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Don't forget to grab a lawn chair and your cooler with refreshments and head down to Riverside Park in Fairbank for this month's "Music in the Park" which happens next Thursday, July 15th.



Music will be provided by Bruce Bearinger from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Don't worry about supper, a food vendor will be on hand!

This will be our 3rd "Music in the Park". It really is a relaxing way to spend an evening with your friends and neighbors. See you there!

# Congratulations

## 2021 FAIRBANK ISLAND QUEEN MARY BODENSTEINER



**ISLAND QUEEN COURT:** The Fairbank Island Queen was announced on Thursday evening on the parkade. Pictured (l. to r.): 2020 Island Queen Courtney Schmitz, Ellie Schares, Olivia Oldfather, Jaylyn Robinson, Kaitlyn Rundquist, 2021 Island Queen Mary Bodensteiner, 1st Runner-Up Nollynn Silva, 2nd Runner-Up Bridget Seemann, Miss Congeniality Ellie Neil, Hailey Eitzenhefer, Justice Heinze and Kaylie Curley.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



The Fairbank Fire Department announces the retirement of Dave and Diane Mudderman after 32 years of service effective July 1st. Diane joined the FFD on October 18, 1988 and Dave joined on November 13, 1988. Diane has served as an EMT and briefly as a firefighter. Dave has been a firefighter and served many years as an EMT. Dave has held the positions of Fire Lieutenant and Fire Captain.

Please join us in thanking the Muddermans for their service!



## 2021 CASUAL FOR A CAUSE DONATION



Northeast Security Bank makes 2021 Casual for a Cause donation to the Little Island Child Care Center in Fairbank. Northeast Security Bank employees pay to wear jeans on casual Friday's for the year and are proud to donate the funds to a local cause of their choice. Pictured are (l to r) Ellen Doese from Northeast Security Bank, Janece Silva from Little Island Child Care Center, Vice President Andrew Williams and Jenny Bayness from Northeast Security Bank of Fairbank.

A MESSAGE FROM  
**Mayor Mike**



By Mike Harter

I would like to congratulate and thank all of the people who made Fairbank Island Days another huge success. It takes a lot of energy and teamwork to be successful, and once again Fairbank showed its visitors and citizens the pride we have in our community (even though we had to dodge a few showers).

The City has placed Pet Waste containers in three of our parks. At this time the containers are at Island Park, West Bentley, and Riverside. The bags are for Pet Waste, and you will find a box to place the bags in after cleaning up.

Discussions have taken place for some ideas to provide more activities for our citizens in Fairbank. One idea that came up was pickle ball which has become very popular in cities around us. If you have any other ideas, please either email me (ekimretrah@yahoo.com) or call City Hall with your ideas.

Something else gaining momentum in Fairbank is the idea of painting murals on buildings in the downtown area. I think this is a great idea, and I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

# 70th Anniversary

Maurice and Wilma Welsh of Fairbank will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House on July 31st from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Fairbank. You are invited to join them.

Maurice Welsh and Wilma Bradley were married on July 28, 1951. Wilma was working at the Fairbank State Bank and Maurice was in the Army stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Planning a wedding around servicemen was not easy. Wilma's brother, Jerry, a groomsman, was serving in the Air Force and was unable to get home when the wedding was originally planned for July 21st. The invitations had already been printed, so the date had to be changed by hand to the 28th.

Father Swift, the assistant priest at I.C. Church, performed the ceremony and blessed the union. He must have done a good job because their marriage has lasted 70 years.

The wedding was on a Saturday and Maurice had to be back to Camp Atterbury on Monday morning. The trip included a detour to Fort Knox, KY to drop off Wilma's brother, Jerry. The Army always says "improvise and adapt" and they did. Maurice was discharged in March 1953 and they returned to Fairbank where they have been ever since.

This union has been blessed with 4 sons and 4 daughters, 22 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Wilma's sister, Cathy, came to live with them when her mother died



Maurice and Wilma Welsh

when Cathy was 5 years old. She lived with them until she graduated from high school.

## Area college students receive honors

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

More than 7,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the Dean's List for the 2021 spring semester. Listed below are the former Wapsie Valley graduates that received this honor.

Cassidy Brunscheon of Readlyn, Tippie College of Business; Major: Marketing; third year undergraduate student.

Holly Haberman of Fairbank, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Journalism and Mass Communication; fourth year undergraduate student.

Jacob Hammitt of Fairbank, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Russian; fourth year undergraduate student.

Maria Kayser of Fairbank, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Political Science; fourth year undergraduate student.

Aubrey Stacey of Fairbank, Carver College of Medicine; Major: Radiation Sciences; fourth year undergraduate student.

Elsie VanDaele of Fairbank, Tippie College of Business; Major: Business Direct Admission; second year undergraduate student.

More than 1,000 undergraduate students at U of I were named to the elite President's List for the 2021 spring semester. This list included:

Maria Kayser of Fairbank, fourth year undergraduate student; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Political Science.

### UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Upper Iowa University in Fayette has announced it's Dean's List for the 2021 spring semester. To be hon-

ored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student. Former Wapsie Valley graduates included:

Kaci Beesecker of Fairbank, an Instruc Strat: BD/LD/ID major.

Samantha Schnor of Fairbank, an Accounting major.

Sidney Schnor of Fairbank, an All Business major.

Chalee Michael of Readlyn, a Human Services major.

Kiks Rosengarten of Readlyn, a Business Admin. major.

### KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids honors those students that have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours.

Area students earning this distinction are:  
Sloane Bangar of Fairbank  
Emma Silva of Fairbank  
Hanna Miller of Oran



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# HISTORY OF THE BALL PARK



A view of the Ball Park showing one of the ball fields and the shelter and playground equipment.

The Fairbank Athletic Association was incorporated on July 21, 1951. The officers were Rev. B. G. Collins, G. L. Berry and Earl Bellis. They purchased six acres of land of the west side of South Walnut Street near the edge of town. A baseball diamond was laid out which was used by town teams and the I.C. School team. A softball diamond was added.

The association dissolved and the town acquired the land. Over the years, more land was purchased

adjacent to the ball park to the west from Gene Wilson.

A picnic shelter was built and an impressive array of playground equipment was added by the Fun for Everyone Campaign. The complex now includes two ball diamonds and three volleyball courts.

A walking path was built from the corner of Fairbank St. to the complex, so that children can enjoy a safer access to the ball park.

The Loren Reiher Family wishes to extend a huge thank you to all who made Loren's "Celebration of Life" a success. Your kind words, memorials, food and help, etc., were very appreciated. Special thanks to Costa's for opening their facility for our use.  
*Kathy, Lon & Pat*

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# Warrior Way & More

June 2021



The Wapsie Valley CSD 2020-21 school year has drawn to a close with many highlights to this year. I would like to congratulate the forty-one seniors who graduated as the WV Class of 2021! Another beautiful Iowa day gave us a great backdrop for an outdoor ceremony that showcased this group of young adults. They have been a wonderful group to get to know the past two years and I am certain this group will be very successful in their areas of interest. Good luck seniors!

The spring season included postseason competitions for our golf and track teams. Brody Blalock from the WV boy's golf team made an appearance in district-level play this year. The Warrior boys and girls track teams qualified for the state competition in numerous team and individual events at Drake Stadium this past month. Wapsie Valley returned with three state championships and several personal records, while running in some horrendous weather conditions. Congratulations to all who competed and a

special shout-out to state champions Gunner Meyer (high jump), Trevor Sauerbrei (400 M), and the 800 meter sprint medley team of Dawson Schmit, Ethan Oltrogge, Holten Robinson, and Trevor Sauerbrei.

Thirty-one music/band students and chaperones took a seven day guided trip to Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans, Grace-land, the WWII Memorial, and other historic areas. This group performed in numerous locations during the course of this trip. Thank you to Miss Jones, Miss Redden, and chaperones who supported this trip for our students.

I would like to also give recognition to four staff retirees for this year. Coach and classroom teacher, Tony Foster, served our district for 40 years. Kristy Rigdon retired after 38 years of high school classroom instruction. Cheryl Kleitsch served our district with 33 years of elementary classroom instruction. Jodi Edwards retired from elementary-level service with 20 years. Good luck to all and thank you for your service to

WVCSD.

We also have a group of staff leaving the school district that I would like to thank. Danielle Miller, Jen Waschek, Colleen Flaig, and Dana Harskamp are all venturing on to new challenges. A special thank you to Mrs. Harskamp for her three years of administrative leadership that has strengthened our two elementaries and four rural buildings.

