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Schmitz crowned Buchanan County Fair Queen, Kleitsch awarded Miss Congeniality

Congratulations to Courtney Schmitz on being crowned the 2021 Buchanan County Fair Queen on July 8th at the fairgrounds in Independence. Avery Hanaway of Independence was crowned Fair Princess and Kaylee Kleitsch, of rural Fairbank, was awarded Miss Congeniality.

Courtney is the daughter of Bob and Jenny Schmitz of Fairbank. The 2021 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School had just finished her reign as the 2020 Fairbank Island Days Queen. Even though her reign started out slow due to the Covid-19 shutdowns, she was able to assist the Easter Bunny handing out treats, and also helped out the Community Club at the first "Music in the Park" back in May, just to name a few. She did a great job at everything she was asked to do.

During high school, Courtney participated in football cheerleading, basketball, track, softball, FFA, student ambassadors, choir and musical. She plans to attend Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo to study dental hygiene. She will also dance on the Red-tail's dance team this fall.

Kaylee is also a 2021 graduate of Wapsie Valley, where she was active in FFA, Student Ambassadors, choir, musical, archery, and a handful of other activities. She resides just outside of Fairbank with her parents, Brenda and Rick Kleitsch, and two brothers Brock and Brody.

A big thank you to both of these girls who have represented our town so well. Fairbank is very proud of you!



Kaylee Kleitsch and Courtney Schmitz

Farmer's Market tonight in Fairbank

Beck's Greenhouses, rural Fairbank, will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market tonight at West Bentley Park in Fairbank. The Market will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will provide a wide range of fresh fruits and vegetables. Little Island Day Care Center is also planning on having a bake sale there to help raise funds for their new addition.

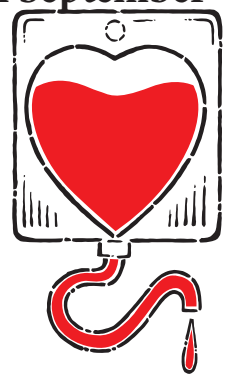
The Beck's plan on having the market every Wednesday night until further notice. Future plans may include more bake sales, craft vendors, etc., so anyone interested in doing some fundraising, here's your chance. Contact Neal Beck for more information.

Next blood drive in September

A special thanks to all those who signed up and donated blood at the Life Serve Blood Drive held last week at the Fairbank American Legion.

We would also like to remind everyone that the next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, September 28th at the Legion. You need to make an appointment in order to donate. No walk-ins will be accepted.

If you would like to make an appointment, go to: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org and sign up. The blood drives are currently being sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club.



The next Fairbank "Music in the Park" is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th at Riverside Park from 6:00 to 8:00.

Entertainment for this month will be Gina Owens, a former Wapsie Valley graduate. She is the daughter of Mark and Becky Owens, rural Fairbank, and the granddaughter of long-time Wapsie Valley superintendent David Owens, who passed away last year. Gina is an upcoming & rising country star out of Nashville.

Here's what WWAM (We Write About Music) had to say about her:

Originally from out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gina Owens is a country music artist who has made big waves on her first two singles. Inspired by Iowa native artists, Hailley Whitters and Maddi Poppe, she's certainly infused her own originality and inventiveness into her newest piece "Take Him Home".

For someone like Gina who's been on a lifelong journey in the space of writing, performing, and singing, she's made her dreams the ultimate reality by laying down original music and bringing the much deserved spotlight to herself. With "Take Him Home" and now "Flirt With Me" out, she's positioned herself for a promising career.

On "Take Him Home" specifically, Gina has done a magnificent job of allowing her vocals to be the star of the show, but at the same time allowing a diverse instrumentation to back her up on an overall vibrant song. We're not surprised it turned out as well as it did considering the top tier team at Off the Row Studio helping to put it together,

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike

By Mike Harter



Before the next paper is published, our kids will be back in school. School starts on August 23. Please make sure to watch out for the walkers, bike riders, and of course the buses that bring the rural kids to school. My good wishes to all of Wapsie Valley's students, parents, and staff for a successful school year.

The City is taking bids on two surplus vehicles. There is more information elsewhere in this issue concerning these vehicles.

The Fairbank Little Island Day Care is hosting a golf outing to raise funds for their building project. The outing will be at Big Rock Golf Course in Fayette. This is a very worthwhile and needed project for our families with young children in our community. Our help is needed in helping them reach their goal to add needed space for the children.

The next Music in the Park will be on Wednesday, August 11. Gina Owens, daughter of Mark and Becky Owens, will be sharing her talent. Gina is a Wapsie Valley graduate from Fairbank. She has recorded several songs in Nashville, Tennessee and will entertain us with some original songs. We are excited and proud to have her on our stage.

A couple of projects upcoming for the City will be starting soon. Seal coating some of the streets will be done in several weeks. Water mains will be replaced on West Main and Grove Street in the early fall.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

August 21st Golf Outing

Get your teams together and come join us for a 4-man best shot at Fayette Big Rock Country Club on Saturday, August 21st. Cost will be \$50 per person. Lunch will be included.

All proceeds will be given to the Little Island Child Care Center towards the new expansion.

This is a pre-register/pay event.



Signatures wanted for School Board petition

Local residents are being asked to sign a petition which would allow each board member of the Wapsie Valley Community School District to be elected by the voters, no matter which district you reside in.

If enough signatures are received, the request will be placed on the November 2021 ballot to be voted on.

There is a petition you may sign at the Northeast Security Bank in

Fairbank or at Readlyn Savings Bank. Signatures are needed by August 15, 2021.

For more information, contact Anita Destival at (319) 415-1903 or text to: apdestival@gmail.com

Little Wapsie Communications

Little Wapsie Communications would like to express our thanks to the Community of Fairbank for their patience and understanding during the construction phase of our Fiber Optic Network. Construction is getting close to the end with clean-up to be completed once White Construction is done with all the drops and inspection. Our technicians have been working on installing the fiber from the equipment on the outside of the homes to the inside for the residents/businesses who have completed the sign-up form along with their deposit. This step will help the actual installation of services later this fall. Just like other supply chains, we are waiting on equipment that will connect to the fiber and provide the Internet service. LWC will keep you posted on our progress.

We have been asked: "Why Fiber and what will it do for me?" Fiber is the best choice for future connectivity. Fiber is the best choice for ensuring that a network being built now will be capable of satisfying user demand over its useful life. Fiber anticipates future demands and allows for services that

will remain affordable and efficient for years to come. It is a durable, scalable, easier to update and less costly to maintain. Fiber is the most reliable Internet technology, delivering a signal less susceptible than cable, copper, or spectrum-based services to interference or deterioration of performance due to distance or climate conditions.

It's symmetrical. Fiber enables symmetrical upload and download speeds. Upload speeds enable better experiences when it comes to video conferencing, streaming, and gaming. File uploads and VPNs also perform far better on symmetrical networks. Other technologies have significantly slower upload speeds.

It's dedicated. With fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) your bandwidth is yours and you are not sharing it with or affected by your neighbor's consumption. While other Internet technologies may include fiber to a certain point, in many cases with other technologies, consumers are sharing their connections and service is affected by all those sharing bandwidth.

