Music in the Park", which will start next Wednesday, May 12th, and will be held at Riverside Park (by the gazebo).

The concert will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm, with music provided by Bruce Bearinger from Oelwein. Bring your own lawn chairs and coolers, and join in on the fun!

This event is planned for the second Wednesday in May, July(14th) & August(11th). There won't be anything in June, since it would be so close to the Fairbank Days events. There is no admission



price, but a bucket will be passed for free will donations.

If there are any groups that would be interested in setting up a

food stand, you can contact Mike Harter at: ekimretrah@yahoo.com for more information.

Hope to see you there!

National Poppy Day celebrates 100 years

National Poppy Day is celebrating its 100th year anniversary on Friday, May 28th. In 1921, at the request of the American Legion Auxiliary, the United States Congress designated the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day.

The "red poppy" was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Field", written by Col. John McCrae in 1915 after looking on rows and rows of graves where his comrades were



buried. An abundance of bright red poppies were blooming on the burial grounds and battle fields in

France and Belgium.

The red poppy made by veterans and volunteers is worn in tribute to the fallen heroes and in support of veterans, military, and their families.

The Fairbank American Legion Auxiliary will have the red poppies available for everyone (for a free will donation) at local businesses.

Thank you for remembering, supporting, and honoring all veterans - past, present and future.

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Four people and two dogs escaped this fire in the 400 block of west Main Street in Fairbank on April 27th.

About 6:00am, passers-by noticed fire and smoke coming from the back of the house. They called the fire department and alerted the residents.

The fire was quickly extinguished, and the cause was likely due to ashes from a nearby charcoal grill that blew in behind the siding when the wind picked up that morning.



The Fairbank Community Club is Sponsoring:

The Annual Spring
Fairbank City-Wide

GARAGE
SALE

May 8th, 2021

starting at 8:00 a.m.

Maps will be distributed to local businesses on Thursday.



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Mike

By Mike Harter



This my 12th article for the Fairbank Islander, so that means it is about the one year birthday of the paper. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

It's May and time for May Flowers on Main. We will again have the big planters of flowers along Main Street. If anyone would like to donate to this project, please stop by City Hall and talk to Brittany or Michelle. Thanks ahead of the project to Ted Vorwald and his helpers for the work they do with the flowers.

On Wednesday, May 12th, we will have our first Music in the Park night. Bruce Bearinger will be performing for us. The concert will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:00 in Riverside Park. Bring your lawn chairs and anything else you would like to have. We are hoping for good weather so everyone can have an enjoyable evening.

2023 is a couple of years away, but it will be here before we know it. It will be an exciting time for Fairbank. Main Street will be redone. We are waiting for the exact details, but the preliminary plans are for a new eight-inch concrete street from the bridge through downtown to Casey's and an asphalt overlay west of the bridge. Exact timelines aren't set as of yet. Along with the road, we will be getting new sidewalks along Highway 281. This should be a major improvement.

May 15th and 16th have been selected as days to construct the new playground equipment in West Bentley Park. Dean and Donna Mangrich have volunteered to be the leaders of this project. There will be more details coming.

Because of the Elementary Spring Concert, we will have our May 10th City Council Meeting at 4:00 PM instead of 6:00 PM.

School will be out soon and even before then, we will be seeing more kids out on their bikes or playing outside. Please be alert for them.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

Rev. and Mrs. Scott Jans to celebrate

Reverend and Mrs. Scott Jans of Lord of the Harvest Lutheran Church in Fairbank, Iowa will celebrate 50 years in Ministry and their 55th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 30th.

A Praise and Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at 1:00 followed by an open house from 2:00-4:00 at the IC Parish Hall, 405 Fairbank Street in Fairbank.

Rev. Jans was born and raised on a farm outside of Hawarden, IA. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church and graduated from Hawarden High School. While at college, he and Nancy met at art class and were married January 26, 1966. They both received a call from the Lord to go into ministry.

Nancy received her teaching degree and taught elementary art in Nebraska, South Dakota, Illinois, California and Iowa. She



worked in activities at MHI in Independence for 20 years. She was always Scott's support on ministry through youth work, women's ministries, Bible study groups and whenever needed.

After college Scott studied at the Concordia Seminary in Springfield, IL where he received his Masters in Divinity. Rev. Jans first served as Victor and later as Youth Pastor at Zion Lutheran in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He went on to pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran in Julesburg, CO; pastor at St. John's

Lutheran in Fairbank; pastor at Rock of Ages Lutheran in Minocqua, WI; assistant pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran in Westminster, CA; and pastor at Lord of the Harvest Lutheran in Fairbank.

Pastor Jans is currently active in serving on the Parkview Assisted Living committee, the Historical Society, and numerous community activities in the Fairbank community. He is also recognized as being the local artist.

Pastor Scott and Nancy are proud parents of four children: Jessica Gonzales, Janette Wade (husband Randy), Eric Jans (wife Wendy), and Erin Biesterfelt (husband Andy), nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Everyone is welcome to attend their celebration. Cards can be sent to: P.O. Box 423, Fairbank, Iowa 50629.

Another Successful Wapsie Valley FFA Omelette Breakfast

By Mary Bodensteiner,
Chapter Reporter

On Sunday, March 28th, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter, once again, hosted their spring omelette breakfast in Readlyn. To show our gratitude for their support of the chapter, many hours were spent preparing for the breakfast in order to give the community the best experience possible. The menu consisted of made to order omelets, hash browns, sausage, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, and of course, for the town of Readlyn, rinderwurst.


Members and parents had a great time talking with the community while making omelets, serving and working in the kitchen. In order to keep everyone healthy and



Wapsie FFA Advisor, Mr. Forsyth, cooks omelets for supporters alongside his students at the Omelette Breakfast in Readlyn.

comfortable, masks were worn and takeout was available. Thank you to everyone who helped at the

breakfast and to all who attended. The amazing support is always greatly appreciated!




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Springtime in the school world comes with many different activities and events. We are in full swing for the spring musical, The Wizard of Oz, which will be performed on April 9th, 10th, and 11th. Tickets are available here: https://www.wapsievalleyschools.com/301186_2. Track and golf meets are in high gear and hopefully warmer, dry weather will cooperate in the weeks to come.

The Wapsie Valley Prom will be held this year on Saturday, May 1st. The Grand March will begin at 6:00pm at the high school with the Prom Dance to follow from 8-11:00pm at IC Hall in Fairbank. Post-Prom celebrations will occur from 11:30pm - 3:00am back at the high school. The Wapsie Valley Post Prom Committee will be hosting a drive through meal fundraiser on April 9th in the high school parking lot starting at 5:00pm until food is gone. Hot dogs, brats, chips, and a cookie will be available for purchase in the form of a good-will donation.

The High School Music Department Showcase performance will take place on May 3rd at the high

school. There is also an elementary music and band concert on May 10th at the high school. Information for the times of these events will be sent in school newsletters and will be placed on the school events calendar on the WV website as information becomes available. The Fine Arts Department celebrates Christopher Tibbott's performance of "Mothers", which earned Christopher an IHSSA All State Honor for his individual Literary Program.

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter will again be hosting the annual spring plant fundraising sale for hanging baskets and annuals. This sale will start in late April or early May and span for a two week period. More information will be available in the near future on the Wapsie Valley School website, in local newspapers, and in school newsletters.

Think Spring Thoughts!

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,

Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent



A Surprise 70th Birthday Party was held for Mayor Mike Harter at the Fairbank Legion on April 17th. The party that was hosted by his family.

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What's Cookin'

From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

Rhubarb is a seasonal treat during April, May and June. The edible red or green stalks have a rich-tart flavor and are plump, crisp, and tender during May; getting woody and sourer in June. The rhubarb leaves are poisonous.

Rhubarb can be used many ways – in a sauce, in pies, cakes, bars, jam, and as a syrup for basting meats while roasting or barbecuing. It freezes well for later use. I freeze it in packages to match the amount called for in the various recipes.

One of my favorite rhubarb recipes is this easy to make sweet and tart Rhubarb Cherry Jam. I like to put in re-purposed glass jars. It keeps well in the refrigerator and always makes a welcome hostess gift.