Planning for the 2021-22 school year (starting on August 23, 2021) has already begun with our Building Leadership Team. Summer school sessions have started in four of the district buildings. A Summer Food School Program allows us to distrib-

ute meals in the months of June and August to district families.

Our plan is to return next school year in a full face-to-face situation with no virtual options provided by the school district. Let's hope that "normal" school year is in front of us with the majority of the pandemic restrictions behind us.

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

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# The Contest ~ Harvest 2020

On Thursday, February 25, 2021 at the Readlyn Event Center, the awards banquet was held for the 30th Annual Readlyn Savings Bank & American Savings Bank Bremer County Master Corn & Soybean Growers' Yield Contest: a.k.a. "The Contest." Years ago, there were a number of such county yield contests but today "The Contest" is the only one of its kind in Bremer County – and perhaps the entire state of Iowa.

Sponsored by the two local, rural Bremer County Banks in Readlyn and Tripoli, The Contest is a friendly competition between area farmers. The Contest Banquet provides Bremer County area farmers an evening of camaraderie and celebration of the previous year's harvest: Harvest 2020. The Banquet is held annually before spring at Center Inn with Sunrise Catering

providing great appetizers, a superb prime rib buffet and dessert.

Following dinner, the bank heard from Jeff Brunscheon, general manager at Farmers Co-op in Readlyn. Brunscheon visited with the 70 banquet attendees and answered questions concerning the grain markets. Brunscheon emphasized diligence when making grain marketing decisions this year. This was Brunscheon's fourteenth straight year speaking at The Banquet.

Following dinner Doug Sheppard, Vice President of Readlyn Savings Bank, presented the first award of the night: The 11th Annual Vernon L. Tonne Spirit of the Contest. The Award annually honors the long-time enthusiastic and good-natured participation of a Master Grower who exemplifies The Spirit of the Contest..

The Award for Harvest 2020 was given to Brian Meyer of Readlyn, IA. Along with attending the contest for many years as a contestant, Brian was recognized for his enthusiasm for the contest and his passion for farming.

The Contest publishes results that include variables such as seed company brand and hybrid number, traits, dates of planting and harvesting, row spacing, population, as well as applications of fertilizers, herbicides, and fungicides.

2020 Harvest included a contest record number of entries with a total of 36 yield checks conducted in the 4 Contest Divisions: 18 conventional corn, 7 no-till corn, 5 conventional beans and 6 no-till beans.

Readlyn Savings Bank officers, President Ed Traeger and Vice President Doug Sheppard and RSB employee

Hanna Arians presented the Harvest 2020 Master Grower Awards. Following are the summary results in each Division.

We want to give a special thanks to Charlie Albrecht, our Yield Checker, and his wife Wilda for taking wonderful photos. The Banks wish to congratulate the winners and thank all the farmers who entered The Contest. Readlyn Savings Bank and American Savings Bank (Tripoli) specialize in agricultural lending, as well as commercial, consumer, and real estate loans. The local, independent Banks are dedicated to the communities they serve. Anyone interested in more information about The Contest may contact Doug Sheppard at Readlyn Savings Bank at 319-279-3321 or Andrew Sexton at American Savings Bank at 319-882-4279.

## 2020 HARVEST CONTEST RESULTS:

### NO-TILL CORN:

Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
Brian Meyer	Readlyn	252.34	Pioneer PO 1366EQ
Jim Fettkether	Dunkerton	249.42	Pioneer PO 589
Jamison Steege	Sumner	248.14	Pioneer P 1244AM

### NO-TILL BEANS:

Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
Jason Moellers	West Union	92.40	Stine 21EA32
Wapsie Farms Partnership	Readlyn	74.70	Asgrow 21X9
Brad Steege	Sumner	72.41	Stine 21EB02

### CONVENTIONAL CORN:

Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
Andrew & Sydney Matthias	Readlyn	285.11	Pioneer 1197 AM
S & M Farms	Readlyn	283.09	Viking 48-08 Conventional
Eric Smith	Decorah	272.69	Wyffels W5516 RIB VT2P

### CONVENTIONAL BEANS:

Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
Brian Meyer	Readlyn	95.83	Pioneer P29T50 Non GMP
S & M Farms	Readlyn	79.75	Pioneer P27A17X
Mitchell Boevers & Jon Schutte	Readlyn	79.55	Pioneer P23A15X



Jeff Brunscheon, Farmers Co-Op General Manager, Readlyn, speaking on the grain markets.



CONVENTIONAL BEANS L TO R: Hanna Arians of RSB, Mitchell Boevers (3rd), Steve Boevers (2nd), Brian Meyer (1st), Doug Sheppard, RSB VP.



CONVENTIONAL CORN L TO R: Hanna Arians of RSB, Eric Smith (3rd), Mitchell Boevers (2nd), Sydney Matthias (1st), Doug Sheppard, RSB VP.



NO-TILL BEANS L TO R: Hanna Arians of RSB, Brad Steege (3rd), Kevin Leistikow (2nd), Jason Moellers (1st), and Doug Sheppard, RSB VP.



NO-TILL CORN L TO R: Hanna Arians of RSB, Jamison Steege (3rd), Jim Fettkether (2nd), Brian Meyer (1st), Doug Sheppard, RSB VP.

# Brian Meyer honored at banquet

“On February 25, 2021 we recognized Brian Meyer for his “long-time, enthusiastic & good-natured participation” in The Contest. He’s been in the contest since at least 2002 and probably more. Just to give you an idea of how long that is, there are only two other Growers in the Historical Records going back 20 years that might beat out Brian for longest Contest participants. They are both fellow Vernon-Award winners nicknamed “The Big Shoe” and “RL” or Dave Schumacher and Ron Leistikow.

Brian obviously has the “long-time” part of this award covered. As for being “enthusiastic”-- from raising successful children to auctioning pies at the Bremer County Fair Scrambles to Grump Days parade play-by-play, Brian does not do anything half-heartedly.

Finally, who wouldn’t be “good natured” when bringing home hardware almost every year of The Contest!? Brian has the heart of a champion! He’s finished in the top 3 yields sixteen times since 2002. Of those sixteen times, he’s finished First Place 7 times. That includes this year when he finished First in conventional beans AND First in no-till corn. Two Grand Champion Plaques AND the Vernon Award! Congratulations Brian!”



L TO R: RSB President Ed Traeger, Spirit of the Contest Winner Brian Meyer, RSB Vice President Doug Sheppard.

## Kerns Homegrown is Expanding, Offering New Opportunities



Oelwein, IA - Kerns Homegrown (KHG) is growing their business through season extension and by adding raspberries to their delicious portfolio of fruits and vegetables. This spring they secured land in Southeast Missouri for an early sweet corn crop and will begin harvesting the last week of June, approximately three weeks earlier than the Iowa crop.

In addition to 2,200 acres of standard row crops (field corn and soybeans), KHG is now growing 140 acres of sweet corn, 40 acres of green beans, and has recently added two 144’x30’ high tunnels consisting of approximately 1,000 red raspberry plants.

As a result of these exciting developments, KHG is excited to offer two well compensated positions to their ambitious team. They are looking for an Operations Manager to handle daily farm operations in cooperation with the owner, as well as an Office Administrator capable of wearing many hats.

The Operations Manager features a starting salary range of \$80,000-\$120,000 per year, while the Office Administrator position will pay \$20-30 per hour. For further information and to apply, visit these job postings on Indeed.com or on the Kerns Homegrown Facebook page.

### FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Report

- Ambulance Calls:** 6
- Carbon Monoxide Calls:** 0
- Car Accidents With Injuries:** 0
- Fire Calls:** 0
- EMS Training Hours:** Approx. 28
- Fire Training Hours:** Approx. 50



- ~ Fire training was vehicle extrication with a representative from Sandry Fire supply. Newer members received much appreciated “tool time” with our new battery operated extrication equipment.
- ~ EMS training was end tidal Co2 monitoring and Capnography. Obtaining this capability would require a \$5,000 upgrade to our Zoll Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Upcoming Events:** Fairbank Days/Waterball

*Brad Gordon, Chief  
Fairbank Fire Department*

# BLAST FROM THE Past

By Bob Shields

It wasn't unusual to bump into Bob Dietz on the street of Fairbank. One summer morning in 2004 I did just that. Robert lived and farmed outside of Wadena, but still did business in Fairbank. At his advanced age he would have to "catch a ride" to town. After the usual greetings and a joke, Bob conveyed his "big idea". Bob told me, "back when he was a young man, Fairbank was the place to be," and "Fairbank's history needed to be saved". He related how at one time Fairbank had five grocery stores, three hardware stores, two drug stores, two banks, two blacksmith shops, two barber shops, the Wilstie Hotel, and three doctors: Doctor Ward, Doctor Bothwell and Doctor Murphy. I agreed with him that Fairbank had a story to tell, but never did anything about it at the time.

