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## Two new members at Fairbank Fire Department

Fire Chief Brad Gordon conducted a swearing-in of two new department members at the last City Council meeting on October 25th. The new members, Ben Riordan and Matthew Johnson, met all six-month probationary membership requirements and expectations. Gordon told the council the department had voted to move them into full membership status. Council approved them as new additions.

Any person accepted as a probation member of the Fire Department must meet minimum standards, to be completed within 6 months probation time and it shall be the responsibility of their sponsor to assist the new member to complete the standards.

1. They need to be able to recognize:  
a) 1½ nozzle, b) 2½ nozzle, c) hydrant wrench, d) spanner wrench, e) pike pole, f) dry chemical extinguisher, g) Haylon extinguisher, h) attic ladder, i) roof ladder, j) extension ladder.

2. They also need to have some knowledge of what and where equipment is on trucks and know truck numbers: 450) Chief, 451) 1st Assistant Chief, 452) 2nd



Ben Riordan

Assistant Chief, 453) Pumper, 454) Ford Tanker, 455) Ambulance, 456) Rescue, 457) Reserve Engine, 458) F.L.I.R.T. (foam trailer); and 459) Grass Truck.

3. Need to be able to name parts of an air mask: a) regulator, b) cylinder valve, c) face piece lens, d) regulator pressure gauge, e) minimum tank pressure 4000 lbs., f) maximum tank pressure 4500 lbs.

4. Be able to put on air mask and have in working order.



Matthew Johnson

5. Be able to show proper way to use radios and how to page any call.

6. Shall attend one (1) county meeting.

7. Shall not be allowed to drive any equipment other than for training until after probation period unless directed to by officer in charge.

Ben and Matthew completed all of the above items and are now officially members of the Fairbank Fire Department. Congratulations guys!

## Fairbank Fall UTV Ride & Poker Run this Saturday

This Saturday, November 6, is the Fairbank Fall UTV Ride & Poker Run. The annual fund raising event is organized by JJ Little, Matthew Myers and Austin Kane. This year's ride will raise money for the expansion of the Little Island Child Care Center.

The Fairbank Legion will be open at 8:00am the morning of the ride for registration. There will be rule sheets available the morning of the ride and this will also include your poker hand card. You will need to get a stamp or signature from every bar you stop at. This will determine how many cards you will be awarded to play your hand! There will be prizes for the top 5 hands.

Stops include: Boyd's Bar - Fairbank; Costa's - Fairbank; American Legion - Fairbank; Oran Tap - Oran; Bank Bar and Grill - Westgate; Barneys - Wadena; Arlington Community Center - Arlington; Rod and Cal's - Strawberry Point; Leroy's - Aurora; and Fat Boys Saloon - Hazelton.

The Legion will open back up at 4:00pm with poker hands starting shortly after. Everyone should be back to the Legion no later than 5pm. There will be a silent auction and 50/50 drawing winner announced. The Little Island Child Care Center will have food for sale when you return to the Legion. There will be drinks for purchase and a DJ playing some tunes!!

This will be a free will donation with 100% of the proceeds going towards the expansion of the Little Island Daycare located in Fairbank.

Contact Matthew Myers, Austin Kane, or JJ Little with any questions, or if you're interested in donating items to be auctioned off. Hope to see everyone there to raise some money for a great cause.

## Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Dinner & Auction

*The mission of the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation is to promote educational excellence by providing financial resources to support and enhance the education programs for all students and staff of the Wapsie Valley school district and serve as a means to accept contributions, gifts and bequests.*

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation (WVEF) will be holding their Annual Dinner & Auction on Friday, November 19 at the American Legion Hall in Fairbank. The dinner starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. We will hold a live auction after that. All proceeds raised will fund grants for the Wapsie Valley Staff and scholarships for Seniors. We are a 501C3 organization so your donations are tax deductible.

Please note that there will not be a silent

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## Autumn Decorations



The fall decorations on Main Street look great, thanks to the hard work by these Fairbank residents who volunteered their time. (L. to R.) Bob Bellis, Duane Schmidtke, Ted Vorwald, Rick Jones, Diane Rourke, Mark Rourke, Dianne Rubino and Joe Rubino. Special thanks to Neil & Jenna Beck for donating the pumpkins, and to Doug & Janice Martin for donating the corn shocks.





A MESSAGE FROM

# Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

On behalf of the city, I want to congratulate the Wapsie Valley High School students and their families and coaches on a very successful fall season in sports. As I am writing this, the seasons aren't over for the girls' Cross Country team, as they will be competing in the State Meet in Fort Dodge on Saturday, October 30. The Volleyball Team will continue playing in the Regional Tournament the last week in October. The Warrior Football team will be playing their second round play-off game at North Linn on Friday, October 29. **GOOD LUCK Warriors!** We are proud of you!