Fiber benefits:

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width is needed to create educational opportunities for kids at home and in school, including video conferencing and educational applications.

Teleworking. Video conferencing is the new norm and virtual private networks (VPNs) provide the security and fiber the capacity needed to transact business.

Telehealth. Especially where people must travel long distances or are unable to get to their doctors, specialists or a hospital, telemedicine is critical.

Little Wapsie Communications is looking forward to serving you with high-quality, reliable Internet service. If you have signed up to have the Free drop installed to your home or business and notice that equipment has not been installed on your home/building, please let us know immediately. If you have not returned your form for installing fiber into your home/business along with the \$50 deposit, it's not too late. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us @ 319-279-3375 (RTC Communications) 319-638-6006 (OMTC) or email: office@littlewapsie.com.

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however the heart and soul of Gina Owens has certainly cut through it all in the best way.

Considering she's at the beginning of her official music career in terms of releases, she's not only hot on our radar, but she should be on yours too! Whether you're a country music lover or not, "Take Him Home" may just be the song to bridge that gap and divide, so do yourselves a big favor, whenever you may be reading this, and dive in immediately.

We're honored to have Gina come back to her hometown to entertain us. You won't want to miss this chance to hear her perform. So grab your cooler and

lawn chair and join us. Food vendor will be available at the park.

This event is sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club.



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July 2021



July in Iowa is a great time of year for relaxing with family and friends! The WVCSD had a wonderful time celebrating Readlyn Grump Days and Fairbank Island Days with our district families and community members. I want to personally thank all the WV staff members who helped with parade float preparations and riding the floats to represent WVCSD. I also know there were numerous July 4th celebrations in our communities to enjoy!

In the educational world, summer is a time for planning and summer projects. Our WV Building Leadership Team will be meeting for two days in July to establish and refine our goals for the 2021-22 school year. We will also set plans in place for in-service days at the start of the school year.

Currently, some major projects are being completed at the JH/HS facility. New lighting at the high school stadium will be installed by late July. Also, the WV Board of Education approved the construction of a new concession building, which will begin in July. This new concession building was supported financially with a \$75,000 donation from the WV Booster Club. Inside the HS building, we have seven areas receiving new high traffic flooring along with

some new classroom furnishings to update certain areas.

We also have two Rural buildings receiving walls which will create basement classrooms for the reading support staff. Fairbank Elementary had a renovation in the behavior-focused reset room to meet new state requirements.

We will continue the Summer Food School Program in August. During the month of June school

personnel prepped and distributed 2,984 meals to area families. Wapsie Valley will operate our food services for the 2021-22 school year under the SSO (Seamless Summer Option) where meals will be free to all children. This is a great cost saving opportunity to our district families.

We, as a school district, will again start our 2021-22 academic year in a full face-to-face classroom environment. We will not offer any full-time virtual learning situations for the start of the school year. We will revise our Return to Learn Plans for the school year to reflect these changes.

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,

Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

HCC announces spring 2021 graduates

Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo recently announced the spring 2021 graduates. Those who were former Wapsie Valley graduates include:

Fairbank - Isaac Buzynski, industrial automation technology, AAS; Ronald Hutschenreuter, industrial automation technology, AAS.

Readlyn - Brendon Brown, CNC machine operator certificate, CNC machine set-up specialist certificate; Grady Meyer, advanced welding diploma, welding technology/welder, AAS.

DMACC releases spring semester President's List

Adrianna Richards of Fairbank was recently named to the Spring Semester President's List at Des Moines Area Community College. To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average for that semester. Richards is enrolled in the Agribusiness program.

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Wapsie Valley receives STEM BEST Program Award

FAIRBANK, Iowa – Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council announced Wapsie Valley CAPS as one of the 22 STEM BEST (Businesses Engaging Students and Teachers) Program models for 2021. The program brings together schools and businesses to create outstanding STEM learning experiences that prepare students for exciting, in-demand careers. With the addition of 22 awards, 80 programs have been created since STEM BEST launched in 2014.

The STEM Best Program supports school-business partnerships that allow teachers and industry professionals to work side-by-side on curriculum and projects that give students actual workplace experience. In the projects, students also gain an understanding of the opportunities and required skills for careers in STEM fields. STEM BEST has also laid the groundwork for other successful statewide initiatives such as Future Ready Iowa's Work-Based Learning Clearinghouse.

The basis of CAPS (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) is taking students out of the traditional classroom setting and immersing them in a business environment and encouraging innovation while developing professional skills, problem solving and expanding career exploration opportunities. All of these skills are crucial for success after graduation whether that be in a college setting or in the workforce. The CAPS mission statement is Preparing ALL Students for Their Purpose.

"CAPS provides so many opportunities for student associates they may not typically seek out. While they may choose to work on a project in a specific area, the STEM focus is included in every project. Whether it's learning a new technology to develop a product for a client, mathematics for figuring dimensions in design of a project or even working with businesses in the science field. Students don't necessarily know they are working on a STEM project, but it's involved in so many businesses, they are bound to be gaining experience in the field," Haley Tiedt, WV CAPS Instructor.

The STEM Council Executive Committee voted unanimously to award 22 new or expanded partnerships up to \$25,000 each. Participating employer



partners contribute to a dollar-for-dollar match with some going above and beyond the cost-share requirement. The awards can be used for the curriculum development and coordination, educator training and development in workplace-classroom integration and preparing the work-based learning environment.

The 2021 STEM BEST Program awardees are:

- Ames Community School District
- Don Bosco Catholic School System
- CAM Community School District
- Cedar Rapids Community School District – Thomas Jefferson High School
- Cedar Rapids Community School District – Metro High School
- Central Community School District
- Clinton Community School District
- Creston Community School District – Middle school
- Creston Community School District – Elementary School
- Earlham Community School District
- Eastern Allamakee Community School District
- Howard-Winneshiek Community School District
- Keokuk Community & Fort Madison School Districts
- Linn-Mar Community School District
- MFL MarMac Community School District
- MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District
- North Tama County Community School District
- Pella Community School District
- Riverside Community School District
- Sioux Center Community School District
- Wapsie Valley Community School District
- Woodbine Community School District

To be considered for a STEM BEST Program award, applicants were required to submit a comprehensive proposal that incorporates rigor-

ous and relevant STEM curriculum, valuable partnerships with community businesses or organizations, real-world learning opportunities and expertise at the post-secondary education and training level. These awardees will serve as a model to share unique perspective, strengths, demographics and program focus with other schools throughout Iowa.

Visit www.IowaSTEM.org/STEMBEST for more information on the STEM BEST Program and the 80 partners.

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council: Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our state's historic leadership position in education and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 62-member STEM Council is co-chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Foundation Analytical Laboratory Owner and Director of Technical Services Diane Young. For more information, visit <https://iowastem.org>.

CAPS associates work directly with businesses on real problem projects in varying industries relating to their career interest. This provides an opportunity for the businesses to see the ideas of students and create possible future employees. This hands-on experience is unique to anything the students learn in the classroom.

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“Book Two in the Gangster Series”

by Betty Brandt Passick

It took about a year to research and write Book One in the Gangster Series, *Gangster in Our Midst* (2017). The historical mystery novel spans over sixty years. The hardest piece to research by far was identifying the key players of Chicago Kingpin Alphonse Capone's 'Outfit'.