Bob was a prolific writer of "Letters to

the Editor" mostly on politics, sometimes on Fairbank, and more than once on his lifelong career in agriculture. He had a strong dislike for "Daylight Saving Time".

One of his favorite stories he liked to tell about Fairbank went like this: The morning had started out cold and began to rain heavily before lunch. Fairbank's Doctor Murphy received a call. A farmer south of town was expecting a new baby and needed a doctor. After finishing a large lunch, he put on a heavy coat, a raincoat on top of that, his 5 buckle overshoes, and a heavy pair of mittens. Doctor Murphy mounted his buggy for the 5-mile drive through the rain storm to the farm.

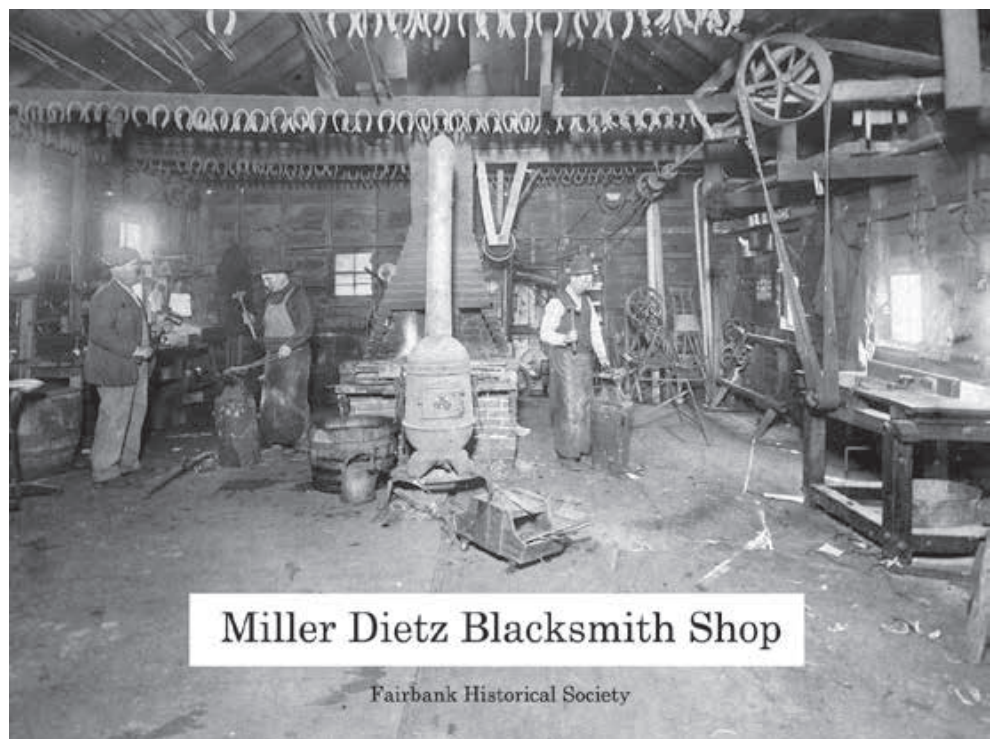
It was late in the evening when Doctor Murphy arrived at the farm. He immediately went to check with the mother while his horse was taken care of. After midnight, a healthy baby boy was born. Doctor Murphy had made plans to stay the night because the roads were almost impassable on his drive out to the farm, but he ended up staying at the farm for 4 days because it had started to snow heavily and everything had come to a standstill. This Easter weekend storm ended up being one of the worst in memory, with rain, sleet, and snow.

Bob proudly states "I was that boy that arrived on that farm March 22, 1913. It was Easter Sunday, and on my next birthday I will be 96 years old". Robert was able to celebrate eight more birthdays before his passing on December 4, 2017, at the age of 104.

Bob had told me his origin story a number of times before and I'm sure he had told the story to others numerous times. Bolstered with Bob's zeal for Fairbank history, I started the Fairbank Historical Society in 2009. I planned the first meeting around one of Bob's trips to Fairbank so he could be at that first meeting at the Fairbank Library.

He always had interesting life stories to tell. One of my favorites: Leading up

# Robert "Bob" Dietz



Miller Dietz Blacksmith Shop

Fairbank Historical Society

to the end of prohibition, Bob and some other boys had gotten a job cleaning a bar in Waterloo so it would be able to open the day after prohibition ended in 1933. After midnight on opening day, the owner sent Bob and another boy to "tap" the first keg of beer. Being a 20-year-old young man who had no fear of failure, and also had no idea how to tap a keg of beer, still enthusiastically procured the needed tools. With one hammer blow he broke the seal and not having hit the tap hard enough to drive it home, beer shot out the seal to the ceiling of the bar.

As stated, Robert Harry Dietz was born March 22, 1913, on the family farm south of Fairbank. He married Elizabeth Susanna Taylor at the Little Brown Church in Nashua on May 15, 1939. One of his pleasures was telling people that he married Elizabeth Taylor to see their reaction, then a smile would cross his face. Bob and Elizabeth had 3 children: Guy, Robert, and Max. Elizabeth passed away September 25, 2002. Both Robert and Elizabeth are buried in the Lima Cemetery.



Lewis Dietz and Louie Miller

Robert served with the United States Army Corp of Engineers in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. He started farming in 1946 in the Fairbank area and, in 1959 the family moved to Wadena,

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In 1915, Archbishop James J. Keane authorized the Parish to build a new rectory, which is the building in the pictures. Father John Q. Halpin became Pastor in July 1915 (and remained until 1931.) Father Halpin directed the completion of the construction of the rectory and made plans to move the current Sisters to the old rectory.

A 2-car garage was built next to the rectory in 1963, and in 1988 the second floor of the rectory was remodeled. In 2000 more remodeling was done in the rectory which consisted of knocking out the wall between the living room and bedroom to make one large room. The rectory roof and porch roof were shingled in 2001 and new sidewalks were poured.

In February 2020, proxy was formed for demolition and approved. A notice was put out to take bids for removal of items inside the rectory, and asbestos testing was done. A bid was accepted from Jonathan Jascher Construction for removal of doors, woodwork, etc., and Rick VanDaele agreed to help with removal of debris.

A couple of weeks ago, the rectory building and garage was brought down with a controlled burn done by the Fairbank Fire Department. Slowly, the top level of the building began to cave in. After a while, the corners of the building and the chimney were the only thing standing on that level. The firemen then worked at getting the roof of the front porch to come down. As seen in the bottom photo, the main level of the rectory slowly disappeared, leaving the bell tower of the the church in plain view.

Cleanup began the next day, with removal of remaining foundation and sidewalks. Black dirt was brought in to fill the opening and level out the ground.



And . . . although we hated to see it go, you have to admit

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The Blood Drive is sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club.



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where he farmed until his health forced him to move to Maple Crest Manor in Fayette. Besides grain farming on his 200-acre farm, Bob milked registered Holstein cattle, and raised registered quarter horses, hogs, and purebred border collies. Bob was also employed for over 25 years as an artificial inseminator for the American Breeders Services of Madison, Wisconsin. The Dietz called their farm the "Owl Hoot Ranch". In 2009 Bob was chosen as the Grand Marshal for the Wadena-Illyria Day parade.

Robert's grandfather, Lewis Jacob Dietz, was born August 14, 1848, in Newark, New Jersey, the son of Joseph and Caroline (Nonmacher) Dietz, both immigrants from Germany. Lewis enlisted in the Regular Army, on September 20, 1865 in Findlay, Ohio after he turned 17 and was mustered out on September 20, 1868.

Lewis married Mary Jane Leckliter in January of 1870 in Findlay, Ohio. The couple had 7 children: James Turley who married Gertrude Bothwell, they had 4 children; Charles Lewis married Anna Howe in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Joseph Leroy was a liveryman, he died in Sumner, Iowa at the age of 33; Kathryn married Frank R. Kerr. She died in Sumner Iowa; Frank Elvin married Alta Lenona Clubine, in Independence. Frank died in Cass County, Illinois and is buried at Staples, Minnesota; Lola D. married Ora Earl Coonrad. She later married Earl Conner of Floyd, Iowa;

and Harry Earl Dietz, Roberts's father.

The Lewis Dietz's family lived in Ohio and Kansas for a time before coming to Iowa in roughly 1884. The 1885 census for Fayette County has the family living in Jefferson Township. By 1890 they had moved to the southwest corner of Fairbank Township near Littleton. Lewis was a farmer and blacksmith. Lewis ran the Dietz Blacksmith Shop in Fairbank and later partnered with Louis Miller for a time in the Miller and Dietz Blacksmith Shop.