Rhubarb Cherry Jam

(Makes 3-4 pints, however, I like to put in smaller jars for easy use and/or gifting)

6 c. rhubarb, finely chopped
3 c. sugar
21 oz. cherry pie filling (mash cherries a bit)
3 oz. cherry jello

Bring rhubarb to a boil and cook until soft. Add sugar and pie filling, cooking until sugar is dissolved. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add jello and mix well. Pour into sterilized glass jars. When cool, seal jars and refrigerate.

****To make Rhubarb Strawberry Jam, just use strawberry pie filling and strawberry jello instead of cherry.**

These Rhubarb Bars will please your taste buds. And how about a Rhubarb Swirl Pie for Mother's Day?

Rhubarb Dream Bars

2 c. flour
¾ c. powdered sugar
1 c. butter, softened
Combine and press into 9" x 13" greased pan.
Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes.
While baking, mix the following together:

4 eggs, beaten
2 c. sugar
½ c. flour

Add: 4 cups diced rhubarb

Spoon onto baked crust and bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.



Rhubarb Swirl Pie

4 c. rhubarb, diced
1 pkg. strawberry jello
1 - 3 oz. pkg. vanilla instant pudding
¼ tsp. vanilla
1 - 10" graham cracker crust
1 c. sugar
1½ c. milk

Mix rhubarb and sugar. Let set one hour, stirring occasionally. Bring mixture to a boil and cook until tender and soft (it will thicken like a sauce). Stir in strawberry jello until dissolved. Set aside to cool. Mix together the vanilla pudding, vanilla and milk until it thickens. Stir in Cool Whip. Then gently swirl the cooled rhubarb into the pudding mixture. Pour in the graham cracker crust. Chill for 3-4 hours before serving.

Tart, sour, sweet; rhubarb is a treat!

By Christopher Tibbot

March has been a productive month! All associates have picked up a project, and have gotten a good start on their goals. Here is a look into each associate's current projects.

Currently, Olivia Oldfather and Elly Schares are working with VanDaele Insurance to create new marketing. They are updating current marketing strategies as well as making new ways to reach customers. Some of the media Olivia and Elly are currently working with are Facebook, a new website with updated pictures, and business cards for the agents.

Garrett Barnes is finding new discoveries in the business field while working within the CAPS program. He is currently working on a video to promote the CAPS program. Garrett has learned a lot from the CAPS program that he didn't expect to, and wants to share that with future CAPS associates.

D'laynee Ritter has had, and plans to have many, placements within different classrooms throughout the Wapsie Valley Elementary school. Through visiting these classrooms, she has learned that she enjoys working within the



special education/behavioral classroom. Classrooms that D'laynee has visited include Fairbank's 4th Grade classroom, Fairbank's Special Education and Special Behavioral classroom, and Readlyn's 6th Grade classroom.

Olivia Hershey and Asa Kelley have worked with the Superintendent of Wapsie Valley, Mr. David Larson, to create new signs for the exterior of the school and district staff t-shirts. They have offered their input as well as added different designs to the current option for exterior signage. Olivia and Asa have also sent out surveys and requested feedback for district staff to create a shirt that all of them will enjoy. Asa Kelley has also been working with the elementary general music teacher, Ms. Lyn Howerzyl, to get experi-

ence for the field he is planning on going into.

Kaylee Kleitsch and Makenna Porath are currently working with the Bremer County Conservation to create a nature playscape. They have been working on creating a list of materials and a price list for this project. Kaylee and Makenna hope to gather actual materials to bring to the Tripoli Conservation Office to start the process of building the playscape.

Sydney Martin and Christopher Tibbot have started working on the process of building a bike trail. They have created a survey for Fairbank residents to share their thoughts on this addition to Fairbank. They are hoping that this project will be able to be almost fully designed and created by the CAPS team in future semesters. Sydney has also created quarter zip sweatshirts for the CAPS team. Christopher has also partnered with Olivia Hershey to build an after hour pick-up box for the United Way in Waverly.

CAPS is always looking for help from the community. If you have any projects, or want to help out, please contact Haley Tiedt at htiedt@wapsievalleyschools.org

Atom Bombers 4-H

By Wally Kaufman

The Atom Bombers 4-H club met on Sunday, April 11th, at the Immaculate Conception hall in Fairbank. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by president Reese Piene. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Kaylee Klietch.

Roll call was "what is your favorite thing you're doing in school?" The treasurer's report was given by Reese Piene and the secretaries report was given by Destary Peine.

Reese Peine reviewed the newsletter telling deadlines on cattle registration which will be on May 1st. They will need to be turned into the extension office. Kaylee Kleitch did a presentation on how to grow a pineapple from just a store bought pineapple and Hayden Ryherd did a presentation on welding. The next meeting will be on May 2nd and we will be picking up ditches.

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The Fairbank View

By: Robert Shields

The following is printed verbatim from the first page of issue one of the Fairbank View, published October 8, 1886. Some areas of the paper had trivial damaged from age and attempts to repair the damage with tape. In these areas, "UNREADABLE" is inserted as a place holder for the missing text. I would like to thank Ella Weepie for transcribing the paper. The follow is a continuation of the front page printed in the April issue. There are numerous spelling and grammatical errors but they are printed as they appeared.

EARLY HISTORY

The plat of Fairbank was laid out in 1854 by Messrs. F. J. Everett, Clarence Bacon, and F. C. Patterson, then young men who first met at Independence. Everett & Bacon had bought the mill sight and 40 acres of land of Albert Clarke, of Independence, and sold the same to Harrington & Naylor who commenced a grist Mill after enclosing it and building dam with the aid of the citizens, sold the property to J. G. Hovey who completed it and put in the machinery. Mr. Hovey subsequently sold it to Craft & Oelwein and they to Minkler & Nichols the present proprietors. The power is reliable, and it is probable that with general repairing and the addition of better machinery it would make a good flouring mill and with the aid of good "UNREADABLE" facilities now nearly perfect "UNREADABLE" become valuable property.

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F. J. Everett "UNREADABLE" alone at his present location in 1860, 26 years ago.

J. C. Meyers has been in business as sole proprietor 22 years.

Minkler & Nichols first opened their store 22 years ago.

H. Higby has been selling goods at his present stand 10 years.

A. R. Wolgamot has been selling goods 9 years.

S. P. Lee, after being partner in a firm 8 years has been selling alone 4 years.

DRUGS

F. J. Everett and A. R. Wolgamot keep full lines of drugs in addition to their stocks of general merchandise.

GROCERIES

The firms devoted exclusively to the sale of groceries are J. W. Leonard who has been in business 4 years; J. H. Kurt who commenced the grocery business 2 years ago, and Patrick Manion who also began business 2 years ago.

HARDWARE

The only exclusive hardware and tin shop in the place is owned by F. J. Everett, and has been running some 3 years. It is now under

the management of his son M. B. Everett.

MUSIC

George M. Pierce is the music dealer and has just commenced business in this place.

BOOTS AND SHOES

L. D. Lowell is a pioneer settler and dealer in boots and shoes, having been in the business in Fairbank 27 years. He keeps on hand a full line of every grade of fine or heavy wear and manufactures and repairs to order.

HARNESS

A. G. Kraft keeps on hand a good stock of harnesses and manufactures and repairs to order.

MEAT MARKET

A. L. Newel is the oldest butcher in the place and has been engaged in the business some 10 or 11 years. The firm of E. A. Kraft & John Wolgamot was formed and commenced business some six weeks ago.

GRIST MILL

The grist mill is the oldest business institution in the place and has been doing its work for about 30 years. It is now owned by Minkler & Nichols and leased upon shares by C. H. Proctor.

WAGON SHOPS

There are two shops. Ball & Boutwell have been in the business about 6 years and J. G. Fay 5 years.

BLACKSMITHS

L. T. Miller commenced the business of blacksmithing in this town 3 and a half years ago. About two months ago he took in for partner L. J. Dietz, the present style of the firm being Miller and Dietz.

J. E. Shannon has been engaged in blacksmithing in his own shop about 2 years.

FURNITURE

Eugene Pitts is now engaged in erecting a building which he intends to occupy for a furniture store.

