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The "FUN FOR EVERYONE" Committee poses in front of playground equipment at the Ball Diamond Park on the south edge of Fairbank. The group includes Melaine Buzynski, Dixie Frank, Lori Beierschmitt, Betsy Wierck, Melissa Klensman and Michelle Weepie along with Lilly & Liza Wierck. This group has done a great job – their fundraising efforts and hard work over the years are the reason why we have all the neat playground units that are situated around town. Thank you for everything!!!!

Replacement of playground equipment "takes a village"

A storm on September 8, 2019 damaged the slide connected to the playground equipment at West Bentley Park in Fairbank. Insurance covered the replacement cost for the slide of \$14,663.63.

At the council meeting on May 11, 2020, the council discussed the options for the replacement parts and how expensive it was to just replace the slide. The Fun For Everyone Committee, consisting of Lori Beierschmitt, Melissa Klensman, Melaine Buzynski, Dixie Frank, Betsy Wierck, & Michelle Weepie, had been helping the city look into possibly replacing the entire piece of equipment for just a little more money and presented the council with four options they narrowed it down to. The council voted to approve the replacement of the entire piece of equipment for a total cost of \$18,699.00 providing Fairbank with a new playground experience at West Bentley Park.

Due to the Covid pandemic in 2020, the playground equipment was delivered but not set up and installed right away. As the nice weather approached this year, the conversation of when and who would help install the new equipment was discussed.

At the council meeting on April 26th, Dean and Don-

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BLUE COLLAR SALUTE

FAIRBANK ISLAND DAYS

JUNE 24-26

FRIDAY, JUNE 25
REGIONAL FAVORITES

NOT QUITE BROTHERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26
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FAIRBANK ISLAND DAYS BACK AFTER PANDEMIC

After a year off due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, Fairbank Island Days is back and better than ever. Recently, the theme was announced, "Blue Collar Salute" to honor the men and women that made sure the world kept turning during the pandemic.

With the cancellation of last year's event, County Music star Adam Doleac is rescheduled for this year's event and will be the headliner for Saturday night. Doleac has radio hits such as "Famous," which recently went Platinum and is a fan favorite on many online streaming stations and XM radio.

On Friday night, "Not Quite Brothers," originally from the Manchester area, is headlining. "NQB" is taking the Midwest by storm with gigs all over Iowa and Nebraska and will be playing the Iowa State Fair later this summer. If you like to rock, this is a show for you.

Many of the perennial favorites are back for Fairbank Island Days again this year including the carnival and beer garden for all three days, fireworks and parade. See the daily schedule of

events with information below or visit www.fairbankislanddays.com.

Come join us June 24th-26th for the annual Island Days Celebration!

THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH

- ~ Carnival Rides, Games and Food - by J&K beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- ~ Beer Garden - will open at 6:00 p.m. on the parkade.
- ~ Team Mini-Triathlon / Individual Mini-Triathlon / 5K Run Registration begins at 5:00p.m. at Island Boat Ramp. Contact Duane Foster 319-404-1310. Sponsored by Warrior Athletics.
- ~ Island Queen Presentation - at 8:00 p.m. on the parkade. Contact Lori Beierschmitt (319)238-1700.
- ~ Music Truck - from 8:00-12:00 p.m. on the parkade

FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH

- ~ Carnival Rides, Games and Food - by J&K beginning at 4:30 p.m..
- ~ Beer Garden will open at 5 p.m. on the Island
- ~ Chicken Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at East Bentley Park. Prepared and sponsored by the Atom

Bombers 4-H Club

- ~ River Golf on the Island - 5:00-7:30 p.m. by Fairbank Development Corporation
- ~ Kiddie Parade at 6 p.m. - Line up at 5:45 p.m. by the walking path near gazebo, contact Lori Beierschmitt (319)238-1700
- ~ Lil' Island Prince/Princess and King/Queen presentation and drawing following the Kiddie Parade Contact Lori Beierschmitt (319)238-1700
- ~ Northern Iowa Dance Association - performance following Lil' Island contest.
- ~ Prince/Princess and King/Queen Presentation
- ~ Pedal Pull - will begin at 6:30 p.m. located at the Gazebo. zSponsored by FFA
- ~ 50/50 Raffle - drawing on the Island beginning at 7:30 p.m., must be present to win
- ~ ISLAND DANCE -7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the Island featuring: Not Quite Brothers
- ~ Fireworks on the Island - starting

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

I want to thank Dean and Donna Mangrich for volunteering to head the assembly of the new playground equipment at West Bentley Park. Many thanks to all of the other volunteers for their hard work in putting the new playground equipment together (see photos in this month's newspaper). Also, many thanks to Woods Construction for their help on the project. I can report that the equipment has been put to good use in the week or two it has been put up. It is GREAT to see how well people worked as a team on this project. THANK YOU ALL!

We had an awesome turnout for our first Music in the Park. Thank you to those of you who attended! We were asked by many people if another program would take place in June. The answer is YES! The program will be on Thursday, June 10, and will feature Aaron Smith. We are trying to change to Thursday nights instead of Wednesday nights because of other commitments that many people had. After all changes are confirmed, we will let people know of the changes.

At the City Council Meeting on May 24th, it was decided we would rent Porta Pottys for West Bentley Park, Riverside Park, and Veteran's Park. Hopefully this will be a good addition for the people using those parks.

Life Serve Blood Center has two dates scheduled for donations in Fairbank. Tuesday, July 27 and Tuesday, September 28 are the dates given to us. Pass the word to your friends and family. Your donations can help many people that are in need. On our last Blood Drive 41 lives were saved! There will be more details as the dates approach.

Congratulations to the Wapsie Valley Track Teams. We had many participants at the State Meet for both the Girls and Boys. The Boys ended up in 4th place, and the girls had many participants who met their personal best times. Fairbank is PROUD of all the team members and coaches!

Congratulations to the Wapsie Valley Graduates!! Graduation from High School is an exciting time. It is both an ending and a beginning. Wishing you a beginning of many successes in your life ahead.

By the time you read this, the Flowers on Main should be on display, and the Swimming Pool will be open. Enjoy!!

ENJOY THE SUMMER!!

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

FAIRBANK ISLAND DAYS
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after dark. Sponsored by: The Fairbank Community Club and The City of Fairbank

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH

- ~ Island Days Car Show - sign up will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Show is from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at West Bentley Park. Contact Russ Myers at (319)939-0669 or Chris Rechkemmer at (319)239-8483. Sponsored by Don's Truck Sales, Fairbank Floor Covering, and Myers Polaris.
- ~ Food Stand - at the car show until 2:00 p.m., proceeds will go to The Fairbank Community Club.

- ~ Island Days Parade - beginning at 10:30 a.m. Contact Kyle or Taylor Odneal (text preferred) (319)239-5616 Grand Marshall - Gary Fink
- ~ Raffle on the Island - at 12 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Carson McGrane Memorial Fund, prizes include a Traeger Smoker and UTV
- ~ Carnival Rides, Games and Food - by J&K beginning after the parade
- ~ Waterball - begins at 1:00 p.m. in the I.C. Church parking lot, registration begins at noon. Contact Shane Rechkemmer (319)239-0727. Hosted by The Oran/Fairbank Fire Departments.
- ~ Duck Races - Island Park following

parade - see Cindy Woods or Taylor Odneal

- ~ Beer Garden - Opens at 12:00 p.m. on the Island
- ~ Money in the Hay - for the kids, 1:00 p.m. on the Island Sponsored by Northeast Security Bank
- ~ LIVE MUSIC & DANCE featuring Nashville Country Music Star ADAM DOLEAC from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thank You to all of our sponsors, volunteers and those who continue to support our community year after year! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

~The Fairbank Development Corporation

UScellular Provides \$1,000 Sponsorship to Wapsie Valley CAPS

The Wapsie Valley CAPS (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) received a \$1,000 sponsorship from UScellular's Community Connections program. The Community Connections program provides sponsorship support to STEM programs, sports teams, marching bands, dance teams, arts and a variety of other groups.

Wapsie Valley CAPS is a new program to the district. CAPS is a collaboration between business and education that allows a partnership between students and business professionals. Seniors and juniors enrolled in the program leave the classroom fully immersed in a professional environment and are provided with value-added projects from local businesses to build on professional skills necessary for the next step after high school. Innovation, problem solving, professional skills and career exploration are the four CAPS pillars.

Wapsie Valley CAPS signed up on UScellular's website. Within 14 days, Wapsie Valley CAPS rallied their friends, families and social followers to complete digital activities, such as watching a video or following UScellular on its social channels that earned them the money.