Mary Jane died February 27, 1916. Lewis later married Sarah (McCray) Potts, John Potts's widow, April 8, 1918. After Sarah's death on December 28, 1921, Lewis married Alice (Durham) Brant, Philander Allen Brant's widow, on January 4, 1923. John Potts and Philander Allen Brant were also veterans of the War of the Rebellion. Lewis died November 11, 1925. All are buried in the Fairbank Cemetery.

Robert's father, Harry Earl Dietz was born September 9, 1890 in Fairbank Township. Harry married Abbedell Ruth Metson on April 27, 1910, in Independence. Harry was a laborer for the railroad. Abbie and Harry had four sons, Roy of Waterloo; Robert from Wadena; Dale Irving, living at Decorah; Hugh J. in Richmond California; and three daughters; Margaret Mary, Margaret married Oliver Patrick Regenold, they lived in Fairbank; Betty, married Clell Wagner and lived in Salem, Oregon; Iva Jean married Donald Harness, they lived in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.



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# “Raising a Family on the Wapsie Circle S Ranch”

by Betty Brandt Passick

Arnola Siggelkow was born in a farmhouse near West Union on March 10, 1932 to Arnold and Lydia (Hochberger) Wendland. She was their third child, joining two sisters, Betty Ruth, 4, and Doris Ellen, 2.

“My parents were hoping for a boy to be named Arnold Jr. Being a girl, they named me Arnola Jean, a name that leads to many comments, even nicknames such as Nola, Shinola, and Arnie,” she said.

Six years later, they had a boy they named Ronald.

Arnola has a vivid memory from early childhood from about four years old when their house burned to the ground. An overheated stovepipe on a wood-burning stove caused the fire. The family then moved to a farm between Hawkeye and West Union.

She attended country school for eight years, walking 1.5 miles twice a day between home and school. Sometimes, when no crops were growing, she would cut diagonally through fields and a little timber, reducing the commute to 3/4 of a mile each way.

Attending high school at West Union, she rode the school bus all four years. Band and speech were her extra activities. Arnola graduated in 1949 as valedictorian of her class of 59 students and started classes at Upper Iowa University that summer and continued the next year and summer. She was awarded a two-year teaching certificate, and later received a B.A. with an emphasis in Elementary Art.

Arnola said she was inspired by a grade-school teacher who was always kind and friendly, and remembered Arnola years later.

Her career started in August 1950 at Stanley Community School teaching third grade and high school girls' Physical Education (men were not allowed to teach girls' PE). The Superintendent watched over her classroom while she taught girls' P.E. She also coached junior high girls' basketball, high school speech, and directed plays. All of this was done for a yearly salary of \$2,100.

Her teaching experience at Stanley was successful and rewarding. She taught at West Union and Decorah before her marriage. She and Wayne were married June 26, 1955 at Trinity Lutheran Church at Hawkeye. They came to Fairbank at her present location to start the 'Wapsie Circle S' ranch, where she's been ever since. (Wayne passed away August 24, 2013.)

Arnola continued teaching at Dunkerton and Fairbank before becoming a mother and a 'farm hand' - then continued as a substitute teacher until 1986 when she returned to teaching fulltime, starting the Elementary Art program at Dunkerton. Next, she went to Denver to start their Elementary Art program, teaching until her retirement. Her love of teaching enticed her to continue as a substitute teacher for many more years.

Wayne was very creative in building their home in 1955. An addition in 1977 included 20 feet oak beams cut from their timber. Its foundation and fireplace wall were made up of stone quarried at Stone City (Grant Wood Country).

“I must say the natural elements blend well with the bear, deer, moose, and caribou who call this land home,” Arnola said - adding, “the Great Room, with its wall of glass, provides a beautiful view of the outdoors, magnificent sunsets, and full moons reflecting on the water. Pheasants, turkeys, ducks, geese, eagles, deer, and other wildlife come to visit. At times, a fish will flip in the pond. What a joy to hear frogs croaking their songs and to see the array of colorful birds coming to feed.”

She and Wayne were blessed with three daughters: Carol Jean, Jane Ann, and Mary Beth. The girls enjoyed helping on the farm - be it feeding chickens, chasing cattle, pulling weeds, or whatever. They were also very active in school activities and 4-H on the local county and state levels. After each of them graduated Dunkerton

High School, then Iowa State University, they graduated Harvard University, University of Michigan Law School, and University of Iowa Law School, respectively.

In 1965 Wayne and Arnola added a new breed of cattle to the ranch. “The fold of Scottish Highland cattle added much to farm activities,” she noted. “The Highland cows and bulls had impressive horns and long hair. The heifer calves were branded with the Circle S brand and put in the herd; bull calves were fattened for market. The meat from the Scottish Highland was of prime quality and always in demand.”

The family enjoyed a trip to Scotland to see the ancestral homeland of their Highland cattle. We saw some grazing on the grounds around Queen Elizabeth's summer palace. The story is that Scottish Highland beef is the only beef served at Buckingham Palace.

Cattle needing to be fed and haymaking were big jobs in the summer, often resulting in three cuttings of hay. Arnola mowed and raked the hay and ran the baler. The girls and their cousins had help from several strong neighbor boys. The 'lucky ones' got to load the bales, 64 bales to a wagon. Of course, the weather was usually hot, the fields bumpy--and Arnola drove too fast. You can imagine the reaction when a snake would wiggle out of a bale while they were stacking the bales on the wagon. The girls helped drive the tractor to pull up the hay fork full of eight bales at a time after Wayne had the fork set. One year, they put 10,000 bales of hay in the barn.

The girls always looked forward to the yearly drive to Missouri or Minnesota to buy fireworks for the annual Fourth of July celebration with family and friends.

July was always 'Fair Time,' and the girls' 4-H activities kept them busy preparing fair exhibits to display at the county and state fairs.

As soon as the fair activities were over, the family took their annual family vacation. These trips took them to many states, national parks, and historic sites. Sometimes they went fishing in Canada.

Arnola and Wayne also enjoyed traveling in their retirement years, visiting all fifty states and many countries. Arnola has many fond (and not so fond) memories of traveling... Her first speeding ticket was in 1977 in New York state. She adds she was ship-wrecked two times: once on the Atlantic Ocean off the shores of Cape Cod, and once on Lac Seul, Canada. She has been privileged to view many spectacular vistas, from the crown of the Statute of Liberty, the Washington Monument, the St. Louis Arch, the Seattle Space Needle, and the Eiffel Tower, to name a few.

“Among my many souvenirs are some small chunks from the Berlin Wall,” from a visit to Germany in 1990 (the wall between East Berlin and West Berlin fell in 1989). Arnola noted: “Yes, I climbed the wall, chipped away to get some chunks, and dared bring them home in my luggage on the plane--without any questions asked.”

She also treasures her certificate as a bartender which she earned at the Guinness Brewery in Dublin.

The family received the Century Farm Award, and in 2017 was presented with the Heritage Farm Award given for a parcel of the farm being in the Siggelkow family for over 150 years. The ranch includes cropland, prairie, timber, and the Wapsipinicon River runs through it--the reason the family on occasion has been called 'Wapsie River Rats' for having land along both the Big Wapsie and the Little Wapsie.

Besides raising their children, teaching, and farming, Arnola found time to do other things of personal interest. She served as a docent at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. She has taught classes through Hawkeye Community College, Sunday School, Bible School, and served on



the Church Council. She is a member of the Fairbank Historical Society, Fairbank American Legion Auxiliary, and the Fairbank Community Club.

An important part of her life has been 4-H, having been a 4-H member, a 4-H mother, a 4-H leader, and a 4-H judge at county and state fairs. Arnola served on the Black Hawk County Extension Council, the Black Hawk County 4-H and FFA Foundation, and Black Hawk County Conservation Board for ten years. In 2010 she was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Having been an antiques collector and former antique dealer, Arnola has enjoyed giving programs about her collections and interests. Sewing, too, became an interest (sometimes out of necessity). She even made her wedding dress, then Carol's and Jane's wedding gowns, as well as many prom and special occasion dresses.

She enjoys decorating cakes and doing many crafts. Her love of baking is renowned. Years ago, she began the practice of making home-made cookies or bars and sharing them with others. “A little bag of cookies is always a welcome treat,” Arnola said. Her recipes are published in the Fairbank Islander.

We dodged a few showers and had a great time!

# "Fairbank Days 2021"





**RAISING A FAMILY  
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Arnola added: "I am blessed to have three daughters and three sons-in-law. I have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Wayne and I had 58 wonderful years together filled with many surprises. With love,

determination, and hard work, we overcame fire, floods, and tornadoes to establish the family farm."