BILLIARD HALL

James Duffy has now nearly completed a building which he intends to use for a billiard hall.

CREAMERY

The Fairbank creamery is now near the close of its fourth season. It was established by Barnhart & King, but last spring S. J. King bought out his partner and he is now sole proprietor. The creamery does an extensive business gathering cream from a large circuit. It also runs two cream separators and gives its customers the choice of selling their cream or having their milk separated.

STONE QUARRY

An excellent stone quarry adjoins the city limits from which large quantities of stone have been taken for use in the town and adjoining country. Some very fine blocks ranging from 12 to 18 inches in thickness are being quarried hauled for bridge abutments on the new railroad.

PHISICIANS

(Two lines) "UNREADABLE" 9 years ago, Dr. W. H. Dewey who has been practicing some 3 years. Dr. E. H. Wiltse, eclectic physician, has left the practice and is now engaged in other business.

HOTELS

The Grove House, the regular hotel of Fairbank is a long established institution. It was built and opened as a hotel by F. C. Patterson in 1855. About 20 years ago Jacob Myers bought the property. Since his death some 5 years ago the property has been owned by Mrs. Sarah Jane Myers, now Mrs. Green,

who with her husband, Dr. Coles Green, are doing a fine business

Jos. Wolgamot also keeps quite an extensive boarding house.

B. F. Munger also boards and accommodates some travelers at his new and commodious residence.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE

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A. T. Considine is the barber.

CHURCHES

The first church established in Fairbank was Protestant Methodist. George Beatty was its pastor and through his efforts a stone church was built. He was succeeded as preacher by Mr. Abbott.

PRESBYTERIAN

A Presbyterian church was organized here in 1855 by Rev. J. G. Caldwell and for a time held meetings in the stone church and have since used the M. E. church.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

This church designated as the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was organized here in about 1858 at the McCuniff school house by Father Shields, of Waverly, succeeded by Father Gosker of Independence. In 1868 the large stone church now standing was built 44 x 90 feet in dimension. The first settled priest was Father Sullivan who was succeeded by Father Stack. Father Thomas Murtagh has been resident priest since 1875. In 1880 there were about 130 families and 600 communicants. There is also connected with a parish a pastoral residence. A fine bell weighing over 2,000 lbs. was bought by the parish about two years ago at a cost of \$525.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Free Will Baptist church was organized in 1859 under the auspices of Rev. David Champlin. A neat, well built church edifice of 32 x 50 feet dimension, 18 feet posts was built in the fall of 1880. The church now numbers about 30 members under the pastoral care of Rev. I. W. Drew, of Oelwein. Services are regularly held once in two weeks, morning and evening.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

This church was organized here in 1865 at the stone church. A house of worship was completed in the fall of 1875 of 30x40 feet dimension, bell tower and vestibule added. The present membership is about 40 under the pastoral care of Rev. O. K. Maynard, who resides in the parsonage belonging to the church.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

This church was formally organized in November, 1868, but the church edifice was erected in 1865, and meeting held in it by Mr. Buckrer, the first pastor. The church now numbers 35 members under the pastoral care of Rev. C. Kueffner who has been here for two years and resides in the parsonage belonging to the church. The church building is small but neatly built and well furnished. The services are held every Sunday forenoon and are conducted in German.

SCHOOLS

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A. O. U. W.

The United Workmen organized a lodge here March 24, 1881, and now number 21 members. The principal officers are C. H. Wright, P. M. W.; S. W. Ross, M. W.; O. E. Nichols, Overseer; J. W. Roberts, Recorder; J. G. Fay, Financer. Lodge meets every alternate Saturday evening in Higby's Hall.

G. A. R.

A post was organized here two years ago. The present membership is about 25. The principal officers are C. H. Wright, Commander; S. W. Ross, Adj. The post meets regularly Saturday evenings on or before the full moon.

CONCLUSION

It will be seen that for a town with no railroad facilities and far from any shipping station, Fairbank has developed quite a large business. Those engaged in business here have prospered. The opening of the Chicago St. Paul & Kansas City railroad will add greatly to the importance of Fairbank as a trade center. The establishment of produce, cattle and hog markets will draw much trade here that now goes to other points. These branches of trade are yet to be developed; so is the lumber trade, and we might mention other businesses of perhaps minor importance. Fairbank has yet no dealer in agricultural implements, no jeweler, or photographer, or confectioner. There is here no lawyer. The field is yet open for the introduction of many enterprises which will add to the prosperity of the town and the general advantage of the country.



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Rourke Home — Fifth House Built in Fairbank

by Betty Brandt Passick

The two-story home at 207 N Fourth Street is believed to be among the oldest homes built in Fairbank. (The remaining 4 homes will be identified in future articles). According to the trim board at the crest of the house, the structure was built in 1894. Mike and Vivian Rourke purchased the lot and house in 1974. The deed states theirs was the fifth house built in Fairbank.

As soon as Mike and Vivian took possession of the property, they began making updates and repairs to the 125-plus year old structure. They drywalled most of the interior of the house. Mike has been able to save and refinish a lot of the original woodwork. He made new mop boards to match the original woodwork, as the earlier ones had been removed.

In 2018, they replaced the kitchen cabinets with pecan shaker, much like the original cabinets.

A major external renovation happened in 2014.

The first photo shows the house raised to facilitate a new cement block foundation. Originally, there was only a cellar, common during that era, to refrigerate fresh meat, vegetables, fruit, and dairy products.

Vivian said: “It only took about 2 weeks to raise the house, and the whole process was done so smoothly that we did not even have to remove the pictures hanging on the walls. The big metal beams are visible, too, which held the weight of the house. The red bricks and larger rocks in the two rock gardens in front of our house were repurposed from the old foundation.”

The second photo shows Mike (with Grandson Brody Stark in the background) restoring one of the thirteen corbels under the roofline. They were in decent shape and all reusable. It took approximately 8 hours per corbel to remove layers of old paint, sand, prime, and repaint.

She added, the trim board carved with ‘1894’ came down in pieces when the house was resided—also in 2014, but Mike was able to glue it together and put it back up.

“It was worth all the work because Mike and I wanted to keep the inside/outside of the house like when it was originally erected,” Vivian said. “It has taken us 45+ years to get the work done. It is amazing how well the house was built originally.”

The Abstract provides clues about pieces of Fairbank history and of its residents—but also of those just passing through the area in search of land to purchase and resell, probably to make a profit:

- In January 1854, John Hodgdon purchased land from the United States government.

Brief History of John Hodgdon (1800-1883): According to his biography posted on the internet (iagenweb.org), John Hodgdon was born in Weare, New Hampshire. In 1819 his paternal grandfather died and left him a large tract of land in northern Maine comprising what became the township of Hodgdon. This inheritance appears to have changed his life including his pursuit of an education. From Phillips Exeter Academy he went on to graduate from Bowdoin College in the class of 1827. From there he moved to Bangor to study law. Hodgdon



was admitted to the bar in 1830 and practiced law in Bangor for the next thirteen years. In 1838 he married Miss Margaret Amelia Legget, a native of New York. He came West to Iowa and settled in Dubuque on November 1, 1853 and for many years was engaged in buying and selling land. In 1859, he again resumed the practice of law in Dubuque. He served as the 15th Mayor of Dubuque.

- In October 1856, John and Amelia Hodgdon sold the property (described below) to Franklin J. Everett and C. W. Bacon.

The N.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼ of Section 5, Township 90, North, Range 10, West from the 5th P.M. in the Dubuque land District.

Brief History F. J. Everett (1829-1898): A native of New York, Everett came to the area with C. W. Bacon (unknown-1892). By 1854, the two had platted the north part of the township, initially naming the village Alton—then Fairbank, after Bacon’s grandmother whose surname was Fairbank. According to Everett’s obituary, at the time of his death he had been engaged in general mercantile business for over forty years. He left a wife, Sarah Louise Baldwin Everett (1829-1898), and six children: Clarence, Newton, Grove, Mary, and Sallie of Fairbank, and Charley of Independence. F. J. Everett and Sarah Everett are buried in the Fairbank Cemetery. Everett and Bacon also built the first steam sawmill near the location of the swing bridge leading to the island park in 1855. Bacon eventually became dissatisfied with life in the West and in 1860 returned to New York. Bacon had died by March 1892, when his heirs (Francis L. W. Bacon and Harriet E. Bacon, John F. Bacon) sold the Lots he had retained back to F. J. Everett.