"Groups like Wapsie Valley CAPS provide meaningful experiences for youth in our community, and we're proud to be able to provide funds to support their activities," said Matt Kasper, UScellular's director of sales for east Iowa. "The Community Connections program offers an easy, virtual platform for community youth organizations to raise money throughout the year and helps kids achieve their goals."

Since launching the program in 2015, UScellular has awarded more than \$1.4 million to 3,100 groups nationwide to support their needs from equipment purchases to field trips. For more information and to view the official rules, please go to uscellular.com/communityconnections.

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I am truly amazed at the show of positive support for Wapsie Valley students and staff from so many different groups within our community. I experienced firsthand an opportunity to attend the Wapsie Valley 44th Annual FFA Awards Banquet this past month. Our FFA officers, student members, and teacher, Mr. Wyatt Forsyth, presented a wonderful meal and hosted an outstanding banquet that showcased program achievements from the past year. Even during a year of restrictions due to COVID-19, this organization found a way to continue to forge ahead with their goals in mind. They demonstrated the many skills and dispositions that define an FFA member; leadership, trust, integrity, superior communication skills, organization, and at the forefront, friendships. The amount of emotion, pride, and commitment to the Wapsie Valley FFA Program was very heartfelt within this group. Many parents, community members, past leaders, and staff attended this banquet to show their appreciation and support of this outstanding program.

Thank you to the 2020-21 FFA officers for this year; Kaylee Kleitsch - President, Nick Grober - VP, Courtney Schmitz - Secretary, Ethan Oltrogge - Treasurer, Mary Bodensteiner - Reporter, and Austin Hesse - Sentinel. Our new officers for the 2021-22 school year will be Mary Bodensteiner - President, Nick Grober - VP, Lily Schwickerath - Secretary, Brok Grober - Treasurer, Kaliya Lampe - Reporter, and Austin Hesse - Sentinel.

Our new CAPS Program (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) taught by teacher leader, Haley Tiedt, was supported in many ways by local businesses, clubs, and agencies. A particular thank you to Van Daele Insurance for supplying a location that CAPS called home for the 2020-21 school year. Our local banks, Northeast Security Bank and Readlyn Savings Bank, are always willing to support school-related projects. Our telephone partners, Oran Telephone and Readlyn Telephone, continue to support projects

at schools and funding for competitive state events. Our local newspapers, Readlyn Chronicle and Fairbank Islander, are always willing to promote school events, organizations, and activities. A huge supporter also centers around the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation that pours thousands of dollars of funding directly into classrooms and programming for our students. Our local PTOs continue to support the classroom teacher needs and student activities within their elementary schools. The Wapsie Valley Booster Club at the 7-12 grade level continues to support many different areas of improvements to facilities, sporting equipment, lighting projects, and most recently, a large donation to a new concession stand for all our sports. Our Fine Arts Boosters continue to support the programming within the music and band areas. The contributors to the FFA Test Plot advance the agricultural knowledge base of our students. Local organized clubs including, Wapsie Valley Archery Club, MatPac Wrestling Club, and many additional local youth clubs and activities that provide valuable skill-building and leadership opportunities for students in the area. The volunteers and individual supporters who spend their time and energy in so many different ways with our students. My apologies if I've missed other entities that offer their services to this community and students.

This tremendous amount of positive community support has afforded our students the best possible learning environment and culture, and is deeply felt and much appreciated by all involved. On behalf of WVCSD students and staff, I thank you!

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,

Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

Fairbank Historical Society opened on Memorial Day weekend

After being closed for all of 2020, the Fairbank Historical Society opened on Sunday May 30th. The Society museum is located at 103 East Main.

In one of the front windows, the Society has placed a photo of the sign that originally stood east of the Post Office during the 40's that listed WWII Veterans. In the other window is a list of all the young men from the Fairbank area that served in the Civil War. An interesting new display item is a framed display with photos of 52 members of the Fairbank Modern Woodman from 1903.

The Society Museum is open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 until Labor Day weekend. The museum will also open at other times by calling 319-269-6795.

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PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



A group of volunteers recently met at West Bentley Park to help install some new playground equipment. Some of the citizens that took on this huge project were: Nathan Steinbronn, Kyle Odneal, Mitch Coffin, Dean Mangrich, Ryan Rausch, Dan Richards, Ted Vorwald, Betsy & Lilly & Liza Wierck. Thank you for all the hard work, it looks great!

a date set and volunteers organized to get the equipment up. The work started a week before May 15th with disassembly of the damaged equipment. Holes were dug and the area was prepped. Volunteers were asked to help on Saturday, May 15th.

The City of Fairbank wants to send a huge thank you for all of the volunteers and their hard work completing this project. Dean & Donna Mangrich, Dan & Bob Richards, Ernie & Lori Brickman and Joe & Diane Rubino donated 81 hours and equipment hours used from Aronia Berry Services of NE Iowa, LLC.

Ron & Collin Woods donated 15 hours and equipment hours used from Woods Construction. Other volunteers present were Mitch Coffin, Kyle Odneal, Ryan Rausch, Ted Vorwald, Tammy Erickson, Tom & Melaine Buzynski, Nathan Steinbronn, and Betsy and Liza & Lilly Wierck.

The City of Fairbank paid for the cement and pea gravel. Lunch consisting of pizza and beverages was provided to everyone Saturday, thanks to the Fairbank Community Club. What a wonderful addition to Fairbank! Thank you to everyone involved!

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Wapsie Valley Has Success At State FFA Convention

By Kali Lampe,
2021-2022 Chapter Reporter

On April 18 through April 20th, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter took 27 members, 3 chaperones, and 1 FFA advisor to the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines for the 93rd FFA State Leadership Conference. These members competed in 15 various events and activities. We also had several members excel in their part down at state. "One of the things I most enjoyed was getting to know and talk one on one with a national officer. I enjoyed the experiences so much that I want to go back next year," said Lily Schwickerath, one of our outstanding freshmen. During our trip we had an opportunity to meet with one of the national officers Anna Mathis. She talked to people from our chapter about the opportunity she has gotten by being an officer. She also told us about how different our culture is in Iowa and how it is different from Arkansas. She also told us how she became a national officer. She also asked a lot of questions about our FFA chapter. To thank her for agreeing to meet our chapter, we took her out for a supper at Jethros, and gave her one of our chapter t-shirts. Overall, meeting Anna was a great opportunity, and we are very grateful that she took time out of her busy schedule to come and meet our chapter.

Below are the members that participated this year:

- Maggie Burgett, Emilee Blasberg, Deven DeGroot, and Kylee Bartze competed in the Biotechnology CDE and received a Silver

- Brody Stark, Ethan Oltrogge, Brok Grober, and Cannon Joerger competed in the Ag Team Sales CDE and received 9th Place Overall with a Gold

- Brody Stark was the Top Overall Individual Salesman for Ag Sales

- Kaylee Kleitsch, Dori Waschkat, Reese Peine, and Lily Schwickerath competed in the Poultry Judging CDE and received 3rd Place Overall with a Gold

- Kaylee Kleitsch was the 6th Place Overall Individual for poultry judging

- Austin Hesse, Elle Voy, and Caitlyn Rechkemmer competed in the Farm Business Management CDE and received a Bronze

- Kaylee Kleitsch competed in the Job Interview LDE and received a silver

- All members packaged meals with Meals From The Heartland where the Iowa FFA will send over 200,000 pounds of packaged meals to the less-fortunate

- All Wapsie Valley FFA members that attended State got to meet with the National FFA Secretary, Anna Mathis from Arkansas, and hear her speak about gratitude



Mr. Forsyth, Hunter Fuller, Brock Kleitsch, Joseph Ebaugh, Austin Hesse, Brody Kleitsch, Cannon Joerger, Brok Grober, and Nick Grober.

- Brock Kleitsch and Brody Kleitsch both received Silver in the Greenhand Quiz

- Kaliya Lampe, Matilda Miller, Reese Peine, Nick Grober, and Madyson Richards in Chapter Display Exhibit and received a Gold

- Anna Richards was recognized for the Teach Ag Signing Day

- Cole Neil, Courtney Schmitz, and Anna Richards were recognized for their top placing proficiency awards

- Our chapter was recognized for the WHO/Public Relations Award

- Wapsie Valley FFA was recognized for the National Chapter Award

- Kaylee Kleitsch accomplished making ballot and being a state officer candidate

- Iowa Degree Recipients: Hunter Fuller, Ellie Neil, Mary Bodensteiner, Sam Banger, Joseph Ebaugh, Maggie Burgett, Bridget Seemann

- Nick Grober participated in the Auditing Committee where he got to vote on the constitution and bylaws

- Mary Bodensteiner participated in the Program of Activities where the group discussed FFA events coming up in the near future.