The photo from 2012 is a great reminder of the family Wayne and Arnola helped build.

Now in her 'elderly years,' Arnola still shares and practices her motto—'Always do the best you can with what

you have wherever you are, and you will go far.'

"Yes, I have gone far, and now it is time for me to thank my Lord, play cards, read, spend time with family and friends and continue to enjoy life," Arnola said.



At the recent meeting of the Fortsch Duffy American Legion Post, the annual flag burning ceremony was held. Pictured (l. to r.): Brad Gordon, Mike Miller, Galen Schellhorn and Norman Pint.

# Living on the Edge: Happy Campers

By Pat Pint

My husband should be in sales. A few weeks ago, the conversation went something like this:

He: Let's get out of town. Want to go away for the week-end?

Me:I'd love to. Any specific ideas?

He: Yep. It's not too far away from home, so we won't spend a lot of time driving.

Me: Sounds great! Do I need to shop before we go? Do they have a hot tub?

He: Yes, you'll need to do a little shopping first.

Me: New dress or nightie?

He: Not exactly. I borrowed Tim's pop-up camper.

Me: So the kids can rough it, while we're at the Marriott?

He: You and me are staying in the camper!! We'll pack our own food, so we don't need to go to town for anything. No hot tub, but if you wake up early enough, you may be lucky and get a hot water shower.

Me: Camping?? Can you get pizza delivery? Is there a souvenir stand? Can we take the microwave oven?

He: I thought we would walk around the lake, and at night build a bonfire.

Me: (warming to the camping concept) I could sit by the camper all day long, read a steamy novel, and make microwave caramel corn.

He: Or you could learn how to use a kerosene stove. We could even take fishing poles along!

Me: Or I could paint my toe nails, and we could play cards. After work tomorrow, I will stop by the mall.

He: What for? A new can opener?

Me: To psyche myself up. I'll look for a cute tiny coffee pot, and hiking shoes.

He: I thought you hated hiking.

Me: Hiking is getting tired unnecessarily, but I want to look the part.

He: Could you pick up a couple of things for me?

Me: Like sexy smelling after-shave and silk sheets?

He: Just bug spray and kerosene for the stove.

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saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”  
(Luke 15:20 English Standard Version)*

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

It's been a little bit since we got off course. Some time back we had begun a journey, discussing together some of the basic points of Christian doctrine. My hope is that through these articles you might be encouraged in your Christian faith or, for those of you who do not believe, that you might have a clear picture of what Christians believe and why. It's been a little bit since we've veered off, so let's get back on the road. This month let's talk about the Church: What is it for?

Notice here that I'm using a capital C in "Church." By this mean I mean the whole body of Christians around the world. Why does this fellowship exist? It has to do with the verse I quoted up at the top. You might recognize that it comes from the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which is found in Luke 15. Here, Jesus told a story about a man who had two sons. The younger son came to his father and demanded that what was to be his inheritance be given to him then and there. The son took his inheritance money and went to a faraway country. There he spent it all frivolously and wastefully. He took his share of what his father had worked long and hard for and squandered it.

The parable goes that the son came to his senses while he was sitting in a pigpen. He realized that, while he was there (now) starving, his father's servants had well beyond what they needed. He figured he would go back to his father, confess that he was no longer worthy to be counted as a son, and instead be brought on as a hired hand. The father saw him from a long way off and did what a successful businessman didn't. He felt compassion for his son. He hiked up his robes (the attire of the day) and ran to his son. He hugged and kissed him; he ordered a feast to be held, since his son who was "dead" was now "alive." To put it in a simple term, the father forgave his son. He could have held a grudge, refusing to have anything to do with this "son" of his; perhaps, he even could have pursued some sort of legal remedy. He didn't. He forgave.

Forgiveness is the act of choosing to not hold a mistake or misdeed against someone. It goes deeper than that, though, because the father in the parable represents how God acts toward us. The younger son represents you and me. We have taken what the Father has given us and misused it in all sorts of terrible ways. And, sometimes we don't even care. The Lord would have every right to hold our actions against us but, instead, He forgives. The Church is where the forgiveness of sins is received. It's where we get to hear again and again about how Jesus took our sins into Himself and died for them so that we might be at peace. Yes, the Church has other stuff going on, too; but this is the main thing and why we (St. John's, included) exist - to hear of and receive continually the free forgiveness of our sins and the comfort and hope that go with it. I invite you to join us.

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# What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

July is the month for fireworks, fun, and food with family and friends. July is the hottest month in the Northern Hemisphere. The long, hot days of summer are often referred to as "the dog days of summer". The warmer weather brings an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables to be used in many ways. What are some of your favorite recipes? Please bring or send your favorite recipe(s) to the Fairbank Public Library (PO Box 426, Fairbank, IA 50629). One of the recipes will be printed in each issue of the Fairbank Islander.

Here is one of Angela Berg's favorite recipes.

She said, "The Jalapeno Poppers with Bacon make a great side dish for a Keto friendly diet." Once you make them, I am sure you will be making them again!

### Jalapeno Poppers with Bacon

(Makes 12 poppers)

- 6 med. jalapeno peppers (sliced lengthwise & seeded)
- 1/4 cup cheddar cheese (shredded)
- 3 oz. cream cheese (softened)
- Minced garlic
- 1/4 cup bacon bits (pre-cooked)



Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a small bowl, stir together the cream cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, and garlic. (You can heat a bit if the cream cheese is too hard.) Fill the jalapeno pepper halves with the cream cheese mixture. Place onto the lined baking sheet. Top each jalapeno pepper with about a teaspoon of bacon bits, pressing lightly into the cream cheese filling. Bake about 15 minutes. Enjoy!

July is ice cream month. Why not chill out with one of my favorites?

### Oreo Mint Chip Ice Cream Dessert

- 1 - 15.5 oz. pkg. of Oreo Cookies (not with double filling)
- 1/4 cup butter (melted)
- 1 - 1.75 quart mint chip ice cream
- 1 small jar of chocolate fudge ice cream topping
- 1 - 8 oz. whipped topping



Crush the Oreo into fine crumbs. Reserve 3/4 cup. Mix crumbs with melted butter and put in the bottom of a greased 9"x13" pan. Pat firmly. Slice ice cream and put on top of crumbs. Drizzle topping over ice cream (if topping is too stiff, put jar in hot water for a few minutes.) Cover and freeze 2-3 hours. Spread whipped topping evenly over top, then sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs. Freeze until just before serving. Enjoy!

On a hot summer day,  
Take time to rest and dream.  
Everything will be okay,  
If you eat some ice cream.



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## KENNETH JOHN JANS

December 19, 1951 ~ June 12, 2021

Kenneth John "Kenny" Jans, of Longmont, Colorado passed away at his home on June 12, 2021. He was 69 years old.

Kenny was born December 19, 1951 in Oelwein, Iowa to Dirk and Mildred (Potter) Jans. He grew up in Fairbank and attended Immaculate Conception and Wapsie Valley High School. In high school he played linebacker and earned his most loved nickname - Jammer. He graduated in 1970.

After graduating he served in the Army from December 1971 to September 1973 as a medic. He was stationed in Germany and enjoyed traveling in his free time. Kenny returned to Iowa and worked at John Deere until he moved to Colorado in 1977. He began his life long career in concrete and construction and became a masterful concrete finisher. He was always quick to point out the many jobs he had done all over Boulder County and beyond. Kenny was an avid sports fan, following all Colorado and Iowa teams and any basketball team his nephew Chris Jans was coaching. He loved the mountains, motorcycles, camping, fishing and hunting. Spending time with his countless friends and family, from his brothers, cousins, nieces and nephews, children and mostly his grandchildren, was of utmost importance to him. He could always put a smile on your face with his jokes and humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Juliann Jans; his daughter, Kasey Jans; his brothers, Joseph Jans, Roger Jans, Patrick Jans; his sister, Marie Rolf; and his parents Dirk and Mildred Jans.

He is survived by his son Durk Jans of Longmont, CO.; daughter Alyson (Chris) Robbins of Westminster, CO.; grandchildren - Jaci Jans of Longmont, and Joanna, Walter and Nathaniel Robbins, all of Westminster; his brothers Bill (Arlene) Jans of Fairbank, Larry (Bev) Jans of Des Moines, Ronnie (Mary) Jans of Fairbank, and Rick (Barb) Jans of Philomath, Oregon.

A Memorial/Burial Service will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Fairbank.