NOTE: It’s likely F. J. Everett built the two-story house with logs milled at Everett’s sawmill, completing it in 1894. By then, the Lutherische St. Johannes Gemeinde Church (photo: courtesy Linda Lehmkuhl Kastner) had been built (1865) diagonally across the street. A larger church was built in 1891, when the original church structure reverted to ‘The Little German School.’ All 8 grades were taught by the pastor. The central section and entry of the current church is part of the 1891 structure. During WW I, the preaching language changed from German to English, at a time when German-Americans were viewed as ‘undesirables,’ as was the case with most German-owned establishments across America.



- In May 1855, Franklin J. Everett, Sarah L. Everett, and C. W. Bacon sold the property (described below) to the Public.

Commencing 18 rods and 14 links East of the Southwest corner of the N. W. of N. E. Section 5, T. 90, R. 10, and running East 86 1/3 rods, thence N. 72 rods, thence West 64 1/3 rods, then S. 22 rods, thence W. 22 rods thence S. 50 rods to point of beginning.

Mike and Vivian recall reading somewhere the land upon which their home was built had once belonged to the railroad. It’s likely the above land description was set aside for the railroad, as the Wapsipinicon & St. Peters Valley Railroad, incorporated Feb. 5, 1851, whose main trunk commenced at Anamosa, was intended to eventually run northwesterly through Quasqueton, Independence, and Fairbank. That endeavor never came to fruition, as we learn from reading the obituary of Lucy (Dean Wiltse) Minton, owner of Hotel Wiltse, built in 1877 (current site of Fairbank Public Library), which states she had “opened the hotel before the railroad was built through the town.” The Hub City Heritage Corporation Railway Museum, in Oelwein further states: “In 1887 the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railroad finally came to the village of Fairbank,” the first year passenger service began.

- In April 18, 1894, the two Everetts and Bacon sold Lots 1- 2-3 & 4 by Warranty Deed for \$500 to J. Allen Thompson, who, within the month, sold the property to George Carpenter—who, within days, sold the north half of Lots 1- 2-3 & 4 for \$350 back to J. Allen Thompson and his wife Ava Thompson.

Brief history of Allen Thompson (1837-1900): His obituary states he was born in Wisconsin and came to Waterloo in 1862, then moved to Fairbank in 1890. It’s

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unknown the year he married Ava H. Thompson (1842-1938). Both are buried in the Fairbank Cemetery.

- *George Sankey purchased the North half of Lots 1- 2-3 & 4 for \$293.24 in May 1894.*

Brief history of George Sankey (1842-1916): Upon his death in 1916, Sankey’s property went into Probate. After all debts were paid, he willed the remainder of his estate to Charles E. Goeller (1866-1949) and Ellen E. Goeller (1869-1953), until Alta M. Goeller and John E. Goeller turned twenty-one, then the property was to be divided between the two, share and share alike. Sankey was buried in the Fairbank Cemetery, as were the Goellers. It’s doubtful Charles and Ellen Goeller—or Alta or John Goeller—ever lived in the house.

- *In January 1920, Charles E. Goeller and Ellen Goeller by Quick Claim Deed transferred for \$1.00 ownership of the North half of Lots 1- 2-3 & 4 to J. B. Elliott and Mae Elliot, his wife.*
- *In February 1924, the Elliots sold the North half of Lots 1- 2-3 & 4 by Warranty Deed for \$3,500 to August Fink*

and Emelia Fink.

Brief history of August Fink (1860-1943): Great Grandson Scott Wedemeier said August emigrated from Germany at age 21 in 1881, earning passage by shoveling coal on the ship. He came to Iowa and initially worked as a farm hand for G. A. Oelwein in Oelwein, sending money home to pay passage for his parents and four brothers to emigrate to America. They settled on a farm in the Fairbank area. In 1888, August also bought a farm north of Fairbank, where he brought his bride Emilie Friedrich (1866-1963). Fifteen children were born to that union. In 1924, they retired into the house across from the Lutheran church—where they resided for the next thirty years (photo: courtesy Scott Wedemeier). Scott said, “Fink family annual reunions began as their children married and bore children. When great grandchildren began arriving, the reunions were moved to the church parlors.”

- *In May 1952, Emelia Fink sold the North half of Lots 1- 2-3 & 4 by Warranty Deed for \$3,000 to Gustav Reiter and Helena Reiter.*

Brief history of Emelia Fink (1866-1963): In 1952, Emelia sold the property to her daughter Helena Reiter (1889-1973)—the eldest of the 15 children—



and her husband Gustav Reiter (1875-1956), who had married about 1908. Granddaughter Imogene ‘Jean’ Fink Van Huevelen said, “Fink family reunions, whose living decedents by then numbered over 350, continued at St. John’s church until the coronavirus hit, when all gatherings had to be cancelled.”

- *In June 1972, Helena Reiter sold the North half of Lots-2-3 & 4 by Contract of Sale for \$1.00 and other valuable consideration to Donald B. Bunn and Ann M. Bunn.*
- *In July 1973, the Bunns sold the North 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2 to David K. Owens and Margaret Owens, Warranty Deed, Con: \$1,500.*

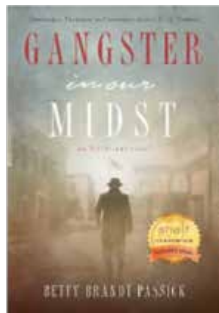
Brief history of David Owens (1931-2020) and Margaret Owens (1929–2018):

The vast majority of the careers and lives of David and Margaret were at Wapsie Valley Community School District. According to his obituary, Dave started as High School Principal and soon moved up to Superintendent, which he held for the next 34 years. Margaret first taught school at Readlyn, then at Fairbank for twenty-five years. They built a brick house in the mid-1970s, and later bought the south half of all four lots. Both were buried in the Fairbank Cemetery.

- *In May 1974, the Bunns sold the North half of Lots 1 and 2 by Mortgage for \$10,800 to Michael and Vivian Rourke.*

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A few of the people named in the abstract became fictional characters in *Gangster in Our Midst* (221 pages), which won a 2019 Notable 100 Indie Book Award from Shelf Unbound book review magazine. One reader on Amazon described the historical crime novel as “Very Road to Perdition in style and period.” The 2nd book in the *Gangster Trilogy* will be available early Summer 2021.



LIVING ON THE EDGE

by Pat Pint

Common Courtesy

Once upon a time, there lived a handsome prince and a lovely maiden. The prince was bold, courageous and strong. The maiden was smart, beautiful and clever.

After courting for quite some time, the prince and the fair maiden decided to marry. Great rejoicing was heard throughout the valley. The king and queen were most happy with their princely son.

“Son,” they said, “we are genuinely and supremely pleased you have found the woman of your dreams. Remember that even though you are accustomed to fame and fortune, always consider those less fortunate than you.”

As for the fair maiden, the daughter of a cobbler and a Tupperware saleswoman, her parents said, “We hope the

prince and you have a wonderful life together. Remember to mind your manners. We pray we have taught you well.”

The wedding was a grand affair. Peasants and the privileged alike were invited. The gift tables were overflowing. Wedding presents included dressed chickens and ducks, precious gems and fine China, as well as gift certificates for the ‘Better Homes and Castles’ store.

The newly weds were delighted with their gifts. The king and queen reminded the couple to send thank you notes. The fair maiden’s parents told them to acknowledge each and every gift.

Time passed. Thank-you notes were not written.

“I’m too tired!” whined the princess.

“I’m overworked!” claimed the prince.

Eight months later, the notes still were not sent.

“We gave them our prize hens, and still they are not grateful,” one said.

The heads of the neighboring kingdoms shook their heads. “We sent them our precious jewels, and they neglected to even send an email!”

Soon after, locusts and bees swarmed the castle gates.

“Let’s live in the valley, or a neighboring castle-like con-do,” said the prince, “until this problem is cleared up.”