I mean, how do you begin to find people in history who largely used aliases, and did everything in their power to hide from the law?

I commenced this book-writing project with knowledge of only a couple pieces of real-life events: Fairbank locals said Louie La Cava had arrived in Fairbank sometime in the early 1920s after marrying a Buchanan County girl in Chicago; over time, La Cava admitted to a few of those people he was a bookkeeper for Capone. The latter could be difficult to verify - but without it, there was no story to tell.

I remember the excitement I felt the day I found an article (and photo) of La Cava and Capone tying them together as associates. The article stated La Cava had been Capone's bookkeeper, lieutenant, and sometimes hitman.

From additional newspaper articles from across the country and police reports, I was able to add to my list of names of those in Capone's inner circle, though it took myriad hours of research to find them.

Frank Nitti was among Capone's closest aides, known as "The Enforcer," but Nitti rarely took part in violent activities, delegating them instead to underlings. The media dubbed him as the brains of the Outfit.

As the Feds and police turned up the heat on Capone in Chicago in the late 1920s, Capone purchased a 407-acre estate near Hayward, Wisconsin, where he built a large two-story stone lodge, 8-stall garage, bunk house, and a caretaker's residence, and guard towers - all fortified against attack by the Feds.

When an Iowa friend learned I was writing a Capone-Era gangster book, he offered photos he'd taken during a 2012 private tour of the property. By then, it was owned by the La Courte Oreilles Band.

I admit, seeing the photo of Capone's lodge adjacent to the 37-acre lake where he used to fly in illegal booze sent shivers down my spine.

The internal lodge photos, too, were helpful in the chap-

ter "Hayward," allowing me to write with a greater level of authentic detail. In this setting, I placed Frank Nitti, Louie La Cava, and others to plan a major assault against the Chicago's northside "Bugs" Moran Gang, later called the 1929 Valentine Day Massacre.

The Don's in da middle of some business," Nitti growled, as the two [Nitti & La Cava] passed into the first room of the lodge. "Your bedroom is on right, end of hall, bathroom nearby," pointing up the double open staircase, a massive stone fireplace dividing them. "Dinner at seven. Fresh lobster flown in from Maine."

Louie started up the stairs, suitcase in hand, pausing momentarily to tip his hat to familiar faces staring up at him in an adjacent parlor: Capone's wife, Mae, a devout Irish Catholic woman, and Capone's son, Albert Francis, "Sonny" as he was called. Nearby were Capone's chief aides: Jake Guzik, financial genius and trusted consigliere; Ralph "Bottles" Capone, Al's older brother - best known for his Cotton Club in Chicago, featuring Negro chorus girls, and open to anyone except da Feds; and John Scalise and Albert Anselmi, Capone's most lethal torpedoes, occupying a small settee where they were playing cards.

Louie found his way to the knotty pine bedroom at the end of the hallway, placed his suitcase on the bed and opened it.

The Feds immediately fingered Capone as the man behind the machine gun massacre of seven members of Moran's gang - though essentially, Capone's empire had begun to crash after a 1925 raid on one of his gambling establishments, when Cicero police found a little cloth book, a kind of ledger, with indiscernible codes and figures. It was bulldog Special Agent Frank Wilson, assigned to investigate Capone on tax evasion years later, who took a second look at the ledger and determined the codes referred to Capone businesses, and the figures - income from those businesses. The Feds then began to build a case against Capone for failing to pay income tax.

As Capone's tax evasion trial neared in October 1931, newspapers reported Louie La Cava, who had been in hiding for two years, was found by the Feds and served with a subpoena to testify as a star witness.

While the Feds weren't able to build a case against Capone on charges of murder, extortion, or bootlegging, he was indicted and found guilty of tax evasion for the years 1924-1929 and sentenced to 11 years in prison, plus assessed a fine of \$50,000, court costs of \$30,000, and \$215,000 plus interest for back taxes.

Frank Nitti received an 18-months sentence, also for tax evasion. La Cava got off scot-free for the years he served as a member of Capone's Outfit, perhaps in exchange for his testimony.

How much did the people of Fairbank know of La Cava's gangster activities?

I found the below article - written by Mr. Cavanaugh who had previously written for the Des Moines Register-Tribune, before purchasing the Fairbank Advocate in

1928 - reprinted in the Oelwein Register on June 11, 1931.

Fairbank Man in Capone Case

Louie La Cava, who made his home in Fairbank for some time, almost two years ago, will probably be the government's star witness against Capone in their action to dispense of his property to pay his tax debt, according to an article in the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

La Cava was formerly secretary to Johnny Torrio, Capone's predecessor. It is known by federal men that there was a definite break between La Cava and Capone, and that the former was "hailed" from Chicago by the edict of the gang leader, it was reported in the Chicago paper.

It is probable that this was the time that La Cava lived in Fairbank.

La Cava was hauled before the grand jury several times during the last few weeks, the Examiner said, and is believed to have been given much of the information on Capone's bank accounts which led to the "Big Fellow's" indictments.

La Cava drove a big Lincoln automobile while in Fairbank and became known to many people here .

--Fairbank Advocate.

In the end, gangsters from the 1920-30s weren't as well hidden - or their illegal activity - as perhaps they had hoped.

I now announce Book Two in the Gangster Series: *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie*.

The historical novel (prequel) tells the neglected true story of a physician who leaves behind his beloved Canada in the mid-1850s to establish new roots in a small town in Iowa. Only his wife knows of his attraction to murder - his durable oiled black canvas bag simply allows him into emplacements where others may not go. Still, his fellow French Canadians called him Guérisseur, Healer. Perhaps he is also running from entanglements of the past.

Those assisting me with the new novel (beta readers) - research, historical accuracy, and editing - have included: a 98-year old gentleman with considerable knowledge of the area; a Wiltse family member; a 2021 physician; Fairbank historians and residents; and others.

The pre-launch for *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* is underway. The cost is \$16.95 plus tax, shipping and handling. The first 50 orders will receive a commemorative bag. Contact me to reserve your signed copy at bbpassick-author@comcast.net, or through my website www.Betty-BrandtPassick.com.

A donation respective to sales of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* will be made to an area non-profit organization - to be announced in coming weeks. You may recall, the Fairbank Historical Society was the recipient of a donation of *Gangster in Our Midst* books.

Watch for details of the book launch of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on The Prairie* - coming soon.

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**Clinton Earl Wolgamot in Cleveland uniform.
1931 photo**

By Robert Shields

Clinton Earl Wolgamot was born 2½ miles south of Fairbank, near the Kier Post Office on December 21, 1892. He attended the Center School, along with his siblings. Because his father's name was also Clinton he went by his middle name, Earl most of his adult life, later picking up the nickname of "Wolgy" on the baseball diamond.

By the time Earl was in his teens, he had developed into an outstanding hitter and catcher. For a number of years, the businessmen of Fairbank had organized a town baseball team to play the other towns in the area. In 1912 the Fairbank businessman's team won the Northeast Iowa Amateur Baseball Championship. The other players from the 1912 Fairbank team were: Charles Finch, Merit Curtis, Pete Boling, Leslie Hile, Wilbur Finch, Chuck Trotter, Frank Schuck, Mark Higbee and Bill Hahn. The team was managed by Harry Mealey. Earl was the catcher on the championship team.