## LOIS ARLENE GANSKE

February 9, 1943 ~ June 1, 2021

Lois A. Ganske, 78, of Readlyn, Iowa passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Lois Arlene Ganske was born on February 9, 1943, the daughter of Theodore and Florence (Wehling) Kuker in Waverly, Iowa. She was baptized on March 7, 1943 and confirmed on April 14, 1957, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Lois graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1961. On December 10, 1961 she was united in marriage to Larry J. Ganske at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Readlyn. She was employed at Readlyn Savings Bank for 42 years, retiring in June of 2017.

Lois was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Lois enjoyed baking, playing cards, crocheting and flower gardening. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. However, her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors are her daughter, Julie (Joe) Regenold of Readlyn; son, Jake (Amy) Ganske of Swisher and Jennifer Schneiderman of Shell Rock; seven grandchildren, Levi (Kelsey) Balvanz, Lexi (Jacob) Balvanz, Landon (Katy) Balvanz, Derek (Rae) Regenold, Dustin (Heather) Regenold, Abby (Jarred) Edmonds and Zach Ganske; and six great grandchildren, Cadie Regenold, Harleigh Regenold, Hazel Regenold, Bella Balvanz, Aubree Jamieson and Kohen Edmonds; four sisters, Betty (Duane) Lines, Lavonne (Dave) Warner, Shirley (Ron) Schweer and Audrey (Steve) DeVries; sister-in-law, Wanda Busch and brother-in-law, Dale Thurm. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Larry on March 29, 1998.

Funeral services were held on June 5, 2021 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Phil Girardin officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Ganske family for a later designation in her memory. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Readlyn assisted the Ganske family with arrangements. 319-279-3551.



## MARY ANN RYAN

February 11, 1934 ~ June 14, 2021

Mary Ann Ryan, 87, formerly of Fairbank, passed at the Western Home Communities, Martin Suites, Cedar Falls, IA on June 12, 2021. She came into this world on February 11, 1934, the daughter of Alfred and Florence (Besler) Recker in Earlville, Iowa. She was the 4th of 9 children. She attended school at the Stanley Public Schools.

After graduating, she was joined in marriage to John Fay Ryan on November 8, 1952 at Sacred Heart Church, Oelwein, Iowa. Eight children were born to this union.

Mary Ann grew up on her parents farm and, after her marriage, continued with the farm life until her move into Fairbank where she worked at Woods Construction and the Chalet Supper Club in Fairbank from 1971 till 1980. She also sold Electrolux Vacuums, Water Conditioners and Shaklee products. She obtained her life insurance license and was affiliated with Bankers Life Insurance in Waterloo until her retirement. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Fairbank, where she enjoyed singing in the Church choir. She made frequent destination trips with all of her children living in different areas of the country, to see her many grandchildren. She also loved dancing - attending many area dances with friends.

She is survived by her children: Jack (Pam) Ryan, Boone NC; Teri McIntosh-Gauley, Williamsburg, IA; Lori (Ernie) Brickman and Kelly (Susan) Ryan, Fairbank, IA; Peggi Ryan, Pueblo, CO; Denise (Chad) Tobey, Minot, ND; Michele (Toby) Tutton, Manchester, IA. Also 21 grandchildren: Jamie Ryan, Ross (Jennifer) Ryan, Melissa McIntosh, Matt (Abby) Gauley, Tony Gauley, Jeni Schultz, Heather (Kyle) Reeves, Michaelyn (Shane) McClinton, Dustin Brickman, Michael P. Ryan, Elizabeth Escobedo, Rachael (Patrick) Murray, Keith (Kate) Ryan, Alyssa Riche, Michael Riche, Bryce Tobey, Channing (Ashley) Tobey, Blake Tobey, Kenze Tutton, Kielyn Tutton, Kaci Tutton; and 30 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by two brothers: Larry Recker, Oelwein and Dale (Judy) Recker, Arlington; and sister: Sharon (John) Woods, Fairbank.; 2 brothers-in-law: Pete Reeser, Edmund, OK and Jerry Linder, Fredericksburg, IA.; 2 sisters-in-law: Fran Recker and Marian McIntosh, both of Oelwein; along with many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by: her parents; a son: Kris Francis Ryan; grandson: Bart Alan McIntosh; her former husband, John Fay Ryan; 3 brothers: Carl Recker, Ernie Recker, Lyle (Buddy) Recker; 2 sisters: Betty Lou Reeser and Linda Kay Linder; 3 sisters-in-laws: Mary Lee Recker, Mary Lou Recker and Marge Cleworth; and a brother-in-law: Robert McIntosh.

Mass of the Resurrection was held June 19, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank, with lunch following at the parish center. Inurnment was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Cards may be sent in care of Mary Ann to Ernie & Lori Brickman, PO Box 163, Fairbank, Iowa 50629 for later designation.



## FLORENCE STAHLHUT-LULOFF

October 7, 1925 ~ July 31, 2021

Florence Lorina (Hay) Stahlhut-Luloff 95, formerly of Readlyn, died on Monday, July 31, 2021, in Marinette, Wisconsin, having lived a full and blessed life.

Florence was born on October 7, 1925, in Readlyn, Iowa, the daughter of Walter and Martha Hay. She graduated from Readlyn High School in 1944 where she played women's basketball for four years. Florence loved sports and was very proud of her accomplishments as a basketball player. Her father introduced her to baseball and drove her to many St. Louis Cardinal games. Those experiences made her a life long basketball and baseball fan.

On February 15, 1948, Florence was married to Irvin Stahlhut and had two children: Barbara (Caves) in 1948 and Ronnie in 1958. The Stahlhut family ran the Readlyn Chicken Hatchery from 1947-1967 and later Stahlhut Farm Services. Sadly Irvin died in 1976 following a farm accident, after 28 years of marriage. Florence was blessed to meet and then marry Marvin Luloff May 31, 1980, and they were married for 20 years.

She is survived by her five grandchildren: Joy Caves

of California, Allison Caves of Wisconsin and Ben Ness, Daniel Stahlhut and Lydia Stahlhut of Minnesota along with her loving stepchildren Terry & Gwen Luloff and Dan & Lynn Luloff of Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husbands and two children.

Florence was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church of Readlyn. She was a charter member of the Readlyn VFW Post 5661 Ladies Auxiliary as well as the owner of the Readlyn Post Office. She worked at the window of the post office in her younger years and went on to be a cashier at Fareway Grocery Store in Waverly, before retiring. Florence loved playing cards with family and friends.

A memorial service for the family will be held later this year. In lieu of flowers the family would ask that you make a donation to your local youth sporting organization or St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Readlyn.



**Deadline to submit articles or advertising for the August issue of the Fairbank Islander is Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**AUDREY JEAN FOSTER***April 5, 1932 ~ May 31, 2021*

Audrey Foster, age 89 of Fairbank and formerly of Des Moines, passed away Monday May 31, 2021 at the Buchanan County Health Center in Independence. She was born April 5, 1932 in Panora Iowa the daughter of John and Gladys (Whitcomb) Shreffler.



Audrey attended and graduated from Des Moines North High School. In 1952 she married William Foster at the Grant Park Christian Church in Des Moines. Besides being a devoted wife and mother, Audrey worked for Bell Telephone for many years until her retirement. Audrey and Bill loved to travel, and that is what they did during their retirement. Their travels not only included every state in the United States, they also traveled to every continent in the world with the exception of two. Besides traveling she loved spending time with family and friends and was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes as well as the Wapsie Valley Warriors.

Audrey is survived by her son, Tony (Carol) Foster of Fairbank, two grandsons; Matt (Holly) Foster and Duane (Heidi) Foster; five great-grandchildren: Kennedy, Riley, Mackenzie, Kambrii and Karlie along with several nieces and nephews as well as her beloved dog Snowflake. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son: Tom Foster; and her sister: Evelyn Stevens.

Visitation was held Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation. Cards may be sent in care of Audrey to: Tony Foster, 104 Halpin Street, Fairbank, Iowa 50629.

**WADE JAY LAMPE***July 29, 1974 ~ July 31, 2021*

Wade Jay Lampe, 46, of Readlyn, Iowa passed away on Monday, July 31, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Allen Memorial, as a result of COVID-19 complications.



Wade was born on July 29, 1974, in Denver, Iowa, the son of Eugene and Marilyn (Schmidt) Lampe. He attended Denver High School and graduated in 1992. After graduation, he attended Hawkeye Community College and graduated with a degree in Drafting and Design. He was hired by John Deere Foundry as a crane operator in August 1997. Wade met Jess (Meier) in August of 1994. They were united in marriage on July 24th, 1999.