But alas, no one wanted to house the greedy, ungrateful couple.

“What is the problem?” asked the prince.

“We gave you items at great personal expense; however, you did not acknowledge our kindness. We are certain you’ll take royal advantage of us again,” explained one of the neighbors.

So, due to their lack of common courtesy, the prince and princess were banished from the kingdom, and sadly, did not live happily ever after.

The End.

Kremer Attends Heartland Economic Development Course

Lisa Kremer, Executive Director of Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC) was one of 170 economic development professionals to attend the Heartland Economic Development Course (HEDC) in April. HEDC is a program that provides Intensive Professional Development geared specifically to Economic Developers. Heartland attendees receive fundamental economic development training on topics ranging from business, retention and expansion, workforce development, real estate and entrepreneurship to marketing,



finance, ethics and managing economic development organizations.

The 2021 HEDC online class included representatives from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico. Attendees were trained by nationally recognized faculty from within the profession of economic development. HEDC is coordinated by the Institute for Decision Making at the University of Northern Iowa and is accredited by the International Economic Development Council.

“Heartland students learn about a variety of best practices that they can apply back in their own organizations and communities,” says Allen Kunkle, CECD, HEDC Board Chair. “Heartland provides a solid foundation upon which each developer can build their base of knowledge and experience.”

The Heartland Economic Development Course is a partnership of the Kansas Economic Development Alliance, Missouri Economic Development Council, Nebraska Economic Developers’ Association, Oklahoma Professional Economic Development Association, Professional Developers of Iowa, and the South Dakota Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT
March 1st - 31st, 2021 Report

Ambulance Calls: 8

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accidents With Injuries: 1

Fire Calls: 1

EMS Training Hours: Approx. 24

Fire Training Hours: Approx. 40

~ Fire training was a mock drill for a downtown business fire. This was well received and allowed us to formalize a plan of attack should this occur.

~ EMS training was annual protocol and procedure update. We are now under the sub-service area 6B medical director’s collaborative and have implemented new protocols.

Membership: Nothing new to report.

The annual Firefighter’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held on March 27th with approximately 80 people in attendance. We thank the council and city employees who were able to attend.

Brad Gordon, Chief
Fairbank Fire Department

Buchanan County looking for Fair queen candidates

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- ~ Cover letter about who you are and why you want to become the Buchanan County Fair Queen
- ~ Resume detailing involvement in Buchanan County including school, extra-curricular activities, church, volunteer experiences, etc.

Judging Day: Sunday, June 27th, 2021

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- ~ Get to know other girls from around the county and enjoy a fun afternoon!

Awards

- ~ Coronation at the Buchanan County Fair on Thursday, July 8th
- ~ Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship
- ~ Queen will be asked to be present during the whole week of the fair
- ~ Queen will represent Buchanan County at the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition
- ~ 1st runner up will receive a \$250 scholarship

Other Activities

- ~ 4th of July Independence Day Parade
- ~ Pie baking for the pie auction at the fair
- ~ Little princess social meet and greet
- ~ Iowa State Fair Queen meet and greet

Any questions, contact Amber Decker at: Deckeramber19@gmail.com or call 319-415-4894. Amber is the Buchanan County Fair Queen Coordinator.

Meet Alexa Riniker,

2019-2020 Buchanan County Fair Queen

Hello everyone! My name is Alexa Riniker and I am the 2019-2020 Buchanan County Fair Queen. I am from Winthrop and I am currently at East Buchanan High School. Next year I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa and studying Elementary Education! It is a pleasure to be representing this outstanding county and fair. The position of fair queen has brought so many amazing opportunities my way, some of which I wouldn't trade for anything! When I was crowned last summer, I immediately started my duties as fair queen. I assisted wherever I could on the fairgrounds, handing out trophies at the 4-H and FFA shows or riding in the pace car to start the races! A few weeks later I had a once in a lifetime opportunity of attending Queen's Week at the Iowa State Fair with 102 other county queens. I met some amazing girls and built friendships that will last a lifetime! I also got to volunteer on the fairgrounds and talk to hundreds of fair goers. It was my favorite week of the summer! Becoming fair queen is more than wearing a beautiful crown and a sash, it is the chance to represent our county while becoming a better leader and advocate for the next generation. I am beyond grateful to have earned this title!



Forsyth a finalist for Iowa Golden Owl ag educator award

Wapsie Valley High School ag teacher and FFA adviser Wyatt Forsyth is among seven finalists for Iowa's 2020-2021 Golden Owl Award.



Presented by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. and the Iowa FFA Foundation, the award recognizes agricultural educators across Iowa for their contributions to shaping the next generation of leaders in the field.

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In partnership with the Iowa FFA Foundation, Nationwide collected more than 400 nominations for the award from local students, fellow teachers, parents and community members from August to December 2020.

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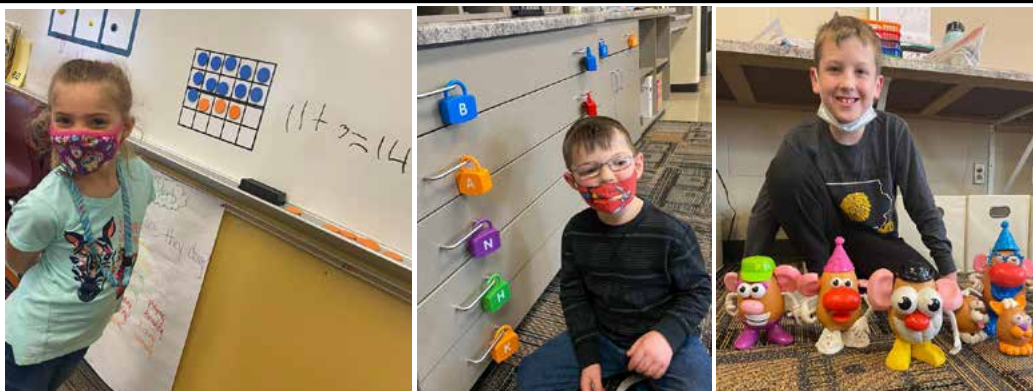
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Wapsie Valley athletes who qualified for the Drake Relays in Des Moines on April 22: (l.to r.) Coach Davie, Ethan Oltrogge, Trevor Sauerbrei, Dawson Schmit (sitting on the bulldog), Tyler Ott, Holten Robinson and Hunter Kane.

Wapsie Welcomes New Coaches/Teachers

Kayla Ott

Head Girls Basketball Coach

Kayla was recently named the head girls basketball coach at Wapsie Valley. Kayla is a second grade teacher at Readlyn Elementary school. Kayla has coached basketball and volleyball in previous years at Wapsie Valley. Kayla is a graduate of West Central HS and Coe College where she was a stand out prep athlete and collegiate basketball player with the Kohawks.

We are excited for Kayla and our Warrior players!



Chase Weber

Physical Education/Health/Coach

Chase Weber was recently hired to join our physical education/health department at Wapsie Valley starting next school year. Mr. Weber is joining Wapsie Valley after teaching at Oskaloosa Schools. Mr. Weber will be joining our high school football staff as an assistant coach next Fall. Chase is a graduate of Jesup High School and The University of Northern Iowa. He and his wife Kallie have three children, Hadley, Rori and Duke.

We are extremely excited for him to get started teaching and coaching next school year.

Please welcome he and his family to Wapsie Valley!



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(Mark 16:19-20 English Standard Version)

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

I am happy to be with you all again this month as we continue our discussion of what we, as Christians, believe. If you are not a Christian, I hope that these articles will give you a clearer understanding of what we believe and maybe raise some questions in your own heart. If that should be the case, I'm always available to help in any way I can. You can call on me anytime at the house that has been home to St. John's pastors for over a century. In any case, the topic this month is one that brings questions to the minds of many Christians: The Ascension. What is the Ascension?