He received a baseball scholarship to Upper Iowa College, where he played under coach Doc Dorman. Earl also played for teams from West Union and Oelwein while going to Upper Iowa College. In 1915 he signed to play for the minor league team, the Wakes in Rockford, Illinois, as their catcher. Earl's bio at this time listed him as "Position: Catcher and Third Baseman; Bats: right; Throws: right; 5 foot 8 inches; 162 pounds; Born: December 21, 1892 in Fairbank, Iowa".

In 1919 he signed with the San Antonio, Broncos. The next year he broke his leg early in the season and was sent to a farm club, the Edmonton Eskimos, in Canada to finish the season there.

In 1922 Earl was back in the United States and signed with the Mud Hens in Toledo, Ohio. In the following years he was traded to many teams, the Celery Pickers

Clinton Earl Wolgamot has successful baseball career



1912 Fairbank Amateur Baseball Team: (front row) Charles Finch, Earl Wolgamot, Mert Curtis, Pete Boling, Leslie Ginger Hale; (center) Manager Harry Mealey; (back row) Wilbur Finch, Chuck Trotter, Frank Schuck, Mark Higbee, Bill Hahn.

in Kalamazoo, Michigan; the Panthers in Fort Worth, Texas; the Indians in Oklahoma City; and the Cubs in Waco, Texas. While he played with the Oklahoma City team, he was the catcher for Hall of Fame pitcher, Carl "The Meal Ticket" Hubbell. After his playing days were winding down in 1931, he took the job as pitcher's coach and later third base coach for the Cleveland Indians. He coached for the Indians until 1935 under head manager Roger Peckinpaugh.

Earl went on to be manager for a number of minor league clubs, the Grays in Zanesville, Ohio; the Indians in Springfield, Ohio; the Tots in Terre Haute, Indiana; and the Barons in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. Some of the players he coached were Jim Hegan, Tommy Hinericks, Gene Wooding, Allie Reynolds and Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Lemon. Lemon was an infielder when Earl arrived in Springfield, and Earl converted him to be a full-time pitcher.

Though statistical information is incomplete, it is known that he played in at least 909 games and collected at least 716 career hits. He hit at least 36 home runs, 144 doubles and 27 triples.

After Earl retired from active baseball in 1948, he moved to Independence, Iowa. In Independence he was a scout for the Cleveland Indians, covering eastern Iowa and worked as a salesman at Gates Sporting Goods and Auto Parts until his retirement. Earl was a Veteran of WW I and a member of the American Legion Post 30.

Earl married Mary Agnes Miller, at Dixon, Illinois on January 25, 1932. The couple had one daughter, Patty (Roger) Squire, who lived in Washington State, at the time of Earl's death on April 25, 1970. Earl and Mary are both buried in the Wilson Cemetery in Independence, Iowa.

Earl's father was Clinton "Clint" Wilson Wolgamot. Clint was born near Fairbank, October 18, 1859 the son of Joseph and Atha (Buckmaster) Wolgamot. He was a farmer for a number of years. Because he was an excellent judge of cattle and hogs, he established a very profitable stock buying business in Fairbank that he operated for 12 years. In 1913 he abandoned his stock buying business and bought the "Dray Line" in Fairbank.

(A dray line was operated by a teamster, with a type of wagon called a dray. The dray line were those who lined up to unload the goods from a train, or to load goods onto the train.)

Clint married Martha Jane Hitchings in Littleton, on October 28, 1882. Martha was born in the state of New York on August 3, 1858, the daughter of John and Gertrude Hitchings of Hazleton, Iowa. Clint and Martha had four children, Florence, Atha, Wesley, and Earl. Clint was a member of the Fairbank Camp of the Modern Woodmen.

Earl's grandfather, Joseph Wolgamot, was born in the state of Maryland, February 3, 1824 and died at the home of his son David Sheridan Wolgamot in Fairbank, August 29, 1911. Joseph's parents moved from Maryland to Homes County, Ohio when he was 2 years old. There he grew to manhood. When the Mexican War started in 1847, Joseph enlisted in Company G of the 4th Ohio Volunteers and served throughout the war.

On his return from the war he married Althelia "Atha" Delilah Buckmaster on March 3, 1850 at Berlin, Ohio. In 1855 Joseph and Atha moved to the farm 2½ miles south of Fairbank and raised their family. Joseph and Atha had 7 children, Alben Rolandus, Nancy Jane, Jasper Martin, Clinton Wilson, John Wesley, David Sheridan and Eva.

**Deadline to submit news for the
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New Head Volleyball Coach at Wapsie Valley

Wapsie Valley is excited to announce the hiring of Austin Shepherd as the next head volleyball coach. Shepherd is a 2016 graduate at Wapsie Valley.

Coach Shepherd has been the varsity assistant coach at Wapsie for the last two state tournament qualifying teams. He was the president of the UNI Men's Volleyball Club and has been a male practice player for the UNI Panther Women's Volleyball team since 2017.

Austin is a recent graduate of UNI with a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Public Relations.



The 55th class reunion of West Central High School in Maynard (Class of 1966) was held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Costa's Sport's Bar & Grill in Fairbank. The classmates attending were: Back Row (l. to r.): Hal Meyer, Jerry Jellings, Ferrill Cockerham and Dennis Tellin. Second Row (l. to r.): Marcia (Garnier) Whiteford, Carol Mullins-Fields, Vicky Knief, Marilyn (Thomas) Huffine, Pam (Harrison) Hamlyn, Linda (Ede) Hiemstra, Mary (Eitel) Lloyd, and Dorothy (Fettkether) Wenger. Front Row (l. to r.): Anna Kay (Fettkether) Woodson, Debbie (Hamann) Tomaszewski, Gloria (Wells) Lee, Mike Burke, Kathy (Bronn) Lenth and Malinda (Nicholson) Cue.



Saved For More closing this month for remodel

Fairbank's home décor store, "Saved For More" at 103 Halpin Ave., will be closing for remodel during the month of August. They will be having a close-out sale to clear out inventory on Friday, August 6th from 11am – 3pm. The sale will be 50% to 75% off everything in the store.

They will be closed through the remainder of August for a remodel

of the interior and to prepare for in-person craft and DIY workshops.

Grand re-opening of the store is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7th and Wednesday, Sept. 8th. They will then be open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 11-3 and the third weekend (Friday & Sat) of each month or by appointment. Stop in to the store or message them on Facebook @Saved-

ForMore to schedule a Kids' Birthday Party or Girls' Night Out DIY party!

"Saved For More" will also be a part of the Wapsie Road Trip ~ Fall Shop Hop Event coming in October, which includes several other local shops in the Wapsie area. More details to come on that event!

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The Fairbank Public Library has had a busy and exciting summer so far! We held 4-day camps brought to us by the Iowa State Extension Office including:

Fizz Bubble and Goo, The Science of BBQ, Dig Those Dinosaurs & Day at the Fair! We participated in the Fairbank Day's Parade, started Book Club back up and held our summer reading program.