- Mr. Forsyth was recognized on stage for being a Golden Owl Finalist Agricultural Teacher/FFA Advisor.

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter Holds 44th Annual Banquet

By Mary Bodensteiner,
Chapter President

On Sunday, April 25th, FFA members, parents and special guests, gathered together, at a safe distance, to celebrate the accomplishments of the chapter throughout the 2020-2021 year. The festivities started out with a delicious dinner catered by the Fairbank Food Center as guests mingled and caught up with each other after this crazy year. The awards banquet itself was held in the Wapsie Valley high school auditorium. The 2020-2021 Chapter officer team shared their last few hours



The new 2021-22 Officer Team gets inducted at banquet (l. to r.) Austin Hesse, Kali Lampe, Brok Grober, Lily Schwickerath, Nick Grober, and Mary Bodensteiner.

together as they recognized their peers for their outstanding achievements and thanked

their supporters. As the banquet came to an end, the 2020-2021 officer team said their goodbyes

to the past year and welcomed a new group of leaders to take their places as the 2021-2022 Wapsie Valley FFA chapter officers. Both teams, old and new, would like to graciously thank everyone for their continued support of our chapter! Without the support from the community, and of course parents, this chapter would not be as successful as it is today.

The following individuals received special recognition at the banquet for their support of this chapter. The Blue and Gold Award was presented to Mike Duffy, Wapsie Superintendent

Dave Larson received the Honorary Award, and Mick Kane of Stine Seeds was given the Distinguished Service award. The Star Greenhand Award was presented to Lily Schwickerath, Star Sophomore was awarded to Tyce Hagenow, Star Junior this year was Mary Bodensteiner, and the Star Senior was Courtney Schmitz. The Overall Star Award recipient was Kaylee Kleitsch and Courtney Schmitz was recognized as Top Fruit Salesperson. Congratulations to everyone who went above and beyond for this chapter! Thank you!

Wapsie Valley CSD welcomes new staff members

By Dave Larson,
Wapsie Valley Superintendent

The Wapsie Valley School District would like to welcome two new members to our staff for the 2021-22 school year.

Jayne Hurley will be our new elementary principal at Readlyn Elementary and Fairbank Elementary Schools. Mr. Hurley has many ties to the Wapsie area. He is an Oelwein High School



graduate and has lived and taught in the Independence CSD for the majority of his career. He also taught in the Oelwein and Dyersville Beckman school districts in the past. He is currently finishing a 7-12 Principal position in the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District. Mr. Hurley's broad range of educational experiences include, teaching physical education, special education, handling At-Risk Coordinator duties, and strength/conditioning duties. Jayne and his wife, Rachael, have six children, Katelyn, Meg, Julia, Elliot, Sophia, and

Lillian. Mr. Hurley owns and operates Precision Drive LLC which is a driver's education business with classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. Jayne has been heavily involved as a football, track, and volleyball coach in previous positions. Please welcome Jayne Hurley and his family to the Wapsie Valley community and school district!



Tina Kaufman has been hired as our

new Human Resources Director. This position will be a shared position with the Dunkerton CSD. Mrs. Kaufman has close ties to the Wapsie Valley area. She is a current resident of Fairbank with her husband, Todd, and children, Traeton and Kaitlyn. Her family owns and operates Jerry's Auto in Fairbank. Tina has a wealth of experience in the human resources/payroll field. Please welcome Tina Kaufman to the Wapsie Valley CSD!



The Island Park

By Wilma Welsh

In 1854, land including the island, was bought by F. J. Everett and Clarence Bacon. The river was dammed and a grist mill was built in 1855. At the turn of the century, there was a pontoon bridge to the island. For a number of years, after high water washed the pontoon bridge out, the only way to the island was by boat.

In 1920, Charles Grantham built a hanging foot bridge. Electric service to the island was requested. The American Legion asked to use the streets and alleys for a celebration, saying the profit would be spent to beautify the island. Boxing matches were promoted on the island along with reenactments of Indian attacks.

There was concern, even then, about the town's liability in case of an accident on the island or the bridge. A sign reading "Entrance to Private Grounds" was placed at the east end of the bridge. The sponsoring group was to help furnish sufficient, reliable extra police for the event.

In 1931, a Councilman, a Legion member and H.C. Phelps, owner of the island, were appointed to investigate adverse conditions on the island. It was agreed that a license of \$10.00 per month should be required for dances, picture shows and other entertainment.

In 1934, a group looked into a TERA project for construction of a bridge and improving the island for park purposes. The work was begun. Dirt from south of the island was pulled up onto the island, then the project was discontinued.

In 1938, piers for the bridge to the island were included in a repair job on the dam. The town would furnish all trucking, rock, sand and gravel. The state would furnish all forms, cement and steel reinforcements and the WPA would furnish all labor, tools, pumps and mixers for the completion of the project.

On May 16, 1938, Hansen Phelps, Dale Phelps and H.C. Phelps, who had inherited the island, deeded it to the American Legion, who in turn, deeded it, the same day, to the town of Fairbank to be used as a park. The Weldon Bros. Construction Co. repaired the dam and poured the pilings for the island bridge.

In 1940, the Weldon Bros. Co. offered to return and build the bridge, which the council had decided to build to the island. It was to be a BRIDGE FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY. The cost of the bridge was \$858.00. It was proposed that the town have a park board. The question was put on the ballot at the General Election in March 1940 and it passed.

In recent years, during a storm, a tree fell on the bridge doing considerable damage. It was repaired and rebuilt by Bryan and Kurt Welsh. Picnic facilities and playground equipment have been placed on the island. When the river floods, the island is covered with water and everything that isn't fastened down goes down the river and ends up stuck in the trees and brush along the river banks. After years of losing picnic tables, they are now gathered together and chained to the trees or carried to higher ground, when they know a flood is coming.

Over the years, the Island Park has become a very recognizable landmark.



After a year of much practice and hard work, the piano students of Faith Swenson are showing how to tickle the ivories. On Sunday, May 16, nine of Mrs. Swenson's students performed at their Spring Recital held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fairbank. A week later, five students were also able to perform their pieces at Parkview Assisted Living in Fairbank. Students participating in these recitals included Stella Auel, Ava Auel, Penelope Myers, Liza Wierck, Lilly Wierck, Mason Curley, Braylee Berg, Brock Berg, Norah Oldfather, and Edith Holmen. If you see any of these students around, congratulate them for all of their hard work!



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

June is picnic month and what picnic would not be complete without potato salad? There are a variety of potato salads, but the traditional with potatoes, eggs, onion and dressing is the most popular. The dressing is what makes the potato salad. Loyola Kleitsch's recipe for Boiled Salad Dressing was in the 1993 I.C. Church Cookbook and I have used it ever since.

Boiled Salad Dressing

(Makes 1 quart)



1/2 c. sugar	1 c. water
1/2 c. flour	3/4 c. vinegar
2 tsp. dry or prepared mustard	2 eggs or 4 egg yolks slightly beaten
2 tsp. salt	1 tbsp. butter
1/8 tsp. paprika	

Combine vinegar and water. Mix dry ingredients and add to beaten eggs. Add water and vinegar. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick. Stir in the butter. Refrigerate.

For potato salad: mix equal amount of boiled dressing and Hellman's mayonnaise to make the potato salad dressing. The amount depends on how many boiled and sliced potatoes, diced hard boiled eggs, and diced onion that you are using. Diced celery can be added, too. Mix all of the ingredients together and refrigerate. Potato salad will keep for a few days in the refrigerator.

Here is a quick and easy cake cookie recipe using a cake mix. A good recipe for "beginning chefs".

Cake Mix Cookies

(Makes 24 cookies)

- 1 - 18 oz. cake mix
(if using a 15 oz. cake mix, add 2 tbsp. flour)
- 1/2 c. vegetable or canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- Add-ins: like chocolate chips, M&Ms or nuts



Put eggs in mixing bowl and beat slightly. Add oil and cake mix. Stir until well blended. Stir-in desired add-ins. Drop by cookie scoop or tablespoon full on parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Do not overbake.

Note: Any flavor cake mix works or you can add different flavorings to a white or yellow cake mix.

Share Some of Your Favorite Recipes

Food preparation is ever-changing with many new varieties of fruits, vegetables and seasonings. There are all kinds of mixes and the freezer section is overflowing with heat and serve foods. Also, the variety of cooking appliances is ever expanding – air fryer, instant pot, and electric pressure cooker, to name a few. Kumquats, papaya, spaghetti squash, dragon fruit and quinoa are some of the newer foods that are readily available. That means that today's recipes and menus differ from grandma's recipes.