Christians believe, as the Bible teaches, that Jesus Christ suffered as payment for the sins of the world and died on a cross some 2,000 years ago. Then, as He promised, Jesus rose from the dead three days later. His resurrection proved that all human sin was paid for and death is defeated. Jesus remained with His disciples for forty days after the Resurrection. During this time, He continued to teach them. He also proved in many ways that He was, really, alive - even appearing to over five hundred people at once. (1 Cor. 15) After His teaching was complete, Jesus ascended to the right hand of God the Father. St. Luke reports that, "as [the disciples] were looking on, He was lifted up and a cloud took Him out of their sight." (Acts 1) The Ascension is that event - that Jesus, forty days after the Resurrection, rose up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father.

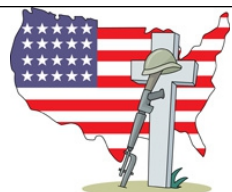
But what does the Ascension mean? This is where we might have questions. For example: Where exactly is Jesus, and what is He doing? Let's start with the first question. When St. Mark tells us that Jesus sat down at the right hand of God, he's using a Biblical expression which means all the places where God exercises His authority and power - which, in short, is everywhere. When Christ ascended, He didn't lock Himself away somewhere but, by His divine power, ascended to be with us everywhere. That is, after all, what He promised. "Behold, I am with you always." (Mt. 28) "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb. 13) That leads us to what Jesus is doing. From the right hand of the Father, Jesus comforts us in all sorrows through His Word and Sacrament. He prays for us and His whole Church continually. Also, He rules and directs all things for the good of His Bride, the Church. He keeps evil in check and promotes all things good. Because Jesus is God, He never tires and is doing these things at all times.

This is what Christ's Ascension means. It means that, not only are our sins paid for, but also that Christ is with us always and everywhere. When we are weak and sorrowful, He prays for us. He sends His angels to have charge over us and rules over all things for our benefit. What great and precious blessings! The Ascension is what we sometimes call a "Feast Day," therefore we will be celebrating it with an evening service at St. John's. It will be May 13th at 7:00 p.m. here in Fairbank. I invite you to join us! I pray the truth of Christ's resurrection and His ascension to the right hand of the Father grant you comfort this time and always.

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The Easter Bunny visited Fairbank on April 3rd. He greeted area children at the Gazebo Park. Fairbank's Island Queen Courtney Schmitz helped hand out treats.



The history of Veteran's Park

By Wilma Welsh

Fairbank is known as the "Home of the Island Park", but the Island Park was not the first park in Fairbank. When the village of Fairbank was laid out in 1854, an area was set aside, in the southeast part of town, for a park. It was called The Town Park. There was a time when, for some reason, that area was called Indian Town.

The name of the park is now "Veteran's Park", because of the Civil War Memorial which was placed there in 1911 by the Women's Relief Corps and Grand Army of the Republic Citizens of Fairbank to honor the Civil War veterans of the area.

A flagpole was placed in the park in 1900. I don't know what became of it, but in 2002, members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #552 and the Fairbank Women's Club voted to purchase a flagpole for the park and a dedication ceremony was held, along with the American Legion Unit #552, on Sunday, November 10, 2002.

A new sign was installed in the northwest corner of the park.

A group called The Fun For Everyone Committee, put considerable time into raising money for playground equipment and placing it in all the parks. They purchased and installed equipment in Veteran's Park. There is also a picnic area.

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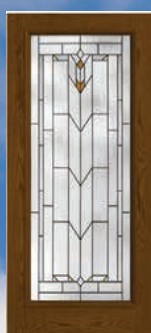
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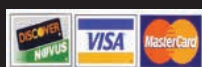
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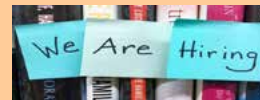
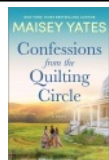
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DAWN MARIE BERGMANN

June 8, 1965 - April 29, 2021

Dawn Marie Bergmann, 55 of Tripoli and formerly of Readlyn, passed away on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at the Tripoli Nursing Home.

Dawn was born on June 8, 1965, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Roger and Connie (Lampe) Deterding. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. She attended Community Lutheran School and graduated from Wapsie-Valley High School in 1983. After graduation, Dawn moved to Colorado where she attended floral design school. She was united in marriage to Mitch Bergmann on October 29, 1988, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn.

Dawn owned and operated Flowers by Dawn; was a cook at Community Lutheran School and worked in the floral department at HyVee. Most recently she was a student aid at Tripoli Community Schools.

Dawn was a passionate fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Cubs. Viking Purple became her favorite color and was a true symbol of Dawn. She enjoyed bowling, camping, flowers and baking. Her true enjoyment was her grandchildren and was known to them as "Grandma Dawn."

Dawn is survived by: a daughter, Hailey (Scott) Broten of rural Readlyn; a son, Michael Bergmann of Readlyn; a daughter, Maci Bergmann and a son, Tanner Bergmann, both of Tripoli; her grandchildren, Layla, Addison and Wyatt Broten; her father, Roger (Marlys) Deterding of Readlyn; her sister, Dahne Deterding of Mason City; her father-in-law, Mel Bergmann of Tripoli; a brother-in-law Monty (Jeanette) Bergmann of Sumner; a sister-in-law Misty (Dean Lantow) Bergmann of Waucoma; a brother-in-law Dallas (Melinda) Bergmann of Readlyn; a brother-in-law Herb Krueger of Minnesota; a step-sister Shawn Diddy of Fairfield; and also several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitch Bergmann; her mother, Connie Deterding; her mother-in-law, Elaine Bergmann; a sister-in-law, Dawn Krueger; niece, Brandi Deterding; her paternal grandparents, Clarence and Erna Deterding and her maternal grandparents, Art and Elda Lampe.

Funeral services were held May 4, 2021, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jean Rabary officiating. Burial was in Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Tripoli. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the family or to the Tripoli Nursing Home.



JAMES LEO KAUFMAN

September 22, 1932 ~ April 27, 2021

James L. Kaufman Sr. passed away on April 27, 2021 at the Good Samaritan Society Care Facility in West Union, IA. He was born on September 22nd, 1932 in Brandon, IA, the son of Fred and Marie (Steils) Kaufman.

Jim grew up in the Eagle Center Area. He married Doris (Waligorski) on June 2, 1958, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. After losing Doris in 1996, he married Glenda (Busey) on September 17, 2006 at the Fairbank United Methodist Church. As an adult he resided in Fairbank, Iowa for many many years until his move in November 2020 to the Good Samaritan Home in West Union.

Jim held many positions in his lifetime. He worked at Don's Auto, John Deere, as well as serving in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. Later he went to Barber College and, after graduating, he owned and operated Jim's Barber Shop in Fairbank for many years. His main passion came later, resulting in him starting his own excavation business, which he loved more than anything. It was never just work to him, it was his livelihood. He had an exceptional knowledge of how things should be done, and was known for being "One of the Best" in the field.

Jim is survived by his wife Glenda of West Union; his children, James "Jimmy" of Des Moines and Jane (Kurt) Domeyer of Fairbank; four stepdaughters, Kim, Kris, Del Jean and Erika; two grandchildren, Sean (Ashley Murphy) Wortman and David Wortman, both of Fairbank; a special great-grandson Austin Wortman of Oelwein; two brothers, Jack Kaufman and Tim (Shar) Kaufman; three sisters, Connie Broell, Susan Thompson and Mary Kay (Gloria) Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Doris; 2 brothers, Wally and Jerry Kaufman; brothers in law, Jim (Doc) Broell, Arnold Geske, and Dale Waligorski; sisters in law, Milly Kaufman, Wanda Kaufman, Nancy Kaufman, Lucile Geske and Arlene Waligorski; and one stepdaughter Linda Brule.

Funeral Mass was held May 1, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank, with interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by Fairbank American Legion Fortsch-Duffy Post 552.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.



MAX DANIEL MCGRANE

May 17, 1929 ~ April 4, 2021

Max McGrane, age 91 of Fairbank, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2021 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. He was born May 17, 1929 in Elma, the son of Pat and Blanche (Halpin) McGrane, and married Charlotte Tonn on June 4, 1953 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma.

Max proudly served in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War. After returning home from the service, Max and Charlotte lived in the Elma area for a number of years, then moved to Denver for a short period of time before settling down in Fairbank, where they spent the rest of their lives. He worked at Waterloo Industries and retired from there after 30 years of employment. Max is best known for his many years of painting. He probably painted for the majority of the people that lived in Fairbank and for many people who lived in the surrounding communities.