2nd Tuesday of the Month at 2 PM

Book Club is reading
"The Murmur of Bees" by Sofia Segovia.
We will be reading *"No One Ever Asked"* by Katie Ganshert in August.
Please contact the library if you would like to join our book club!

Heartfelt
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to Joan Fox for her book bag donation to the Library!
Our first bag winner was Paula Farrington!



Drop off or email us at:
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City of Fairbank Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

The City of Fairbank, in cooperation with state and federal agencies, is working to make the natural gas pipeline system serving its customers as safe as possible by sharing safety information with those individuals who live or work near pipelines. Key components of the education are one-call notification and response to leak complaints.

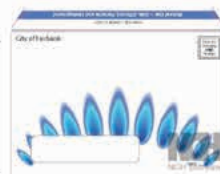
If you live or work near a natural gas pipeline operated by the City of Fairbank, soon you will receive a special pipeline safety pamphlet. This pamphlet contains critical information to educate you on safety around pipelines. Please review the information and complete and return the reply card. Your response will assist the City in evaluating the safety program and provide valuable information on ways to improve the program.

Please feel free to contact Fairbank City Hall when filling out the reply card for any questions.
Phone # 319-635-2869

NOTE: The pamphlet will come in an envelope that looks like this.

It's very IMPORTANT that you review the information and return the reply card.

The chart below shows the poor return that we had last year. Let's bring these numbers up.



EFFECTIVENESS MEASUREMENT (METHOD & FINDINGS)

The program included a Business Reply Card survey in the packet to measure the understanding of the content of the brochure. The surveys included 9 questions, an area for stakeholder contact information, and a general comments section.

Stakeholder Audience	Responses	Total Mailed	Margin of Error
Affected Public	12	549	28.00%
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School	0	3	-
Total	17	582	23.44%

***Note:** Margin of error is calculated using a standard method for statistical purposes.

Margin of error was calculated with an online calculator via American Research Group, Inc. (<http://americanresearchgroup.com/moe.html>).

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Riverside Park

By Wilma Welsh

After the major floods of 1990 and 1993, a process was set in motion to remove the seven houses in the flood plain south of Main Street between the river and Iowa Street with a TERA buy-out. The buy-outs were completed in 1994-95 and the houses were removed.

A \$75,000.00 REAP grant was received in 1999 and the work began. The ground was cleared, overhead electric lines were removed and new lines were buried. New sidewalks were laid along the Main Street and Iowa Street. A trail was laid through the area, a gazebo was constructed, flowers and trees were planted. Riverside Park was open to the public.

A number of the light poles and park benches were purchased by individuals as memorials. The walking trail and the gazebo make this park more suited to walking and relaxing. There are no picnic areas or playground equipment.

When the park was laid out, the northwest corner was set aside for winter ice skating. An area could be flooded and kids could go ice skating. After a few years, it was decided that ice skating was not popular anymore, so that project was abandoned.

When the Legion decided to establish a Veteran's Memorial, they decided to use that corner. It was available and highly visible. It turned out to be a good choice.

NOTE: In the last few months, Riverside Park has been a popular place on the 2nd Thursday of the month when people gather for "Music in the Park" sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club. Everyone is welcome to bring their lawn chair and cooler, and come and listen to music provided by various area musicians.



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What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

August is the month to celebrate a good harvest and a good summer. Tomatoes, melons, corn on the cob, and zucchini are some of the bounty. August is "National Sneak Some Zucchini on Your Neighbor's Porch Month". Zucchini, classified as a fruit, is healthy, always plentiful, and can be used in many different ways - grilling, casseroles, breads and cakes, to name a few.

This chocolate zucchini is an excellent way to use zucchini.

Chocolate Zucchini Cake



1 dark chocolate cake mix
1 - 3½ oz. pkg. chocolate instant pudding
¾ c. canola or vegetable oil
4 eggs, beaten
2 c. grated zucchini (peeled or unpeeled)

Beat eggs. Add oil, cake mix, and pudding. Beat well, about 4 minutes. Add zucchini and mix well. Put in greased 9x13" pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes.

Frost or serve with a dollop of whipped topping.

Another variation: Bake in a greased 11x15" pan. Sprinkle with mini chocolate chips and chopped nuts before baking. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Food allergies and other conditions sometimes makes it necessary to find creative ways to adjust the recipe and ingredients to make the food meet the diet's requirements.

Joan Fox, who was diagnosed with Celiac Disease in 1999 has developed recipes that are healthy and meet the diet's needs. These recipes use traditional ingredients that are gluten-free and readily available on your cupboard's shelves. Taco Meatloaf is one of Joan's gluten-free recipes.

Taco Meatloaf

1½ lbs. ground beef	¼ tsp. black pepper
1 lb. ground pork	½ tsp. garlic salt
3 or 4 eggs	¾ - 1 cup salsa
2-3 slices bread, crumbled (could use corn chips)	½ c. brown sugar
	½ - ¾ c. grated cheese, cheddar or taco



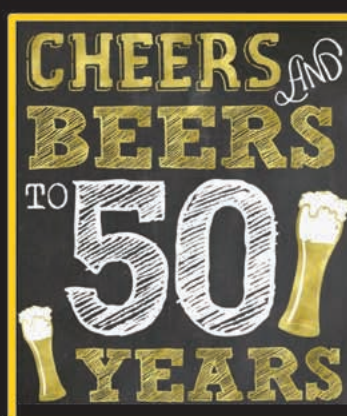
Mix eggs, add bread crumbs, pepper, garlic salt, salsa, and brown sugar. Add cheese and mix well. Put into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake at 375 degrees for 1¼ to 1½ hours. Allow meatloaf to set in pans for 10 minutes before slicing to serve. If desired, serve with salsa or sour cream.

The meatloaf is good reheated and used in "taco burger" sandwiches.

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“I believe in the Holy Christian (Catholic) Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”
- The Apostles’ Creed

These words from the Apostles’ Creed are spoken every Sunday in most, nearly all, Christian churches around the world. Here in Fairbank, it’s common to find this creed or the Nicene Creed spoken in our congregations every Sunday. This month I’d like to consider one part near the end that some-times flies by, but is actually very important - and something that is distinctly Christian. I’d like us to consider that phrase, “[I believe in] the resurrection of the body.”

Beyond every Sunday, this is something we confess every time we go to a Christian funeral; but, what does it mean? It means that, although we are laying the body of our loved one in the grave, that same body will be raised out of its grave and brought to life again at Jesus’ return. The bodies of those who believe in Jesus will be changed to be like His body. “Imperishable” and “spiritual” are two words that St. Paul uses in his letter to the Corinthians (chapter 15). He means that when our bodies will be raised, they will be without the effects of sin (sick-ness, weakness, etc.) Instead, they will be renewed and made perfect, as our first parents were in the Garden of Eden. When our Lord returns, He will raise our bodies and change them to

be like His, and we will live together in a world that has also been made perfect again.