Why not share some of your favorite recipes, old or new, whether they are ones you made up or are from a recipe book, magazine, or the internet? Send a copy of the recipe(s) to:

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The 4th grade students at Fairbank Elementary each had a state they had to research, make a pennant, write a speech, make a book, draw a map, and design a sculpture. Pictured are Eliza Meyer and Scott Chase.



By: Robert Shields

From President Lincoln's proclamation "calling forth States to muster a militia of 75,000 troops to suppress the rebellion", from April 15, 1861 until 1870, was a transformational time for the new village of Fairbank, having only been laid out 6 years previously, and for the 4 surrounding Townships of Lester, Franklin, Oran and Fairbank. Iowa Governor Kirkwood echoed Mr. Lincoln's call and at court houses throughout the state impromptu gatherings of patriotic citizens gathered to discuss ways to enlist and equip their county's allocation of troops.

The following instructions were given by Governor Kirkwood to each county. "Counties shall form companies, - when formed, companies should elect officers - one captain, two lieutenants, etc. It would be well if men would furnish themselves with some simple style of uniform, say a gray tweed flannel blouse and pants".

There were 116 men from The Four County area, and the Townships of Lester, Franklin, Oran and Fairbank, who served in the war, including veterans from other states that relocated to The Four County area after the war had ended. There were 74 young men who declared Fairbank as their residence on their muster papers who enlisted in various Iowa Regiments and served for a period of time during the war. The Iowa Regiments they served in; 1st Iowa Calvary, 4th Iowa Calvary, 6th Iowa Calvary, 7th Iowa Calvary, 3rd Iowa Infantry, 4th Iowa Infantry, 6th Iowa Infantry, 9th Iowa Infantry, 11th Iowa Infantry, 12th Iowa Infantry, 21st Iowa Infantry, 27th Iowa Infantry, 37th Iowa Infantry, 38th Iowa Infantry, 47th Iowa Infantry.

Some of the battles that these Iowa units served in are: Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Camden, Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson, Tupelo, Atlanta, Sherman's March to the Sea, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Missionary Ridge, Look-out Mountain, and Red River.

Regiments like the 37th Iowa Infantry "The Graybeard Regiment" (for volunteers over the age of 45), provided guard duty at the Benton Barracks, Missouri, the Army of the West's headquarters and main troop training camp. The 47th Iowa Infantry - provided garrison duty at Helena, Missouri protecting the railroads in western Missouri.

After the start of the war, regular army troops

Veterans of the War of the Rebellion

were taken from the west and sent east to join the Army of the Potomac, which left a void in the west. Two Iowa Regiments, the 6th Iowa Calvary and the 7th Iowa Calvary, were sent to the west to protect the Minnesota border and the settlers in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Harvey Harford, a veteran of the War of 1812, returned to his wife's native state of Virginia to serve in Company F. 22nd Virginia Infantry, the only secessionist veteran from the area.

18 of these young men from Fairbank, one fourth, died during the war either from combat or from diseases contracted during the war, or died shortly after their return home, after being mustered out to "go home to die". John Wright Abbott, died January 23, 1864, two weeks after returning home after he was discharged in New Orleans, he is buried in the Fairbank Cemetery; James A. Adams died of disease September 18, 1864, he is buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St Louis; Hiram G. Balcom, died June 19, 1864, and is buried at Little Rock National Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas; Marshall David Carpenter died December 29, 1864, he is buried in the Oran Township Cemetery; Isaac Chase died September 15, 1865, two months after discharge, he is buried in the Fairbank Cemetery; James Riley Cox died in Davenport, Iowa in February of 1863, James is buried in the Oran Township Cemetery; John H. Ford died at Vicksburg, Mississippi June 24, 1863 from a leg wound, and is buried in Mississippi; John W. Kelsey from Bremer County, he died of disease at Montgomery, Alabama on May 13, 1865 and is buried in the Marietta National Cemetery; John Randolph Laton died August 18, 1866, one year after being discharged, and is buried in the Littleton Cemetery; John Calvin McCray died of wounds received at Champion Hills, Mississippi on June 9, 1863, John was buried at Vicksburg National Cemetery in an unmarked grave; Walter S. Munger died of typhoid fever on November 8, 1864, at Anoka, Minnesota, Walter was buried at Anoka, Minnesota, there is a memorial stone in his honor at the Oran Township Cemetery; Washington P. Richmond died September 24, 1862 at Macon, Georgia after being taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee; John H. Robison, died of disease on October 18, 1863 in Carrollton, Louisiana; George A. Turner died February 14, 1864 at Paducah, Kentucky and is buried at the National Cemetery at Mound City, Illinois; Rynear M. Walker died of disease on June 27, 1862 at Farmington, Mississippi, he is buried in the Union National Cemetery at Corinth, Mississippi; Thomas Watson died January 16, 1866, less than 6 months after mustering out, Thomas is buried in the Littleton Cemetery; Thomas P. West, was taken prisoner March 15, 1863 near Memphis Tennessee and exchanged May 7, 1864. Thomas died October 23, 1864 and is buried in the Lester Township Cemetery north of Dunkerton; Brothers Frederick M. Wilbur and Henry P. Wilbur, Frederick

Wilbur died from diseases soon after he returned home after mustering out at East Port, Georgia on September 25, 1864. Frederick's brother Henry P. died May 22, 1863, at Walnut Hills near Vicksburg, Mississippi, from wounds received while on picket guard. Henry is buried at Vicksburg National Cemetery. Frederick was buried at the Kier Cemetery south of Fairbank.

After the end of the war, 40 young men from eastern Union states immigrated to the Four County Area to start new lives. These young war veterans came from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. At the same time that the veterans from the east were transplanting themselves to the Fairbank area, there were several young veterans from the Fairbank area that headed for new adventures in states further west, South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska, and California.

Some of these Iowa veterans never returned home the same young patriotic adventurers who left Iowa on a 90 day enlistment, planning to put down the rebellion and "to be home to harvest the crops by fall". One by 1870 was admitted to the State Hospital at Mount Pleasant. One was the first person to die at the State Hospital in Independence in 1873. Another died by his own hand sitting at his kitchen table.

Across the northern states, after the war ended there was a growing custom of decorating with flowers the graves of the fallen young men by their families each spring in May. After the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic, (GAR,) in 1866, local GAR Posts across the country would join together to lay flowers on the graves of their fallen comrades. In 1868, May 30th was set aside by the GAR as Decoration Day. That day was picked because there wasn't a major battle that had been fought on that day whose anniversary would take away from the solemnness of the day. Decoration Day then became more formal with parades, flying of the Flag and speeches by surviving veterans and local officials.

The Fairbank Grand Army of the Republic, Post 367 was formed, on October 25, 1884. At the regular meeting held June 22, 1900 it was agreed to purchase the open area west of lot 216 in the Fairbank Cemetery for the purpose of "erecting a monument to the soldiers, sailors, and marines who served during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865". The 10 X 20 ft. lot was deeded to the GAR post by cemetery trustees, C. B. Everett and John H. Risher. It was thought that if \$600 to \$700 could be raised, with hard work the monument could be completed. The monument was never erected at this location. A monument to the Pythian Sisters



A war monument, located in Veteran's Park in the S.E. section of Fairbank, contains the names of the local veteran's who lost their life during the War of the Rebellion which ran from 1861-1865.

Lodge sits on this lot now.

On the morning of May 30, 1912, Decoration Day, the Fairbank Cornet Band, all the members of the GAR and WRC (Woman's Relief Corps), and pupils of the public and parochial schools, each carrying flowers, met at the Miller Opera House at 9:00 a. m.. They marched as one body led by the band, to decorate the graves of the fallen veterans of the War of the Rebellion. In the afternoon everyone again met at the Opera House and marched to the Park, (Veterans Memorial Park today), for the dedication of the Soldiers Monument which was erected by the GAR and WRC the previous fall. The Fairbank Cornet Band provided the music. The invocation was given by Methodist Minister, Rev. C. A. Peddicord, and the Fairbank quartet sang patriotic songs. Miss Olive Trebon recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, followed by short address from local veterans. The Hon. M. A. Harmon of Independence, a veteran of Co. K. 21st Iowa Infantry, delivered the main address, before the unveiling of the Soldiers Monument. The program ended in a flourish with songs by the quartet and music from the band.

Isaac Betts served in Co. C. 7th Iowa Cavalry, he died April 15, 1933 at age 90. Isaac was the last veteran of the War of the Rebellion to die from Fairbank.