Max was a devoted member of the Fairbank American Legion, volunteering many hours for different activities that were held at the Legion Hall. He was most proud to participate in countless Military Rites held for fallen veterans, as well marching in every parade held in Fairbank. Max was a longtime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Fairbank Community Club.

He is survived by his two sons; Danny (Luan) McGrane of Cedar Falls and Dennis McGrane of Fairbank, a son-in-law; Wade Brennan of Fairbank, eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild with one more on the way.

Max is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Charlotte, his daughter; Barb Brennan; a daughter-in-law, Barb McGrane; a grandson, Carson McGrane; 2 sisters and their husbands, Myrna (Harold) Weaver and Lilas (Walt) Swacker.

A funeral mass was held April 9, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank. Interment was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the Fairbank American Legion Fortsch Duffy Post 552.



JO ANNE MAXINE BANTZ

April 28, 1933 ~ April 16, 2021

Jo Anne Bantz passed away peacefully at her home in rural Fairbank on April 16, 2021. She was born April 28, 1933 in Independence, the daughter of Emil and Inez (Reiter) Schwake.

Jo Anne attended and graduated from Independence High School in 1951. In 1952 she married Dallas Bantz in Maynard Iowa. She worked many jobs through out her journey in life with the longest being for Lehmkuhl Oil in Fairbank and the Harmony House in Waterloo. Jo Anne loved to crochet and made many afghans for all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her hands were rarely still. She also shared her love with food, especially brownies with peanut butter frosting and ice cream. Jo Anne's busy life style included bowling, dancing, card clubs, Bible Study, Fairbank American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's Health Initiative Research for 8 years at the University of Iowa.

She loved attending her grandchildren's events and occasional trips to the casino. Jo Anne enjoyed traveling, some long trips and some short, Ireland, Florida, Arizona, California, Canadian Rocky Mountains just to mention a few.

Jo Anne was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons: Wendell and Wayne Bantz; a daughter: Jeanie in infancy; three brothers: Paul, Carl and Robert Schwake; one sister: Betty Neeley; and a special friend Frank Shaw.

Jo Anne is survived by her children: Dee (Kevin) of Marion, Wayde (Teresa) of Dunkerton, Wes (Lori) of Fairbank, and Jalene (Ken) of Oelwein; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren with one more great-grandchild and a great-great grandchild on the way; and her special friend Arnold Schellhorn.

Funeral services were held April 23, 2021 at Woods Funeral Home with interment at Fairbank Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice, St. Jude's Children Hospital, Wounded Warriors Project, or your favorite charity.



HAROLD E. CLAYTON

May 20, 1949 ~ April 21, 2021

Harold E. Clayton, 71 years old of rural Fairbank, died Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, IA.

Harold was born May 20, 1949, in Independence, IA, the son of Charles Robert Clayton and Marcella Stella (Gruber) Clayton. He graduated from Jesup High School in 1967 and attended Hawkeye Technical Institute in Waterloo for two years, where he studied auto mechanics. He also

served 6 years in the Army National Guard. On January 25, 1975, he was united in marriage to Denise Rae Schuler in Oelwein, IA.

Harold is survived by his wife, Denise Clayton of Fairbank; four daughters, Alisa (Doug) Felton, of Center Point, IA, Kelly (Alan) Wolf of Jesup, Marci (Dan) Dahl of Independence, IA, Cara (Garren) Zanker of Webster City, IA; two sons, Harold (Erika) Clayton, II, of Fairbank, Kendall (Audrey) Clayton of Jesup; 19 grandchildren; one brother, Charles (Sandra) Clayton of Waterloo; one sister, Beverly (Eugene) Hill of Jesup; and a sister-in-law, Judy Clayton (Tim Youngblut) of Waterloo.

His parents; three brothers, Cecil Clayton, John Clayton and Robert Clayton and one grandson, Connor Zanker, preceded him in death.

Harold enjoyed everything that involved his family, friends and the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, kayaking, hunting, and Harold liked looking for rocks. He loved storytelling, his animals, westerns, and he was creative and artistic. Day trips to look at waterfalls and bridges to walk on, flea markets and auctions, card games, and going to all the grandkids' sporting events, kept him active. He always had the biggest heart and would give the shirt off his back to a stranger. His work as a para-professional and study hall supervisor at Jesup Community Schools, gave him an opportunity as instructor to instill students with common sense, respect and a little discipline when needed. He found treasure in everything.

Visitation and a scripture service were held April 27, at the White Funeral Home in Jesup. Following the service, Military Rites were conducted by Pump-Scheer American Legion Post 342 of Jesup.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 17, 2021, at the Clayton Farm beginning any time after noon. Memorials may be directed to the family.



JOHN FRANKLIN RISSE

October 27th, 1947 ~ April 9th, 2021

John Risse, age 73, passed away April 9, 2021 at his home in Fairbank. He was born October 27, 1947 in Waterloo, the son of Wilbur and Harriett (Allgood) Risse. John grew up in rural Readlyn and attended and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools, Class of 66.

After graduation John enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served for three years in the Vietnam War. When John returned home from the service, he became a welder, working at Clay Equipment & Top-Air, both in Cedar Falls, then at GMT in Waverly, finally retiring after 50 plus years in the workforce.

He married Pam Clark on February 17, 2010 in Fairbank and they have been together for a total of 26 years. John loved to hunt and fish and ride his motorcycle. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter: Tori Risse; two grandchildren: Cristina (Eric) Schwyer and Mike Benson; one great-grandchild: Jackson Schwyer; three step-children: Jeremy (Brandee) Clark, Michael Clark and Doug Stearns; four step-grandchildren: Brittney (Jerry) Stearns, Cory (Amy) Stearns, Staci (Colby) White and Alex Brewer; three step-great-grandchildren: Kamery, Ryken & Damian Davidson; three brothers: Joe (Carole) Risse, Jim (Kathy) Risse, and Jerry Risse; two sisters - Jane Rissman and Judie Casey.

John was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Jeff and Jay Risse; a nephew: Jamie Risse; a brother-in-law: Jeff Casey; and a step-daughter: Theresa Stearns.

Funeral services were held April 13, 2021 at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Dunkerton with military rites conducted by Fairbank American Legion Fortsch-Duffy Post 552.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.



REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Mayor Harter conducted a moment of silence in honor of Trooper Sergeant Jim Smith who was killed in the line of duty with the Iowa State Patrol office on Friday April 9, 2021.

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

There were not public comments during the public comment section.

Vorwald/Erickson to approve the minutes of the March 22nd Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of March were: General, \$10,629.93; Special Revenue, \$24,249.14; TIF, \$2,664.06; Capital Projects, \$5.22; Permanent Funds, \$7.03; Proprietary, \$280,382.90; and Transfers In, \$176,300.00. Disbursements for the month of March were: General, \$49,485.37; Special Revenue, \$20,247.53; Proprietary, \$312,811.63; and Transfers Out, \$176,300.00. Balance on hand at close of business on March 31, 2021 was \$4,587,627.10.

T. Woods/Erickson to Approve Resolution 2021-07 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANK, IOWA TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING DISPOSAL OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8), BLOCK THREE (3), TOWN OF FAIRBANK, BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The City of Fairbank accepted the counteroffer from Fairbank Development Corporation for \$25,000.00 for 405 Grove Street with the first right of refusal which would terminate on development of the lot. The public hearing is set for Monday April 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Jon Biederman was present from Fehr Graham to discuss the upcoming Main Street project. CIT Sewer Solutions was set to start televising the sewer down Main Street soon as well as a few other areas in town. He also mentioned that there was a virtual meeting scheduled for April 20th with the IA DOT to start the process of discussing the Main Street project. Councilman Vorwald said he could attend that meeting along with the city employees.