Unfortunately, there are some who doubt this; but let us hear from Jesus. He said, “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear [My] voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.” (John 5:28-29) He also said, “In the resurrection [those who are raised] neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: ‘I am the God of Abra-ham...’ He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” (Matthew 22:30-32) And, we must not forget His promise, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.” (Jn. 11:25)

This is hard for us to understand and it goes against science, this is true; and yet, we say, “I be-lieve.” The Resurrection of the Dead is an article of faith - that, as our Lord rose from the dead in His body, we will, too. Or, in the words of St. Paul, “If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fall-en asleep.” (1 Cor. 15:19-20) May God the Holy Spirit continue to work this faith in our hearts, so that we look forward with joy to the resurrection to life eternal.

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Independence Receives 2nd \$100,000 Catalyst Grant!

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced \$2.6 million in grant funding to help 26 communities across the state revitalize their downtown districts. The grants were awarded through the Community Catalyst Building Remediation program.

Each community is awarded a \$100,000 grant to help redevelop or rehabilitate underused buildings as a way to stimulate economic growth and reinvestment in the community. "Downtown districts are the heart and soul of our communities, and their strength is critical to the state's overall well-being," IEDA and Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Debi Durham said. "The Community Catalyst program not only helps strengthen our downtowns at a critical time of economic recovery, it also inspires growth and development for years to come."

The City of Independence and Stan Development, owner of the historic

King's Hall building in downtown Independence, was one of those awarded the Catalyst by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. This is the second grant in as many years awarded to Independence. Last year's grant was awarded to the Letyze building which has plans to begin their work shortly.

According to Nate Whited of STAN Development, "We are absolutely thrilled to learn the Iowa Economic Development Authority selected King's Hall for this year's Catalyst Grant. We feel a tremendous amount of responsibility as caretakers of this iconic building. King's Hall should be considered one of the signature structures of Downtown Independence, and this grant will help ensure it remains that way for several generations."

We at STAN Development would like to thank Buchanan County Economic Development Director Lisa Kremer for her time and help with the grant application. We so appreciate the support of Mayor Davis, City Manager Al Roder, Independence Area Chamber of Commerce Director Nikki Barth, and the Independence City Council for their encouragement and support of our efforts."

The Community Catalyst Building Remediation program is funded through an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature. This is the fourth year these grants are being made available via the IEDA and continued funding is



Picture L-R: Andy Higgins, Tonya Higgins, Shelly Whited, Nate Whited.



King's Hall

based on annual availability.

Per program rules, at least 40% of the grants were awarded to cities with populations of less than 1,500. The grants will support local improvement projects such as facade upgrades, building rehabilitation and renovations. Cities are required to provide financial and/or in-kind resources to supplement these

projects.

To find out more about the Community Catalyst program, visit iowaeda.com/catalyst. If interested in applying for a catalyst grant in Buchanan County, contact Buchanan County Economic Development Director Lisa Kremer at director@growbuchanan.com or call 319-334-7497.



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Wapsie Valley FFA helped Readlyn and Fairbank celebrate Grump Days and Island Days

By Kali Lampe, Chapter Reporter

During the month of June, many Wapsie Valley FFA members could be found representing the chapter during Grump Days, Readlyn's annual town celebration, and Island Days, Fairbank's annual town celebration.

This year during Grump Days, June 18-19, Wapsie Valley FFA participated in a variety of events for the community. On Friday, several students served meals during the Readlyn Savings Bank Annual Golf Tournament, while later in the day the pedal pull took place. 25 kids from ages 0-10 took part in the pedal pull competition. Great job to all of the competitors and a huge thank you to our sponsors!

Jada Aiello, one of Ms. Readlyn's candidates, was escorted by FFA member Ayden Powell. Another candidate for Ms. Readlyn was Lydia Imbrogno, and she was escorted by FFA member Noah Richards.

Early the next morning, FFA members could be seen

representing the organization in the parade. Brody Kleitsch, 2021-22 Sweetheart King, as well as 2021-22 Sweetheart Queen Brigett Seemann rode in a convertible while Cole Snyder pulled the Gift of Grain wagon. Following the parade, FFA members could be seen cooking and selling ribeyes, hamburgers, and hotdogs to the hungry people of Readlyn with the help of LaVerne Leistikow who provided the grill.

The chapter also kept busy during Fairbank's Annual Celebration, Island Days. FFA members helped kick off the celebration at the Island Queen Coronation meal Thursday evening. On Thursday the 25th, members participated in the crowning of Miss Fairbank. Member Mary Bodenatiner received Ms. Fairbank and Miss Congeniality is Ellie Neil. Receiving 2nd Runner-Up is Bridget Seemann.

The following day, members organized and helped boys and girls, ages 0 to 10, pedal their tractors as far

as they could go in the annual pedal pull. On Saturday morning, the Gift of Grain wagon, pulled by Andrew Matthias. None of these events would be possible without the support of our amazing community. Thank you to everyone who helped out!!



FFA members (left to right): Brok Grober, Keegon Brown, Braden Strottmann, Brock Kleitsch, Brody Kleitch and Elle Voy were busy serving ribeyes, brats & hot dogs during Readlyn Grump Days.

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 1- 30, 2021 Report

Ambulance Calls: 8

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accidents With Injuries: 1

Fire Calls: 4 (2 mutual aid)

Storm Watch: 1

Training Burn: 1

EMS training hours: Approximately 40

Fire training hours: Approximately 60

~ For fire training the Catholic Church home was burned down. Great hands on training for several newer members.

~ EMS training was OB Emergencies, Labor and Delivery presented by BSN Susan Bellinger.

~ The FFD was involved in many Fairbank Days activities: Mini-triathlon, 5K run, Fireworks setup and safety, parade and waterball. Several members also volunteered to be on call for the ambulance throughout the weekend.

Membership: Justin Ritter turned in an application for Firefighter and started his 6 month probationary period. Dave and Diane Mudderman retired after 33 years of exceptional service and were voted into honorary status.

*Brad Gordon, Chief
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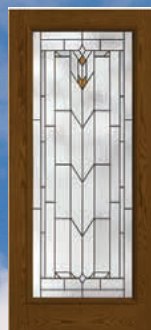


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ANDREW KENT KAUFMAN*March 31, 1981 ~ July 16, 2021*

Andrew K. "Andy" Kaufman, 40, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, July 16, 2021 along with his son, Beckett at his home.

He was born March 31, 1981, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Kevin L. and Lori (Schutte) Kaufman. Andy graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1999. On September 9, 2006, he was united in marriage to Brook Miller at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. He was employed as an insurance agent with TruServe in Readlyn and owned and operated A to Z Rentals. Andy was kind, hilarious, thoughtful, and always willing to help anyone with anything. He was always the proudest dad and husband. Andy loved the opportunity to tell you about his family, and it was always so clear how much he loved them.

Survived by his wife of Cedar Falls; four children, Laikyn, Bode, Quincie, and Rowan Kaufman, all at home; his parents, Lori (Barry) Fortsch of Readlyn and Kevin (Denise Youngblut) Kaufman of Fairbank, Vicki Kaufman of Fairbank; siblings, Adam (Tammy) Kaufman of Fairbank, Aaron (Audrey) Kaufman of Sumner, Dana Sullivan of Charles City, Derek (Amy) Kaufman and Carter Kaufman of Fairbank, Abby (Jake) Lukins of Redfield and Alex (Abi) Fortsch of West Des Moines; mother-in-law, Jackie (Bob) Schneider of Fairbank; father-in-law, Jim (Jen) Miller of Hutchinson, MN; brothers and sisters in law, Lee (Carly) Schneider of Gilman, Kirk Schneider of Waterloo, Christie (Rylan) Zwanziger, of Nashua, Katie (Josh Pooch) Schneider of Decorah, Jason (Kristen) Schneider of Fairbank; step siblings, Katie Bruns and Jake (Laura) Bruns of Hutchinson, MN; and maternal grandfather, Elton Schutte of Denver, IA.