Wade spent most of his free-time outdoors camping, boating, tubing, kayaking, and fishing. If he wasn't outside, he could be found working on the family's used car collection, looking through Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace for different cars, or watching the Cubs and Hawkeye games.

Wade is survived by his wife, Jess Lampe of Readlyn; two sons, Dylan (Abby) Lampe of Solon, Trystan (Grace Imbrogno) Lampe of Readlyn; a daughter, Kaliya Lampe of Readlyn; his mother, Marilyn Lampe; three brothers, Kirk (Rhae) Lampe of Cedar Rapids; Shawn (Patti) Lampe of Waverly and Nicholas Lampe of Dewar. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Lampe, and brother-in-law, Darcy Meier.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, July 25, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jean Rabary officiating. Burial of cremains was held in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn. Memorials will be determined at a later date. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com) Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.

**EDWIN KEITH SADLER***August 22, 1942 ~ June 3, 2021*

Ed Sadler, age 78 of Fairbank, passed away June 3, 2021 at the Denver Sunset Home. He was born August 22, 1942 in Waterloo, the son of Leonard and Mary (Fettkether) Sadler. Ed married Donna Reiter on April 23, 1966 in Waterloo. He grew up in rural Dunkerton and attended Dunkerton Community Schools.



Ed first worked at Shirey's Concrete and from there he worked at John Deere for 27 years until his retirement in 1992. While working at John Deere, he also farmed in rural Fairbank, both row crops and livestock. Ed was a lifelong farmer for all of fifty years and truly enjoyed everything to do with farming whether it be putting the crops in or harvesting them as well as taking care of the livestock. He also enjoyed his weekly trips to the Waverly Sale Barn even if he wasn't buying or selling anything. Over the years, he collected many John Deere two cylinder tractors that he loved restoring and tinkering with in his shop. Ed enjoyed being with family and friends, especially playing cards and marble games.

Most of all Ed was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and truly loved the time spent with all of them. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Donna; son Steve (Angie) Sadler; two daughters: Sharon (Mike) Buss and Susan Sadler, all of Denver; four grandchildren: Bethany Sadler, Breanna Sadler, Hunter Buss and Sydney Buss; three brothers: Harold Sadler, Melvin (Theresa) Sadler and Gerald (Elaine) Sadler; three sisters: Rita (George) Schmitz, Judy Starbeck and Donna Nelson; his-in-laws: Thres Sadler, Lavonne & Kenny Fischer, Ruth & Marvin Taylor, Mary & Paul Speer; along with many nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son Timothy; five brothers: Dean, Raymond, Irving, Garold and Alvin; one sister Mary Sadler; his in-laws: George Schmitz, Don Nelson, Paul & Linda Reiter and Gene Reiter.

Funeral Mass was held June 7, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with lunch following at the Parish Center. Interment was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, rural Fairbank. Arrangements were handled by Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank.

Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank, or to the Oran or Fairbank Fire Department.

**ESTHER ANN BOCK WITTENBURG***September 27, 1908 ~ July 27, 2021*

Esther Bock Wittenburg, 112, of Readlyn, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2021 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.



Esther Ann Bock Wittenburg was born on September 27, 1908, the daughter of Fred and Louisa (Schmidt) Luebs in Fredericka Township, Old Tripoli. She was baptized on November 15, 1908 and confirmed on April 9, 1922 both at St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Tripoli. She attended Fredericka #4 Township school at Old Tripoli and Tripoli High School. On July 18, 1926, she was united in marriage to Fred Bock Jr. in Tripoli. Esther helped on the farm and also was an aide at the Waverly Hospital. On June 16, 1966, she was united in marriage to Herbert Wittenburg in New Ulm, MN.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Ruth Circle, Merry Elders and Readlyn Senior Citizens. Esther enjoyed reading, fishing, playing cards and valued her friendships. She was a devoted and loving person to each of her family members and friends.

Survivors are her four children, Virgil Bock of Readlyn, Marlys "Marlee" Ryan of Tripoli, Delores "Dee" (Fritz) Krueger of Henderson, Nevada and Larry (Kathy) Bock of Cedar Rapids; 6 grandchildren, Kristi, Michael, Michelle, Jeffrey, Barton and Cynthia; 9 great grandchildren; 1 great great-granddaughter; 2 step grandchildren, Candace and Craig and several step great and step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands, Fred Bock and Herbert Wittenburg; stepdaughter, Phyllis (Andy) Westendorf; sister, Leota Plagens and son-in-law, Carl Ryan.

There will be no formal funeral service, Esther has been cremated. Private family graveside will be held later in Faith United Church of Christ Cemetery in Tripoli. Online condolences for Esther can be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Readlyn assisted the family with arrangements. 319-279-3551

**STEVEN LOUIS HOVEY***November 2, 1956 ~ May 31, 2021*

Steve Hovey age 64 of Fairbank passed away unexpectedly Monday, May 31, 2021 at his home. He was born November 2, 1956 in Independence, the son of Harry and Ruth (Beebe) Hovey. He attended and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools with the Class of 1975.



After high school he began working for World Radio, first in Waterloo as a salesperson and then became the store manager. His career spanned a total of 15 years serving as manager in various stores. He also worked at Silver Eagle Harley Davidson, Bertch Cabinet, Tyson and PPG all in Waterloo. Steve enjoyed fast cars in his younger years as well as working on gas engines and collecting different kinds of antiques and pop bottles.

He is survived by three sisters: Vicki Hovey of Waterloo, Susan (Steve) Shaner of Oelwein, and Lisa (Rod) Stoler of Jesup; five nieces and three nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Shawn "Shelly" Carpenter.

Funeral Services are to be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Hope Wesleyan Church in Independence, Iowa. Cards may be sent in care of Steve to: Susan Shaner, 12-12th Ave. NW, Oelwein, IA 50662.

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# COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in Regular session on Monday May 25, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Dave Jergens, Interim Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Dick Klenzman was present to inquire about the status of the addition of gravel to the alley behind a property he owns in town. Councilman Vorwald stated that there is 4 inches of rock under the grass currently.

If the alley is going to be used, Dick Klenzman would like to see gravel added.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the minutes from May 10th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Sara Langel with OnMedia was present to discuss digital commercial options with the council. She had several options for packages and would use the footage Stone Kane obtained when making the promotional video of Fairbank. More information will be collected, and she will present that at the next meeting.

Vorwald/Williams to approve Resolution 2021-15 - A Resolution of the City of Fairbank, Iowa Agreeing to Become a Member of the Fiscal Year 2022 INCRCOG Safety Program. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve Resolution 2021-16 - Approving an Appeal

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The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 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: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

During the public comment section Councilman Vorwald wanted to thank Cannon's Greenhouse out of Westgate for the donation of 12 shrubs for down by the Gazebo at Riverside Park. Dean Mangrich was present to see about getting a team together to get the fence at the cemetery cleaned up. Comments were saved for discussion later since the topic was on the agenda.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the May 24th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of May were: General, \$23,129.85; Special Revenue, \$26,006.26; TIF, \$1,089.18; Capital Projects, \$4.57; Permanent Funds, \$5.97; Proprietary, \$173,574.11; and Transfers In, \$310,517.52. Disbursements for the month of May were: General, \$52,398.75; Special Revenue, \$1,980.58; Proprietary, \$125,815.84; and Transfers Out, \$310,517.52. Balance on hand at close of business on May 31, 2021, was \$4,899,801.34.

Adam Kerns was present to discuss the changes in the Workers Compensation proposal for FY 22. The premium increased significantly to \$19,514.00 from \$8,865.00 just last year due to a new worker's comp claim. The premium due is in the bills for approval later in the meeting.

The Fayette County Fair Board asked if the city would be interested in partnering with them again for the fair this year. Last year the council voted to approve \$500.00. The money would go towards the carnival again and the fair is completely free. The fair dates are July 20-24, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the donation of \$500.00. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the imposition of a local sales and service tax on the ballot this November 2, 2021. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Sara Langel with OnMedia was present again to see if the council had any more questions or information for her. Both the Community Club and Development Corporation had not decided or discussed the commercial yet to see if they were interested in joining with the city to get a commercial in place. More information will be obtained, and it will possibly be discussed at the meeting on July 7th.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the seal coating and asphalt repair quote from Prairie Road Builders, Inc. The total work should be around \$33,000.00 and included 10 areas in town along with a few added areas including the intersection of Fourth and East Main. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

TruGreen Commercial submitted a proposal again this year for the treatment of the Ash Borer in town. The proposal was for \$4,363.00 and included the trees discussed with Councilman Vorwald and the public works the week before. The trees that are being treated have been doing very well. R. Woods/Erickson to approve the proposal with TruGreen Commercial for the treatment of the Ash Borer on the trees in the proposal. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Delagardelle presented the council with a quote from Green Water Solutions for an upgrade in equipment at the wastewater treatment plant. When it was built new, he explained, it had sonic algae control equipment and with those there has been a lot of issues with the transducers going bad. He called the company, and they now offer a new system that has over 2,000 frequencies compared to the current of 78 frequencies to break up the algae. This would help prevent algae growth in the plant. Vorwald/Erickson to approve the purchase of the new system at \$6,396.00 with Green Water Solutions. Public Works will install. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The cemetery's fence clean-up was discussed. Mangrich stated that he and another coworker would do the work to clean up the fence in the city cemetery. Vorwald/Erickson to hire Dean Mangrich along with his coworker to clean the fence at the cemetery. They are supposed to keep track of expenses and hours and turn into City Hall when the project is completed. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Councilman Vorwald stated that the issue with trees growing in shrubs was already handled.