Jon Biederman also discussed the estimates he provided to the council back in January to replace a water main on West Main Street. This was requested after multiple water main breaks to that area. The estimate involved three options. The base bid was for West Main from Walnut to Halpin for \$77,097. Alternate 1 was for eliminating dead ends on west ends of alley and West Main for \$55,031. Alternate 2 was for eliminating the dead-end south of IA Hwy 281 for \$64,097. Jon suggested to try and at least get the first option completed if the funds allowed. He also informed the council that the city would be receiving around \$160,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan. The funds can be used for certain criteria only. One being water and sewer infrastructure. He will get some more quote information on another area in town along Grove Street and have that information for the council at the next meeting.

Christian Woods and JJ Little were present to talk to the council about being a sponsor for Fairbank Days 2021. They also wanted to thank the council for all their help and support throughout the years. They got a new carnival this year and there will be a band both Friday and Saturday nights. Erickson/Vorwald to approve the payment of a \$1,000.00 sponsorship from the City to the Fairbank Development Corporation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams and R. Woods.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the closing of Main Street from First Street to Fourth Street for the Fairbank Days Celebration during the days of June 23 through June 27, 2021. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Vorwald to approve Nick Curley and Mitch Coffin to share the duties of summer 2021 recreation program director. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the liquor license renewal for Casey's. Police Chief Everding stated that there had not been any issues. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the IDOT five-year maintenance agreement. Councilman Vorwald is going to look into the street lighting section to see if they cover anything to help with costs. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Council received a quote from Frontline Warning Systems for a service contract for one year. The \$800.00 contract included inspecting the warning sirens twice a year. T. Woods/R. Woods to approve the one-year contract with Frontline Warning Systems. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

City health insurance was tabled to the April 26th meeting.

Discussion on Public Works Director hiring was tabled to the April 26th meeting.

The CAPS program students will be out of school soon. They had been working on a walking/bike paths project here in town. Grants will still be pursued by the City and hopefully make more walking/biking paths possible.

Williams/T. Woods to approve Brittany Fuller and Michelle Laube's attendance at the IMFOA Spring Conference on April 22nd and 23rd 2021 in Des Moines. The City Hall office will be closed during that time. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

City Wide Clean-up day is set for May 10, 2021. Same rules apply as previous clean up days.

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

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CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Supplies \$960.75
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas \$490.91
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric \$5,773.02
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposit Applied \$200.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas \$188,958.79
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation \$9,386.23
NICK CURLEY, Supplies \$405.93
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement \$75.00
FAIRBANK DEVELOPMENT CORP., Sponsorship \$1,000.00
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Mar Utili-ty Bill Postage \$136.80

FAIRBANK SIGN DESIGN, Sign \$125.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU, Certification \$50.00
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS, Contract \$800.00
GALL'S INC., Supplies \$240.20
GROTH SERVICES LLC, Services \$900.00
TOM & ANNETTE HYDE, Rebate \$325.00
IAMU, Member Dues \$4,309.00
ICAP, 2021 Annual Premium \$44,209.89
IMFOA, Spring Conference \$250.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION, Filing Fee \$6.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES AS-SOC., Water \$6,568.13
IPERS, Benefits \$4,134.93
IRVINE WATER CONDITIONING, Inspection \$295.99
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement \$75.00
CRAIG KERNS, Budget Balance Re-fund \$791.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training \$30.00
KRIVACHEK JANITORIAL SUPPLY, Supplies \$340.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet \$307.02
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies \$225.75
RYAN & ABBY MUHLENBRUCH, Utili-ty Deposit Re-fund \$200.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check Fees \$12.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check \$190.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check \$201.87
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check \$252.78
NE SECURITY BANK, 3/1/21 Payroll Processing Fee \$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, 3/15/21 Payroll Processing Fee \$7.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Ser-vice Charge \$10.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions \$150.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions \$290.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publications \$366.77
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services \$47.50
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Ser-vices \$11.47
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, Re-newal \$65.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees \$1,344.45
ROSENBAUER SOUTH DAKOTA LLC , Services \$1,047.92

PAUL SCHULTZ & HEATHER HANSEN, Rebate \$325.00
STIVERS FORD LINCOLN, Vehicle \$35,351.00
STUART. C. IRBY CO., Supplies \$228.55
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen \$30.61
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies \$166.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Mar. Sales Tax \$6,770.75
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Mar. Excise Tax \$1,083.67
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, SWT \$3,994.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes \$5,487.58
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas \$9,511.54
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Testing \$42.00
USA BLUEBOOK, Supplies \$423.50
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies \$129.15
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones \$158.46
VISA, Supplies & Equipment \$326.74
WELLMARK, Premium \$3,526.89
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Ser-vices \$464.66
AARON WINGERT, Utility Deposit Refund \$200.00
The Library Board approved the following bills on April 7, 2021:
SYNCB/AMAZON, Equipment \$421.31
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books \$1,210.04
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric \$450.77
ICAP, 2021 Annual Premium \$1,605.11
NE SECURITY BANK, 3/15/21 Payroll Processing Fee \$3.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Ser-vices \$68.28

Police Chief Everding stated there had been a report of a flag with profanity on it. He had asked the homeowner to take it down. He also sent the safety committee striping options for the new police vehicle for them to look at and said that Racom was still waiting on a few parts before the equipment could be installed into the new vehicle. Jergens said the locates for the fiber optic project were keeping them very busy. The new employee, Ben Delagardelle, started that day.

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

Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

Fairbank City Wide Clean Up Day



Monday, May 10th

Have your items at the curb by 7:00 AM

WILL ACCEPT

Carpet
Furniture
TV's
Computers/Monitors

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

\$15.00 PER UNIT

Microwaves
Refrigerators/Stoves
Air Conditioners
Furnace
Water Heaters
Dishwashers
Washer/Dryers
Dehumidifiers

\$5.00 CHARGE FOR

Tires (residential only, no dealers)

WON'T ACCEPT

Paint
Oil
Yard Waste
Concrete
Dirt
Liquids
Batteries
Construction Material
Shingles

ALL APPLIANCE TAGS MUST BE PURCHASED AT CITY HALL BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 7TH

PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE!

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SMITH
Gma & Gpa Love
You So Much!!

Residential Building Lot - \$25,000



\$99,000
818 7th Ave. NE, Oelwein
 Oelwein ranch, 3 bedrooms,
 1 3/4 baths, updated flooring & paint,
 kitchen updates, LL family room, awesome
 3-4 Season Room overlooking wooded area.



\$75,000
40 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein

RICH CHARACTER!
 2 bedroom, 2 car
 tandem garage,
 Large eat-in
 kitchen, Large
 Living room, LL
 Family room
 w/ 1/2 bath.
 Lots of Updates.

PENDING



\$84,500
723 2nd Ave. SE, Oelwein
 2 bed., 1 bath, detached garage,
 professional finished basement.



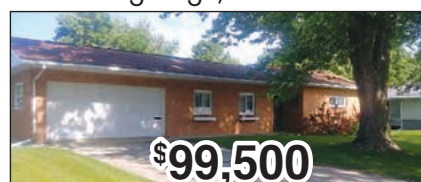
\$78,000
624 4th Ave. SW
Oelwein

2 bedroom,
 brick ranch.
 1 updated bath,
 newer kitchen,
 steel roof,
 oversized
 garage.

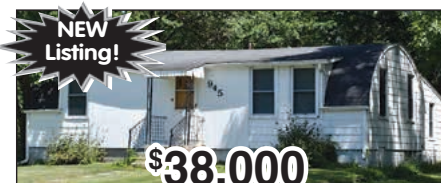


\$59,500
433 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein
 Large 2 Bdr. home with attached
 2 car garage, corner lot

JUST LISTED!
2.29 Acres m/l
 Great Building Potential



\$99,500
424 7th Ave. SE, Oelwein
 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths



\$38,000
945 S. Frederick, Oelwein
 2 bedroom, 1 bath,
 HUGE yard.

404 7th Ave. SE, Oelwein..PENDING
 1316 2nd St. SE, Oelwein..PENDING
 506 1st St. NE, Oelwein.....PENDING
 232 1st Ave. SE, Oelwein...PENDING
 128 4th Ave. SE, Oelwein...PENDING
 129 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein.....SOLD
 122 1st St. NE, Oelwein.....PENDING

9909 R Ave., Maynard.....SOLD
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