Preceded in death by his grandparents, Shirley Schutte, Erv and Lou Fortsch, Wally and Milly Kaufman and step sister-in-law Karina Bruns.

Services were held Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls, with interment in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Fairbank. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

**BECKETT ELTON KAUFMAN***January 24, 2012 ~ July 16, 2021*

Beckett Elton Kaufman, 9, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, July 16, 2021 along with his father at his home.

He was born January 24, 2012 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Andrew K. and Brook M. Kaufman. Beckett had completed third grade at the

Dike New Hartford Elementary.

Beckett was a boy of many talents, but his ability to make anyone laugh and smile stood out to all. His contagious laugh would make anyone chuckle. Beckett was sweet, thoughtful, and always kind to others. His nickname to his classmates was "Bucket" because he was a "Bucket Filler" always putting others before himself with compliments and encouragement. You could always find him helping his dad with various projects.

Survived by his mother Brook of Cedar Falls; siblings, Laikyn, Bode, Quincie, and Rowan Kaufman, all at home; maternal grandparents, Jackie (Bob) Schneider of Fairbank and Jim (Jen) Miller of Hutchinson, MN; paternal grandparents, Lori (Barry) Fortsch of Readlyn, Kevin (Denise Youngblut) Kaufman of Fairbank, and Vicki Kaufman of Fairbank; and great grandparents, Curt and Kay Vorwald of Fairbank and Elton Schutte of Denver.

Preceded in death by his great grandparents, Lori and Carl Schneider, Shirley Schutte, Erv and Lou Fortsch, Wally and Milly Kaufman, Frank and Mary Miller, and step aunt Karina Bruns.

Services were held Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls, with interment in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Fairbank. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

DANIEL FRED YUNG TUM*September 24, 1965 ~ July 12, 2021*

Dan Yungtum, 55, of Dunkerton and formerly of Sumner, died Monday, July 12, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, due to complications from Covid-19.

Funeral services were held July 19, 2021, at St.

John Lutheran Church in Sumner with Rev. Tracy Hinkel officiating. Burial followed at the Church Cemetery, rural Sumner. Memorials may be made to the family for later designation.

Daniel Fred, son of Lyle and Marilyn (Niemann) Yungtum, was born September 24, 1965, at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner. He was baptized on October 24, 1965, and confirmed on May 25, 1980, both at St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner. Dan attended the Sumner Schools with the Class of 1985. He has been employed with Warren Transport in Waterloo for the past thirty two years. On September 22, 2012, he was united in marriage with Julie Maurer at Mt. Hosmer, near Lansing. The couple made their home in Dunkerton. Dan was a life time member of St. John Lutheran Church, the Sumner Trailblazers, and was involved in Boy Scouts during his youth. He thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors, whether it be fishing, annual trips to Eagle Lake in Minnesota, snowmobiling, or 4-wheeling. Dan's most enjoyable moments were times spent with family and friends.

Dan is survived by his wife, Julie of Dunkerton; three siblings, Linda (Larry) Sparks of Sumner, Kayse (Jerry) Delagardelle of Hawkeye, and Tom (Sally) Yungtum of Sumner; step-mother, Lavon Yungtum of Sumner; step-siblings, Sandy (Mike) Wilson of Frederika, Randy (Deb) Schultz of Sumner, Mitch (Brenda) Schultz of Monroe, Connecticut, and Julie (Burke) Miede of Buckingham; sister-in-law, Debbie (Mike Bathke) Maurer of Oelwein; brother-in-law, David (Erin) Maurer of Fairbank; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and his dog, Tucker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Susan; mother-in-law, Joann Maurer; father-in-law, Dennis Maurer; sister-in-law, Cathy (Gary) Wright; and brother-in-law, Dennis Maurer.

**LORAS "WALLY" LITTLE***January 12, 1962 ~ July 17, 2021*

Loras John Little, age 59 of Fairbank, passed away Saturday, July 17, 2021 at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics after a battle with cancer. Wally was born January 12, 1962 in Oelwein, the son of Earl "Tiny" and Lorraine (Davis) Little. He grew up in Fairbank and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools with the Class of 1980.

After high school, Wally enrolled at Lincoln Tech. in Des Moines. He then moved back to Fairbank and worked as a diesel mechanic and also drove truck for various companies. Wally worked with his step-father, Jim Foster, helping him with his business of hauling milk. After Jim passed away, Wally bought the company and began operating it as Little Loras Little Trucking. He married Denise Green March 8, 1996 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank. Wally loved racing, camping, and riding the open road on his bike or his 57 Chevy. He also enjoyed time spent with family and friends. Wally had a very special place in his heart for his twin grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them every chance he got.



He is survived by his wife Denise; a daughter Hallie and a son Tyler (Jenny) Woods; two grandchildren, Mila and Liam; two brothers, Tom (Nancy) Little of Kansas and Ken (Lamar) Little of Fairbank; one sister, Janann (Chris) Rabe of Colorado; four sisters-in-law, Mary (Joe) College of Earlham, Kathy Putzier of Texas, Bev (Bob) Mahler of Cherokee and Jan (Brien) Mohlis of Fairbank; and one brother-in-law; Tom Green of Cherokee; along with many nieces and nephews.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ron Little; his step-father, Jim Foster; his father and mother-in-law, Loren and Esther Green; one sister-in-law, Joyce Mueller and a brother-in-law, Don Green.

Funeral services were held July 23, 2021 at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank, with interment at Fairbank Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

After the burial, family and friends gathered at Wally and Denise's house to spend time together and enjoy some food and cold beverages in honor of Wally.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Fairbank will be taking sealed bids on the following pieces of equipment:

- ~ 2013 Gray Ford Taurus Interceptor AWD police car, engine issues, 88,000 Mileage.
- ~ 2003 Red Ford F250 with fiberglass utility box, 72,000 Mileage.

The bids will be opened during the council meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021. All written bids must be received by 6:00 p.m. August 23, 2021. Anyone who submitted a written bid may attend the council meeting and raise their bid at that time. The City of Fairbank has the right to refuse any and all bids.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Vorwald, and Erickson. Absent: T. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Waste-water Operator; Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

There were no comments during the public comment section.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the minutes of June 28th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Vorwald to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of June were: General, \$52,082.26; Special Revenue, \$27,002.98; TIF, \$809.35; Capital Projects, \$504.80; Permanent Funds, \$7.04; Proprietary, \$163,991.86; and Transfers In, \$107,329.24. Disbursements for the month of June were: General, \$56,970.23; Special Revenue, \$11,117.03; Debt Service, \$45,228.52; Proprietary, \$361,979.05; and Transfers Out, \$107,329.24. Balance on hand at close of business on June 30, 2021, was \$4,668,904.80.