Employee wages were presented for FY 22 and will be on the agenda for approval on July 7, 2021 in the form of a resolution.

Matt Egan with the Fayette County Fair Board arrived at 6:51 PM. He was informed of the motion already made to give them a \$500.00 sponsorship for the fair. He thanked the council and invited them to come and help judge the barbecue contest held on Tuesday evening July 20, 2021.

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Maintenance	\$164.95
ACCO, Supplies	\$2,071.26
AERO-MOD, Equipment	\$156.57
APPLIANCE PLUS OF OELWEIN, INC, Equipment	\$739.00
ATLANTIC BOTTLING CO., Concessions	\$204.65
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,814.90

Process for the Iowa Income Offset Program. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to table approving a resolution relating to the allocation of the local option sales tax. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Before the resolution can be passed the council needs a motion to request the imposition be put on the ballot for November 2, 2021. This would be a year earlier than normal to allow for another chance to get it on the ballot next year if need be. After it is approved by the county to be on the ballot, a resolution could be passed specifying the purpose to which the revenues shall be applied with an effective date of January 1, 2024. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Part-time Police Chief Mike Everding presented the council with a quote from Shield Technology Corporation for \$3,000.00 start-up and a yearly licensing fee of \$450.00. This would update the police department with software called Shieldware SWRMS Licensing. It would modernize their record keeping process and it would also give the department access to Buchanan County's records. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the quote for Shieldware SWRMS Licensing through Shield Technology Corporation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The rentals requested from D & S Portables, Inc. for this summer were discussed. Currently the city has one bathroom facility rented for West Bentley Park and it is moved over to Riverside Park if needed. Councilman Vorwald thought that the Veterans Park would benefit from bathroom facilities at that park shelter. Erickson/Vorwald to add two additional bathroom facilities to the rentals for this summer. The bathroom facilities would be placed in West Bentley Park, Riverside Park, and Veterans Park. Ayes: Five.

Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve an engagement letter with Speer Financial, Inc. in connections with the preparation of the annual TIF and debt reports. Speer Financial, Inc. will now provide the council with annual reports discussing the financial health of the city. The initial fee for this will be \$1,800.00 and then not to exceed \$500.00 a year after that. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the liquor license application for the Fairbank Development Corporation for Fairbank Days during July 7-26, 2021. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Everding stated that the new police vehicle was finished getting striped and that it was taken to Racom with the old police car to get the equipment installed and transferred. It should take about a week. Jergens reported that White Construction was still keeping them busy working on locates for the fiber optic cables being installed. He also reported that the pool was ready for opening week. Mayor Harter wanted to thank Dean and Donna Mangrich for all their help in organizing the volunteers and project steps needed in finishing the park equipment installation at the West Bentley Park. Also, thanks to Ron and Colin Woods and all of the volunteers that helped complete the project. Mayor Harter also brought up the option of the council receiving electronic packets. He thought for now if they wanted to use their personal laptops to see if they like it then we could look into going paperless in the future.

Vorwald/Erickson to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies	\$2,643.45
BUCHANAN CO LANDFILL COMMISSION, Landfill Fees	\$2,451.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY ABSTRACT CO., Abstract	\$300.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$51,172.88
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$502.00
CASEY'S GENERAL MASTERCARD, Gas	\$390.75
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$3,747.57
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposit Refund Applied	\$163.15
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Replenish Postage	\$21.89
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$2,235.72
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$3,124.63
CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL, Notary Bond	\$21.75
NICK CURLEY, Supplies	\$155.94
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Mileage/Cell Phone Reimbursement/Clothing Allowance	\$502.43
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
RADFORD & JESSICA DUPREY, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
ELITE SPORTS, Supplies	\$654.00
FAIRBANK EXCAVATING, Services	\$2,115.70
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Concessions & Supplies	\$67.87
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, May Utility Bill Postage	\$140.40
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, June Utility Bill Postage	\$140.40
FLORAL IMAGES & GIFTS, Plants	\$70.00
GALL'S INC., Supplies	\$149.88
GAS PRODUCT SALES, INC, Equipment	\$629.20
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES, Supplies	\$198.75
ASHLEY HAPPEL, Lesson Reimbursement	\$35.00
ICAA, Conference	\$70.00
IMWCA, FY 22 Premium	\$19,305.28
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, Annual SRF Payment	\$230,734.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$55.90
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$9,176.51
IPERS, Benefits	\$4,505.67
ITRON, INC, Maintenance	\$316.86
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement/Clothing Allowance	\$437.43
JETCO, INC., Equipment	\$2,150.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$181.77
JOHANNES KANE, Utility Deposit Refund	\$36.85
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$497.04
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$87.00
KOONS GAS MEASUREMENT, Meters	\$898.92
KRIVACHEK JANITORIAL SUPPLY, Supplies	\$125.00
MANATT'S, Concrete	\$746.25
MARTIN BROS. DIST. CO., Concrete	\$26.09
MEDIACOM, Internet/Phone May	\$401.09
MEDIACOM, Internet/Phone June	\$401.09
MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, Drug Testing	\$104.00
MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES LLC, Physicals	\$2,080.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$1,444.79
MYERS-COX CO., Concessions	\$2,098.68
NE SECURITY BANK, TIF Loan Interest & Principal	\$45,228.52
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check	\$300.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check Fee	\$4.00
NE SECURITY BANK, 5/3/21 Payroll Processing Fee	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, 5/14/21 Payroll Processing Fee	\$7.27
NSB/HSA, H S A Contributions	\$150.00
NSB/HSA, H S A Payroll Deductions	\$290.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publications	\$291.03
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$160.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Subscription	\$479.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services	\$61.52
RACK'EM UP PROMOTIONS, Supplies	\$989.00
RANDY'S LAWN CARE, Services	\$2,100.00
RECREATION BY LEMMIE JONES LLC, Equipment	\$7,730.00
RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY, Supplies	\$325.62
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$1,218.75
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Equipment	\$8,950.27
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Equipment	\$616.25
SWIMOUTLET.COM, Supplies	\$780.33
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$49.98
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$63.57
THE WRAP SOURCE, Services	\$918.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, May Excise Tax	\$1,135.78
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, May Sales Tax	\$2,207.00
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services	\$1,185.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$6,420.04
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$3,645.60
VAN WERT, INC, Supplies	\$877.36
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$158.62
VISA, Concessions	\$733.20
WELLMARK, Premium	\$1,293.67

BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$337.50
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$588.99
ZUPKE SAND & GRAVEL, Supplies	\$494.10
The Library Board approved the following bills on June 8, 2021:	
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$1,230.09
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$129.87
FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Replenish Petty Gas	\$26.15
IMWCA, Premium	\$208.72
IPERS, Benefits	\$116.23
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD, Books	\$431.50
KANE KLEANING SERVICES, Services	\$450.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$71.28
NE SECURITY BANK, 5/14/21 Payroll Processing Fee	\$2.73
OVERDRIVE, INC., E-Books	\$2,000.00
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$40.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$586.25
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$944.49
VISA, Subscription	\$94.12
RUTH WENGER, Services	\$62.50
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$68.64

Everding stated that the new police vehicle was still at Racom getting the equipment installed. He also stated that the hours of Fairbank Days have been arranged so there will be police presence from our police officers. The issue of minibikes and motorized scooters was brought up and Everding stated that they will address and handle that issue. Jergens said there was an issue with a tile at the pool but that they have it temporarily fixed. Councilman Vorwald commented that the pool looked good. The new city pick-up is scheduled to be delivered on July 15th. Mayor Harter wanted to get the council thinking about additions to Fairbank such as pickle ball. Suggested everyone start thinking about where and how to do it.

Vorwald/Erickson to adjourn at 7:09 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

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