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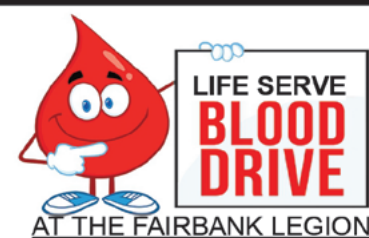
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THE TRAIN WRECK

By Betty Brandt Passick

(From *We Are Eight, a Memoriam*, 2015)

In the fall of 1956, our family moved from the Shannon farm south of Fairbank into the faded-pink, slate-sided, two-story house across from the Baptist church. Mom and Dad bought the house from Elmer Cummings, the man we first knew as the owner of a farm we had rented in Fayette County from 1949-1951.

I was nine years old when we moved into Fairbank, the eldest daughter of their six children.

My upstairs bedroom, located in the southeast corner of the house, had seven ceiling-to-floor windows, three of which faced the railroad tracks to the south, about 40 yards from the house. One of my first memories was being jostled from deep slumber in the pitch-black of night, sometime after midnight, by a vibrating, window-rattling, electro-dieselized Chicago Great Western EMD F7 locomotive powered by 16 cylinders and 1500 horsepower—the largest and most powerful engine the CGW owned—pulling 100-150 freight cars, all passing by what felt like just a few feet from my bed.

My initial jarring came from the two short blasts of a 200-blat air horn, mounted on the hood directly behind the engine's cab, which generated a decibel level of around 800. When the train came into town from the west, the first blasts signaled the train's approach to the crossing that intersected with Fourth Street. Moments later, the train rumbled past my bedroom windows, sounding two more blasts as it approached the major Highway 281 intersection on the northeast corner of the block. If on some nights I did manage to somehow sleep through the dual horn blasts, I would be awakened instead by the beam of light emanating from the engine's nose, tantamount to staring into a light as bright as the mid-day sun.

Every family living next to the train tracks was aware of the possibility of train derailments. A couple times a few cars did domino off the tracks, but within a day or so were up-righted and trains ran smoothly through the neighborhood again.

I once heard a neighbor say, "Some day there will be a really big train wreck if these trains don't slow down!"

That was enough for me to imagine a grand collage of cars one day slipping off the tracks... the first boxcar tipping, ever so gently, no one noticing at first, shiny silver wheels lifting from blackened rigid rails, one side, then the other, producing eerie

screaming sounds, as rotating things scrape along the unmovable and fixed, hot metal against hot metal, causing sparks to fly, igniting pods of dry grass nearby; the first car listing—its heavy cargo, too—finally landing with a gargantuan thud, spurring the foremost eruption of dust; as more cars follow, tethered by couplings, unwittingly yanking at the other, in front and behind, 'til one by one, are jerked from foundations of rock, to join in a waltz, serenely skidding across tender green patches, effortlessly flattening peas, potatoes, tomatoes and corn, entangling, churning, pureeing tender stems and tall stalks in black dirt; then, energy dwindling, the first car comes to rest inside rooms of our home that holds miscellaneous stuff—though valuable to us none-the-less—while more cars stack up, and produce loud, crashing sounds and quaking ground, scattering debris in unforeseen places; eventually a thundering, deafening silence erupts, when people emerge from their houses, everyone aghast at the sight, wondering what could have possibly started it all.

Mom referred to the two southern-facing rooms of our home as her 'south rooms,' and in them she stored a wide variety of items: canning equipment, furniture, toys, hand-me-down clothing, blue jeans with the knees gone out, awaiting the miracle of a patch and Mom's skilled hands at the wheel of her Singer pedal sewing machine—plus, myriad other miscellaneous items. If the train ever took out any of those walls and exposed the disheveled contents of those rooms to the rest of the world, I knew she would have been mortified.

When I became an adult, I would better understand that fear.

Like all kids, I worried about a lot of things that never happened. I would have to wait until 1962 when 13 cars of a 95-car CGW freight train derailed next to our house and for several days blocked both east-west Highway 281 intersections.

Fortunately, neither we nor any of our neighbors incurred damage to life or property.

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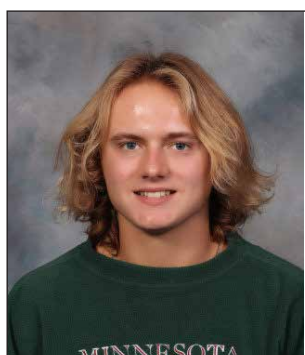
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Commencement

Sunday, May 16, 2021

VALEDICTORIANS
 Grace Imbrogno ~ Ethan Oltrogge
 Trevor Sauerbrei ~ Macey Schmit
 Brody Stark ~ Dallas Wittenburg

SALUTATORIAN
 Kaylee Kleitsch

Wapsie Valley Awards Night was held May 5th in the High School Auditorium. The award recipients are listed below:

Governor's Scholar: Dallas Wittenburg

KWWL Best of Class: Ethan Oltrogge

President's Gold Academic Achievement Award:
Grace Imbrogno

Des Moines Register Academic All State: Brody Stark

Bernie Saggau Athletic Citizenship: Trevor Sauerbrei

Robert Smiley Award Nominee: Macey Schmit

NICL All Academic: Grace Imbrogno, Ethan Oltrogge,
Trevor Sauerbrei, Macey Schmit, Brody Stark,
Dallas Wittenburg

State Volleyball Sportsmanship: Grace Imbrogno

Athletic 4x4 Award: Tyler Ott, Brody Stark

American Bar Association: Emma Cutsforth

Student of Integrity: Courtney Schmitz

Hawkeye Community College Dance Team:
Courtney Schmitz

Wapsie Valley Music Boosters: Courtney Schmitz

Wapsie Valley Athletic Boosters: Ethan Oltrogge,
Courtney Schmitz

Wapsie Valley Archery Award: Asa Kelley, Kaylee Kleitsch

Flint Hills Resources Discovery: Courtney Schmitz

Friends of the WV FFA Alumni: Kaylee Kleitsch,
Ethan Oltrogge, Courtney Schmitz

WVEF Service: Emma Cutsforth, Macey Schmit,
Dallas Wittenburg

WVEF Hookandliner: Colin O'Donnell, Brody Stark

WVEF Readlyn Telephone Company:
Grace Imbrogno

WVEF Carlene Werner Memorial: Kaylee Kleitsch,
Ethan Oltrogge

WVEF Beverly Jean Davis Memorial:

Trevor Sauerbrei

Leistikow Family: Blayde Bellis, Kaylee Kleitsch,
Courtney Schmitz, Dallas Wittenburg

Steve Phelan Memorial: Jordan Rubner

Carson McGrane Memorial: Macey Schmit

Jamie Risse Memorial: Blayde Bellis, Brody Stark

Nicole Cox Memorial: Macey Schmit

Kenneth G. Meyerhoff Memorial: Grace Imbrogno

Sittig Family: Macey Schmit

American Red Cross: Brody Stark

Bremer County Corn Growers: Kaylee Kleitsch,
Ethan Oltrogge, Dallas Wittenburg

East-Central Iowa REC: Kaylee Kleitsch

Fayette County Farm Bureau: Kaylee Kleitsch

Bremer County Farm Bureau: Ethan Oltrogge

Readlyn Volunteer of the Year: Grace Imbrogno,
Ethan Oltrogge

Hemophilia of Iowa: Asa Kelley

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association:

Ayden Cummings, Alyxandra Dixon

Viafeld Agriculture: Kaylee Kleitsch

iSmile Orthodontics: Ethan Oltrogge

Fidelity Bank and Trust: Grace Imbrogno

McCarthy Scholarship: Jordan Rubner

Wartburg College: Blayde Bellis

Hawkeye Community College Early Admission

Scholarship: Camryn Wolfe

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa:

Dallas Wittenburg

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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 Rochford,
Jordan Rubner, Trevor Sauerbrei,
Macey Schmit, Courtney Schmitz,
Brody Stark, Jessica Suhr, Cody Wilke,
Dallas Wittenburg, Camryn Wolfe.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Blayde Bellis, Grace Imbrogno (Gold),
Asa Kelley, Kaylee Kleitsch,
Joslynn Miller, Colin O'Donnell,
Ethan Oltrogge, Tyler Ott, Kobe Risse,
Jordan Rubner, Trevor Sauerbrei,
Macey Schmit, Courtney Schmitz,
Brody Stark, Dallas Wittenburg,
Camryn Wolfe.

Congratulations



"On the Sunday after the State Track Tournament, the team participants were all welcomed back during a parade led by the Fairbank Fire Department trucks. They were followed by a line of honking cars."

Memorable State Track Meet for Wapsie Valley

Wapsie Valley secured three 1st place event wins at a state meet for the first time in program history and finished with a strong fourth-place score of 50 points, seven back of runner-up Lisbon and two behind Earlham. Madrid won the 1A championship with 65.5 points.