Jon Biederman with Fehr Graham was present for the agenda items that involved the improvements going out for bid on our water system. The date needed set for the bid letting for the 2021 Water Systems Improvements previously discussed with the council for the sections on West Main Street and Grove Street. Erickson/Williams to set the bid letting date for the 2021 Water System Improvements for Thursday August 5, 2021, at 2:00 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Vorwald to set the public hearing for the 2021 Water System Improvements for Monday August 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The details for the Water System Improvements were then discussed since Jon Biederman was present. He mentioned that the sidewalk needed to be considered redoing when replacing the water main that is along the section of Grove Street. It is not in good condition. The planned completion date is November 19, 2021 for the base bid consisting of a new water main on West Main Street from Walnut Street to Halpin Avenue and by June 2022 for both of the alternates consisting of a new water main for the one block of Grove Street from Second to First Streets and a new water main between Iowa Highway 281 and West Main Street.

A quote was received from Steve Miller Construction for \$4,975.00 to remove and replace four different sections of concrete in town. The sections were located at the Junction of Second Street and Grove Street, on Second Street between Main Street and Forest Street, on Forest Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets, and on South Walnut Street between West

Main Street and Iowa Street. Vorwald/R. Woods to approve the quote with Steve Miller Construction, LLC for the concrete street repairs in town for \$4,975.00. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Two estimates were received to replace the roofing at the lift station located at the corner of Collins Road and North Fourth Street. The building is 22 years old, and the shingles need torn off and replaced. Williams/R. Woods to approve the quote with Bryan Welsh for \$1,666.99 to re-roof the lift station. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

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

Williams/Erickson to approve the agreement with Keith Oltrogge, CPA for the City's Annual Examination for FY2021 that is required by the State. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

There was no discussion on OnMedia commercial options due to no new information from the Fairbank Community Club and Fairbank Development Corporation on whether they would be interested in participating with the city.

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Maintenance	\$139.44
ACCO, Supplies	\$1,565.60
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$127.99
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,814.90
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies	\$41.97
BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies	\$240.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$72,384.44
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services	\$914.85
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$656.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$531.10
CEDAR VALLEY PUMP, LLC, Rentals	\$600.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$4,321.56
BBVA COMPASS BANK, Annual Protection	\$985.00
D & S PORTABLES, INC., Rentals	\$517.50
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$1,310.00
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Supplies	\$736.96
DAKOTA DRISH, Mileage Reimbursement	\$52.41
BEN ERHARDT, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Concessions	\$48.45
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, July Utility Bill Postage	\$136.80
FARM WIN CO-OP, Diesel	\$1,927.26

VAUGHN GROSS, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Fee	\$127.41
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Permit	\$184.50
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$86.40
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$10,339.16
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement/Clothing Allowance	\$105.46
JETCO, INC., Technology	\$18,710.00
LYNDA CUTSFORTH, Concession Reimbursement	\$73.48
MARTIN BROS. DIST. CO., Concessions	\$211.18
CHAD MCGARVEY, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet	\$400.92
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR, Annual Testing	\$1,141.08
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$1,021.79
TIMOTHY & ELIZABETH MURPHY, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
MYERS-COX CO., Concessions	\$600.24
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$145.00
NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C., Attorney Fees	\$6,997.68
RELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publications	\$254.60
RANDY'S LAWN CARE, Services	\$1,575.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS, PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$815.25
RYAN ELECTRIC, Services	\$277.13
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
CURTY & JODY SOLSMA, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$479.85
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, June Sales Tax	\$3,058.45
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, June Excise Tax	\$1,149.74
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services	\$395.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$5,850.15
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Testing	\$42.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$158.64
VISA, Shipping, Supplies, & Concessions	\$395.11
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$589.07

The Library Board approved the following bills on July 7, 2021:

BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$250.84
BIBLIONEX, Subscription	\$800.00

Jergens stated that they have been busy getting the dead trees cut down and removed in south park and a couple at the ball diamond. Also, the tree trimming that needed done around town.

Vorwald/R. Woods to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

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

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Vorwald/R. Woods to approve the minutes of the June 14th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A resolution was written for the approval of the salaries for FY 2022, starting July 1st. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Resolution 2021-18 – Resolution Establishing Employee Salaries. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A listing of end of the year transfers was presented in the form of a resolution. Williams/Vorwald to approve Resolution 2021-19 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

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

SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$ 34.48
ATLANTIC BOTTLING CO., Concessions	\$ 542.52
AUSTIN KANE, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
BIRDNOW MOTOR TRADE, Accessories	\$ 1,803.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Supplies	\$ 92.99
CHRIS ETGETON, Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 2,150.91
NICK CURLEY, Little League Reimbursement	\$ 560.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Supplies	\$ 137.28
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 4,859.90
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposits Applied	\$ 800.00
FAYETTE COUNTY AGRIC SOCIETY, Sponsorship	\$ 500.00
GALL'S INC., Supplies	\$ 130.94
GREEN WATER SOLUTIONS LLC, Equipment	\$ 6,396.00
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES, Supplies	\$ 549.29
JESSE HILL, Reimbursement	\$ 20.00
JETCO, INC., Services	\$ 1,633.35
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 49.67

KAY PARK REC CORP, Equipment	\$873.50
KEITH & TAMMY CURLEY, Rebate	\$325.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$448.10
MARTIN BROS. DIST. CO., Concessions	\$66.99
MYERS-COX CO., Concessions	\$245.93
PATRICIA KANE, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
PRAIRIE ROAD BUILDERS, INC., Services	\$26,440.31
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services	\$316.36
RACOM CORPORATION, Services/Equipment	\$17,580.80
RECREATION BY LEMMIE JONES LLC, Supplies	\$462.55
RUTH GRAVEMAN, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/1/2021	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/15/2021	\$9.02
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP., Licensing	\$3,000.00
STIVERS FORD LINCOLN, Vehicle	\$32,834.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$66.75
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies	\$1,333.00
TRUGREEN PAYMENT PROCESSING, Injections	\$4,363.00
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$1,852.56
VISA, Supplies/Equipment	\$703.18
WAPSIE PRODUCE, Flowers	\$825.00
WELLMARK, July Premium	\$1,293.67

The Library Board approved the following bills on June 28, 2021:

SYNCB/AMAZON, Summer Supplies	\$160.66
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$372.73
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$116.60
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$6.79
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 6/15/2021	\$0.98
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Everding stated that the new police vehicle was in Fairbank. It is going back to Racom next week due to a few sensors going off but otherwise it was running great. He thanked Vorwald and R. Woods for the rides he got to Racom and back a few times over the course of the new vehicle replacement. Fairbank Days ran smoothly, and he also thanked Myers Polaris for the use of one of their UTV's. Vorwald wanted to thank everyone involved

with the celebration and the tremendous amount of work that everyone put into it. Mayor Harter agreed. Jergens stated that the warning sirens had not been working so that issue was fixed as well as replacing the 6-year-old batteries. He also mentioned looking into concreting about 8 yards in the back of city shop for more room for equipment. Jergens also reported that the pool heater, which was new just last year, has broke down twice this season so far but currently seemed to be running well.

Vorwald/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:19 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

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