One of the highlights of the tournament came when Dawson Schmit, Ethan Oltrogge, Holton Robinson and Trevor Sauerbrei ran the 800 Meter Sprint Medley Relay with a time of 1:33.57. They not only came home with the State Championship, they also set a Class 1A state meet record. Way to go guys!

After placing 5th as a freshman two years ago at state, Gunner Meyer was ready to meet the challenge and he did... he cleared 6'5" and claimed the Class 1A State High Jump Championship title! Adding another medal from state, Gunner ran a time of 15.49 setting a new personal record and placing 6th in the Class 1A 110 Meter Hurdles.

After placing runner-up two years ago in the 400 Meter Dash, Trevor Sauerbrei ran a time of 50.10 to claim the 1A State Championship and take home the gold. Sauerbrei finished the weekend as a four-event place-winner and graduates after setting a school-record 10 times at state in just three seasons of competition.

The Warriors' 4x100 relay team of Schmit, Oltrogge, Hunter Kane and Robinson finished a close third in 44.95.

The boys' 4x200 relay team of Ott, Robinson, Oltrogge and Sauerbrei placed third with a time of 1:31.69. Sauerbrei added a fourth-place time of 22.83 in the 200 Dash, and Gunner Meyer was sixth with a time of 15.49 in the 100-meter hurdles.

Other Event Results:

Girls 400 Dash: 15th place, Sydnie Martin with a time of 1:03.44

Boys 400 Hurdles: 15th place, Dawson Schmit with a time of 59.03

Girls 1500: 10th place, Ava VanDaele with a time of 5:16.28

Girls 800 Meter Sprint Relay: 17th place, Emma Jones, Kate Risse, Hannah Knight, Sydnie Martin with a time of 1:56.59

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay: 16th place, Brady Sauerbrei, Ryan Schares, Kobe Risse, Dallas Wittenburg with a time of 8:40.30

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay: 11th place, Brooklyn Etringer, Ava VanDaele, Brylee Bellis, Sydnie Martin with a time of 10:21.59

Girls Distance Medley: 17th place, Emma Jones, Hannah Knight, Mary Bodensteiner, Ava VanDaele with a time of 4:31.52



Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make our 1st event a success!

FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CLUB



Music provided by Mitch Boevers.



Jean Bellis sells 50/50 tickets.



Flip's BBQ served giant tenderloins & curly fries...and they were *delicious!!!!*



Island Queen Courtney Schmitz was on hand to visit with the crowd.



Everyone enjoyed the music and the socializing!

Don't miss the next "Music in the Park" on June 10th.

Music by Aaron Smith

"Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts." (Psalm 33 English Standard Version)

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

This month we're going to talk about something which, I think, we haven't yet. It's something that many people ask about and most have an opinion about. It's something you'd notice right off the bat as soon as the service begins at St. John's. When the worship service begins, you'll likely experience something unlike anything else we experience in other areas of our lives. This month we're going to talk about how Lutherans (and most Christians worldwide) worship. For this month, there are two words to know: liturgy and hymnody.

Now, I've said before that it'll be a while before we start to talk about things that are exclusively Lutheran. There are things that are, but there are many things that Christians of all stripes have in common; this is one of them. So, let's start at the beginning. The Lutheran Church, along with the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and most Protestant church bodies is what is called a "liturgical" church. This means that our worship services have a set order - certain things go at certain times, and you can usually follow it from a bulletin or hymnal (the book you'll find in the pews beside the Bible). This set order is called the Liturgy. Liturgy is an ancient Greek word, found even in the New Testament, which means, "service." The Liturgy has many parts in it, which are the product of generations of faithful Christians taking the words of Scripture and setting them to music. It does not belong to one church or another but is a common inheritance of all Christians. That, basically, is what the liturgy is - a set form of worship, using the words of Scripture set to music - which is a common inheritance of Christians throughout the world.

The second word to know this month is hymnody. That simply means that the Lutheran Church - again, along with most Christians - sings hymns in its worship. Cool; what's a hymn? It's just a fancy word for a song which is meant to praise God. Hymns are usually accompanied by instruments, but not always. In my congregation, we are blessed to have a beautiful pipe organ - thank you, again, to those of you who helped with its restoration; but an organ is not necessary. Most often in our time, you'll find hymns accompanied by piano. Hymns are written by Christian men and women all over the world. They take the words and teachings of the Bible and put them into verse, and then they (usually others) set it all to music. The goal of a hymn is not necessarily to evoke emotion, though the good ones certainly do. Rather, the purposes of a hymn are to teach God's Word, comfort the heart, strengthen the faith, and praise God for His goodness. A hymn really does a lot, doesn't it?

Thank you for joining me again this month, this time for a short "bootcamp" on Christian worship. Maybe in time we'll explore the parts of the liturgy or our favorite hymns together. Let me know what you'd like to talk about. Finally, if my math is correct, our little paper here has been going for a full year. What a fantastic thing to have. Please be sure to thank those who put so much work into it and those who support both it and our community of Fairbank. Until next month.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jacob Swenson

St. John's Lutheran, Fairbank

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	St. John Lutheran Church (MISSOURI SYNOD) 208 N. 4 th Street Fairbank, Iowa 50629 319-635-2181 Pastor Jacob Swenson Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service: 10:00 AM
	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 302 W. Main Street Fairbank, Iowa 319-635-2211 Father Ray Atwood Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM Wednesday Mass: 8:30 AM 1 st Saturday Mass: 8:30 AM
	Lord of the Harvest Prayer and Praise Center 101 South 4th Street Fairbank, Iowa 50629 Rev. Scott Jans Worship Service: 9:00 AM
	First Baptist Church 304 Grove Street Fairbank, Iowa 50629 Rev. Mike Anderson Worship Service: 9:00 AM Sunday School: 10:00 AM

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



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Fairbank 6th grade students graduated from the DARE program that was instructed by Deputy Shores. Pictured are Abby Mann and Kylie Belinsky reading the DARE reports they had written.



HELP WANTED



Looking for some great volunteers to help clean up playground equipment at the ball diamond in Fairbank.
Thursday night June 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Contact us if interested in advertising in Islander

The Fairbank Islander is starting a new year, which means that we are looking for new advertisers. We attempt to contact as many of the local businesses as we can, but we know that we have missed a few.

If you are interested in purchasing an ad to run for the year, please contact Kathy Risse at (319) 635-2122 or send an email to: kathyrisse53@yahoo.com. Our

yearly rates are very reasonable.

As always, we would like to remind the local clubs, organizations, churches, schools, etc. that we are happy to publicize your events and fundraisers, but you need to get the information to us. You can drop off your information at the Fairbank Public Library or email to: f.library@mchsi.com.

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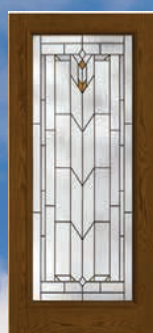


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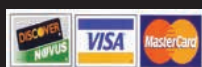
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Congratulations to both the Wapsie Valley High School Choir and Band for receiving Division I ratings at IHSMA contest on May 10th! We are so proud of your accomplishments, and very thankful that you could attend contest in person this year!



Atom Bombers ditch clean-up crew.

Atom Bombers hold a ditch clean-up

By Wally Kaufman

The Atom Bombers 4H club met on Sunday, May 2nd at the Immaculate Conception Parish hall in Fairbank. The club also did a ditch clean-up east of Fairbank.

The meeting was called to order by Reese Peine. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hayden Ryherd. Roll call was "what was your favorite thing that you found when you were doing ditch clean up?"

The secretary's report was given by Destry Pe-

ine and the treasurer report was given by Brody Kleitsch. At the meeting a reminder was given that the registration for any animals to be entered into the Buchanan County Fair will be due on May 15th. All people that want to show their animal need to have a valid showing license by completing required YQCA training.

The 4H pledge was led by Morgan Gipson. The hosts were the Ryherds and the Millers. Next month we will be camping out at Fontana Park for two days on June 11th and 12th.

Fairbank pool offering reduced fees

The Fairbank Municipal Pool Board is again offering free or reduced fees for those citizens who may qualify. We are committed to the mission of providing a fun and safe recreational opportunity to the citizens and visitors of the aquatic center, as well as an opportunity to learn lifesaving swimming skills.

We recognize that some may find the season pass and lesson fees financially burdensome, so we are again offering this free or reduced program

for low-income citizens of Fairbank.

To qualify, you must live in the city limits, have a family income of \$30,000 or less / Individual income of \$20,000 (college students home for the summer do not qualify), and a legitimate burden that makes paying for aquatic center fees difficult. A third-party professional evaluates the applications and makes the determination.

The pool is scheduled to open on May 27th.

BCEDC Awards Grants

The Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) recently awarded seven Business and Community Website Marketing Grants. Recipients of the grant are Adams Family Furniture, LMFT Therapy Services, City of Lamont, City of Brandon, City of Winthrop, Independence Area Chamber of Commerce, and Buchanan County Historical Society.

Because of COVID, many businesses, organizations and communities found they were not equipped to deal with day-to-day activities without a way to communicate digitally, or their websites did not function in a user-friendly manner. By providing the funds to either develop a website, or upgrade an existing website that has become obsolete, these groups will be able to be more competitive in the future should we ever face a similar situation. "This grant allows us to upgrade our website to be mobile and user friendly," remarked Chamber Executive Director Nikki Barth. "Because of this we will be better able to serve businesses, our community and promote the Independence area."

Keeping things local, BCEDC teamed up with Fusion Forward who will develop and upgrade the grant recipients' websites. Fusion Forward worked with BCEDC and created a special discounted package for anyone who received the grant. "We are proud to be a part of this project with the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission. This is the perfect opportunity to continue our efforts to help small businesses in the area use their online presence to promote their work," said Terra Gissel, the Creative Designer for Fusion Forward and who has been in charge of putting together this program for BCEDC.

"BCEDC was excited to be able to offer this grant to assist our communities, businesses and organizations that have had to deal with the difficulty COVID presented their organizations. Because of this grant they will be ready to effectively communicate on a digital platform where they were not able to before," stated BCEDC Executive Director Lisa Kremer. "This is just one of the many ways BCEDC has been working to help with recovery from the pandemic."

This grant was made possible by an Iowa Northland Regional Economic Development Commission (IRREDC), Economic Resiliency Planning and Response Grant, and Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG).

For questions or to learn more, contact BCEDC Executive Director Lisa Kremer at director@growbuchana.com or visit our website at www.growbuchana.com.

NOTE: The deadline for the July issue of the Fairbank Islander is Monday, June 28th. It's 2 days earlier due to the July 4th holiday.

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 1st - 30th, 2021 Report

Ambulance Calls: 8

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accidents With Injuries: 2

Fire Calls: 1 structure fire and 2 grass fires

Controlled Burns: 6

Anhydrous Leak: 1

EMS Training Hours: Approx. 24

Fire Training Hours: Approx. 40

~ Fire training was how to coordinate and respond to a tornado. We walked through incident command, pre-planned different scenarios and discussed resources needed.

~ EMS training was Respiratory Emergencies.

Membership: Ben Riordan joined as a prospective firefighter and EMT. Kim Gray joined as a prospective EMT and Matt Johnson joined as a prospective Firefighter. They have commenced a 6 month probationary period and have all been paired with sponsors.

*Brad Gordon, Chief
Fairbank Fire Department*





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furniture at the library
after the recent renova-
tions.

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Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle to all programs.

Fizz Bubble and Goo Most suitable for grades K-3

Explore the wonders of science by creating amazing chemistry experiments with everyday materials to watch them fizz, bubble, and goo. Youth will learn about matter and its three states, make slime, and observe chemical and physical changes before their very eyes!

Tuesday, June 29 ~ Fairbank Library 9am-3pm

The Science of BBQ Most suitable for grades 4-8

Participants are introduced to grilling methods including cooking with gas and charcoal. Youth will explore various meat cuts and how cooking temperatures and the composition of the meat can affect the barbecuing process. Participants will learn how to incorporate meat into a healthy diet, food safety and techniques such as using rubs, marinades, and seasonings.

Tuesday, June 15 ~ Fairbank Library 9am-3pm

Dig Those Dinosaurs Most suitable for grades K-3

The Dinosaur Science Camp involves traveling back millions of years ago to the days when dinosaurs roamed the earth. We explore fossils that were left behind, learn about paleontologists, and dig up some dinosaur bones.

Monday, July 19 ~ Fairbank Library 9am-3 pm

STEM-Lit Adventures Most suitable for grades K-3

Hour at the Fair - Children participate in a variety of stem literacy activities while learning more about the Iowa State Fair. With an art challenge, animal challenge, and bee-bot challenge.

Thursday, June 10 ~ Fairbank Library 9am-3pm

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/scienceofbbq>



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REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in Regular session on Monday April 26, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: Williams. 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.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

There were no public comments.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes from April 12th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Councilman Williams arrived at 6:01 PM.

Erickson/T. Woods to open the public hearing for the disposal of city owned property located at 405 Grove Street. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. There were no public comments received orally or in writing. T. Woods/Erickson to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-11 – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fairbank, Iowa, Disposing of City Owned Property Legally Described Herein, Fairbank, Iowa. The purchase agreement and offer received from the Fairbank Development Corporation was agreed upon and approved by the Council. The City Council of Fairbank disposes and sells the property at 405 Grove Street to the Fairbank Development Corporation for \$25,000 and pursuant to the terms contained in the purchase agreement. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams and R. Woods.

Hollie Hare was present to introduce herself and to discuss with the Council her plans to work with the Buchanan County Emergency Management and the city of Fairbank to update the city's Mitigation Plan. Hollie will work with the office staff to schedule a time for a meeting to work on the information needed for the update. In the past INRCOG had been utilized but she is taking on the project for Buchanan County to save them money.

The city of Fairbank received a community acknowledgment form from Kyle Helland with Helland Engineering. The form is part of a conditional permit request to bring fill into a floodplain area in town. After reviewing the form, and in consultation with the city engineer, Jon Biederman, attorney Prendergast recommended to the council that the form not be executed because the cur-

rent application permit does not comply with the city's floodplain ordinance. Additionally, attorney Prendergast indicated that the DNR had communicated to Jon Biederman that the permitting through the DNR first was the preferable process versus obtaining a conditional permit before the DNR permit was granted. Attorney Prendergast indicated to the applicant that they could continue with their process with the DNR and then return to council with more information following the DNR's evaluation of the floodplain fill permit. Kyle Helland indicated that his intention with the form was to try and submit both to the DNR and FEMA at the same time in order to save time. Kyle Helland indicated that he was attempting to expedite the process by having this form done now. Action on the community acknowledgment form failed for lack of a motion.

Jon Biederman presented the council with some preliminary opinions for water main replacements in town. Along with the estimated project costs presented at the last meeting for the West Main Street section, Jon provided another one for a section of Grove Street between First Street and Second Street. The estimated project cost for that section was \$83,316. Vorwald/Erickson to approve Jon Biederman with Fehr Graham to submit the following projects to bid; the base project for West Main Street and the project for Grove Street with the two alternate projects for West Main Street listed as alternates. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Jon Biederman gave an update on the meeting he attended with the IA DOT on April 20th about the future Main Street project. He explained that he thought the meeting went well and that the project is still on for 2023. The project will consist of three divisions: ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), IA DOT, and the city. The IA DOT is planning on replacing the center 28' of East Main Street and continue on with a section of Fourth Street to Grove Street. They will also be doing a new surface on the remainder of Hwy 281 in town from Fairbank Street to the bridge. All sidewalks within the IA Hwy 281 will be replaced and upgraded to current ADA accessibility standards. The sidewalks will be 100% funded by the ADA due to funds set aside to be used to help towns with less than 5,000 in population. The city is also possibly planning on street reconstruction in the sections off Main Street along the side streets of First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, and a section of East Main Street. There will also be

costs involved with water distribution, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer. The entire project will require good coordination with all parties involved. Jon will keep the council informed with any updates and is working on providing a first draft of anticipated cost shares for the areas to be reconstructed soon. The IA DOT plans to go to bid letting with the plans in December 2022.

The ADA questioned the need to replace two sections of sidewalks in town during the Main Street project meeting on April 20th. The two sections run just east of the intersection of Grove and Fourth Street along Grove Street. They are not used and overgrown with vegetation. Including them in the project would not benefit the city and could cause issues down the road if they were ever connected to. ADA requested that the city draft a letter to them stating that those did not need to be in the scope of work for the sidewalk project. Vorwald/Williams to approve Resolution 2021-12 – Resolution Rejecting the Replacement of Sidewalks with an ADA Grant, for Only Two Sections of Sidewalks not Used in Fairbank, Iowa. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The state of Iowa has a statewide offset program for collection of funds. Section 8A.504 of the Code of Iowa provides for the offset of payments made by State of Iowa agencies to satisfy liabilities owed to Iowa government agencies. The Director of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is given the authority with other government agencies to participate in the program. All agencies participating in the Offset Program must sign a "Memorandum of Understanding" and provide DAS with a liability file. Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-08 – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Department of Administrative Services, State Accounting Enterprise, and the City of Fairbank, Iowa for Participation in the Income Offset Program. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

City health insurance coverage options were discussed to help with the finalizing of the updated personnel manual. T. Woods/R. Woods to terminate the option of family health insurance coverage for the city employees. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion on the personnel manual continued. The latest changes will be updated and should be ready for approval on the May 10th meeting. Williams/Erickson to table the passing of the personnel manual until the next meeting after the updates are made. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-09 – Resolution Hiring Public Works Director effective June 1, 2021. Dave Jergens was hired at a pay rate of \$85,000 salary per year with no pay for overtime, salary is reflective of not taking health insurance benefits. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Mayor Harter hired him effective immediately as Interim Public Works Director.

The council was presented with images of an option for striping for the police vehicle. Ben Delagardelle would design and apply the reflective vinyl and the quote of \$918 was for the two sides and rear gate. R. Woods/Williams to approve the image with the larger "City of Fairbank" text. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A new resident in town was inquiring about gravel being applied to an alley in their back yard between North Fourth Street and North Fifth Street. The homeowners along the alley will be contacted and more information will be obtained in order to make a decision. Vorwald/Erickson to table until more information is retrieved. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The elementary spring concert is scheduled for the same time as the next regular council meeting. Williams/Erickson to approve the next regular council meeting for May 10th at 4:00 PM instead of 6:00 PM to give office staff and council the ability to attend the spring concert. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The current budget year is ending June 30, 2021 and there are some changes needing to be amended to the numbers passed and approved in the spring of 2020. Williams/Erickson to approve Resolution 2021-10 – Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for an Amendment of FY2020-2021 City Budget. The public hearing will be on May 10 at 4:00 PM at City Hall, 116 East Main Street, Fairbank, IA. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The playground equipment bought last year for West Bentley Park with the help of the Fun For Everyone committee is here and ready to be installed. Now that it is nicer weather, Councilwoman Erickson said she would make some calls and try and get a plan in place for some volunteers. They will get a date set then let the community know about it.

Vorwald/T. Woods to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present at City Hall: Williams, R. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: Vorwald and T. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Dave Jergens, Interim Public Works Director; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Williams/R. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. During the public comment section Councilwoman Erickson stated that volunteers are needed to help with the playground installation at West Bentley on Saturday morning May 15th around 8:00 AM.

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

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of April were: General, \$108,893.45; Special Revenue, \$62,056.05; TIF, \$17,549.14; Capital Projects, \$4.58, Permanent Funds, \$6.40; Proprietary, \$272,105.78; and Transfers In, \$174,555.00. Disbursements for the month of April were: General, \$43,142.13; Special Revenue, \$8,555.41; Proprietary, \$140,358.39; and Transfers Out, \$174,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on April 30, 2021 was \$4,856,186.57.

Williams/Erickson to open the public hearing on the FY 2021 Budget Amendment. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. There were no comments received orally or in writing. Erickson/R. Woods to close the public hearing. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Erickson/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-13 – Resolution Approving City Budget Amendment #1 and Certification for Fiscal Year 2021. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve the IC Youth to run the ball diamond concessions again for season 2021. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Jason Kayser was present to discuss needed pool equipment upgrades. Councilman T. Woods arrived at 4:06 PM. The replacement of the 16-year-old Lily Pads were quoted at \$7,730.00 and he also discussed the possibility of adding a new slide with the left-over local option tax money collected years ago. More information will need to be gathered on the restrictions around spending that money. Williams/ T. Woods to approve the purchase of the lily pads through Recreation by Lemmie Jones LLC for \$7,730.00. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the fireworks permit for Fairbank Days. Fireworks are scheduled for Friday night, June 25th, around 9:30 PM. The rain date was approved for Saturday June 26th at 9:30 PM. The fire department will be on the property with all necessary personnel and equipment. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The carnival that was lined up for Fairbank Days needs 3 phase power and they were wondering if they could borrow the city generator. Interim Public Works Director Jergens stated he didn't see a problem with it and that they would have it filled up with gas and that the carnival could return in the same condition. The generator could be locked up at night as well. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the carnival using the city generator. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Discussion on a memorial bench at the ball diamond was tabled due to different plans with the project.

The personnel manual was ready for final approval. There had been no changes other than the insurance section since the last meeting. Williams/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2021-14 – Resolution to Approve the Personnel Policy Manual. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

A quote for \$654.72 was received from Storey Kenworthy for two more half hexagon tables to make the u-shape main table bigger. This would provide two more seats at the council table. Williams/T. Woods to approve the purchase of the two tables for the council chambers. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Steven Schmitt with Gordon Flesch Company provided a quote to the City Clerk for a cloud option telephone system for city hall/police office, the library, and the fire station. The total cost for those departments was quoted at \$270.90. This is a decrease in costs for a better system, upgraded telephone technology, and many options for transfers and mailboxes. The council agreed to start with those departments with eventually getting the aquatic center and fax lines through the system as the goal. Erickson/T. Woods to get the Avaya Cloud option telephone system through Gordon Flesch Company. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve the cigarette permit for Casey's Marketing. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the cigarette permit for the Fairbank Food Center. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

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

AERO-MOD, Equipment	\$604.34
ALLSTATE RENTAL INC., Rental	\$150.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$102.02
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, INC., Supplies	\$1,401.29
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,814.90
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$43,183.43
CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Supplies	\$490.20
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$507.79
CEDAR VALLEY PUMP, LLC, Reimbursement	\$85.00
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS, Services	\$7,822.47
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$776.98
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$3,590.27
CROSSROADS MOBILE MAINTENANCE, Services	\$1,122.50
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$227.92
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP, Services	\$1,400.00
ELITE SPORTS, Supplies	\$654.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$1,833.95
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Apr Utility Bill Postage	\$140.40
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric	\$4,431.45
FARM WIN CO-OP, Lease	\$2.00
FIRE RESCUE SPECIALTY, Supplies	\$115.00
BRITTANY FULLER, Mileage	\$184.80
GALL'S INC., Supplies	\$357.70
GROTH SERVICES LLC, Services	\$760.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$6,905.13
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, Fees	\$1,235.00
IPERS, Benefits	\$4,000.90
DAVID JERGENS, Clothing Allowance/Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$150.37
JASON KAYSER, Reimbursement	\$399.99
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$410.60
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$485.00
L-TRON CORPORATION, Equipment	\$329.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet	\$401.09
MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, Testing	\$24.00

MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$2,997.32
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$150.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$290.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publications	\$314.05
OVERHEAD DOOR CO.OF WATERLOO, Services	\$65.00
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$40.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$95.00
PRINT EXPRESS/BRENNAN PRINTING, Supplies	\$308.50
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services	\$187.80
RANDY'S LAWN CARE, Services	\$1,575.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$2,204.50
ROSENBAUER SOUTH DAKOTA LLC, Supplies	\$574.27
NE SECURITY BANK , 4/1/2021 Payroll Processing Fee	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, 4/15/2021 Payroll Processing Fee	\$7.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Void Check	\$25.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
FRED SIGELKOV, Rent	\$900.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Apr Sales Tax	\$2,987.07
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Apr Excise Tax	\$1,185.28
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services	\$790.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$6,524.80
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$8,210.03
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Testing	\$42.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies	\$2,437.84
VAN WERT, INC, Supplies	\$288.92
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$158.66
VISA, Training/Supplies	\$761.19
WELLMARK, Premium	\$3,526.89
BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$750.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$459.56

The Library Board approved the following bills on May 5, 2021:

BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$355.36
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric	\$178.11
ETRINGER ELECTRIC LLC, Services	\$12,883.04
NE SECURITY BANK, 4/15/2021 Payroll Processing Fee	\$3.00
ROCK IT OUT DRYWALL, Services	\$11,500.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$69.03

Jergens reported to the council that the bathrooms at the parks were up and running and that they have continued to stay super busy with locates for the fiber optic company installing the fiber optics. They had been working on the pool as well getting it ready for opening day. Mayor Harter told the council on behalf of Part-time Police Chief Everding that the new squad car was scheduled on the 24th of May for equipment installation. Due to some vandalism on the island, clean up was needed on the shelter. Mayor Harter also was asked about the possibility of having people donate the lights on Main Street when the Main Street project is underway. They could be identified with a plaque and donations could be based on a percentage of the cost of the light or a set amount. More information will be looked into for that possible project. Councilwoman Erickson said that Sara Langel with OnMedia would like to come to the council with ideas for a commercial using the video that Stone Kane created for the city. She will be added to the next agenda for May 24th.

R. Woods/T. Woods to adjourn at 4:41 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.
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