I hope everyone has noticed and enjoyed the fall decorations downtown. I want to thank Doug and Janice Martins for the corn stalks and Beck's Fresh Produce, Neil Beck, for the pumpkins. The decorations definitely have brought the feeling of fall!

I know the results of the election will not be in this paper, but I do want to thank everyone who exercised your right to vote with the democracy we have in the United States.

Work will be started soon on water improvements. A new water main will be installed between First and Second Street on Grove Street. A water main will also be installed on West Main Street, west of Walnut. These should help water issues in those areas.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving and safe travels as you celebrate with your family and friends.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.



By Mary Bodensteiner

The holidays are right around the corner! I can't get my head around it. I hope all of you have been enjoying the fall season so far! I love to see all the fall decor up around town, color in the trees, and seeing all the farmers busy in the field. My family and I have been trying to get in as much fall fun as we can before the Iowa winter hits. We've found time to go to pumpkin patches and apple orchards, including Red Rock Farms, when we didn't have an Iowa State football game to cheer at!

This year was the first that I have been able to make it to Red Rock Farms! It is so nice to have such a fun place to celebrate the season so close to home! It is so creative and I



Meeting Joe the Camel!

could have spent all day there! I got some great pictures with the camel named Joe! Speaking of camels, some of the Red Rock Farms' animals will be busy again at the Live Nativity at my church, Immaculate

Conception, this Christmas! This will be the second time I.C. will do the Live Nativity and I hope you will consider coming and checking it out on Sunday, December 5th!



## Jerry Bayness to observe 75th birthday

The Family of Jerry Bayness is throwing him a 75th birthday card shower! Jerry will be turning 75 on November 8th.

Jerry and his wife Carolyn have farmed in rural Fairbank for over 50 years. They have three children, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Friends and family can send written memories and cards to:

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## What's Happening

Community Events



Nov. 3 .... **Library Board Meeting**, 4:00pm

Nov. 6 .... **Fall UTV Ride & Poker Run**, starting at Fairbank Legion at 8am

Nov. 6 .... **"The Chosen"** Episodes 1 & 2, IC Parish Center, 6:30pm

Nov. 7 .... **Daylight Savings Time Ends**, don't forget to set your clocks back !

Nov. 7 .... **Annual Religious Education Teacher Breakfast**, Immaculate Conception Church, serving 8:00-11:00am

Nov. 8 .... **City Council Meeting**, 6:00pm at City Hall

Nov. 10 .. **Community Club Meeting** at Legion, 6:00pm Social / 6:30pm meeting

Nov. 11 ... **VETERAN'S DAY**

Nov. 11 ... **Veteran's Day Breakfast & Assembly**, Wapsie Valley High School, Breakfast 7:30-9:00 & Assembly 9:00am.

Nov. 13 .. **"The Chosen"** Episodes 3 & 4, IC Parish Center, 6:30pm

Nov. 15 .. **Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting**, 6:30pm

Nov. 17 .. **Wapsie Valley High School Blood Drive**, 12:00-7:30pm

Nov. 17.... **IC Monthly Community Potluck**, 11:30am

Nov. 18 ... **Thirsty Thursday at the Legion**, 4:00pm

Nov. 19 ... **Beginning of the Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser at the Fairbank Library**. Silent Auction runs through Dec. 6.

Nov. 19 .. **Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Annual Dinner & Auction**, Fairbank Legion, dinner 5:30pm / auction 7:00pm

Nov. 20 .. **"The Chosen"** Episodes 5 & 6, IC Parish Center, 6:30pm

Nov. 22 .. **City Council Meeting**, 6:00pm at City Hall

Nov. 25 .. **THANKSGIVING**

Nov. 26 ... **Wapsie Pines Tree Farm** open for the season 9:00-5:00pm

Nov. 27 .. **"Christmas in Readlyn"** starting at 4:00pm

Dec. 4 ... **"The Chosen"** Episodes 7 & 8, IC Parish Center, 6:30pm

Dec. 5 .... **Live Nativity**, Immaculate Conception Church, 4:30-6:00pm



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## FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

auktion this year. We will have a dinner, live auction and a 50/50 raffle. If you would like to donate something for the live auction or make a cash donation, please reach out to a board member. Our current board members are: Tom Risse, Chad Van Daele, Joey Rigdon, Kristi Marticoff, Marilyn Steggall, Sylvia Casteron, Jill Krall, Kim Brown, Tina Kaufman, Mischa Matthias and Doug Sheppard. Please make checks payable to: Wapsie Valley Education Foundation, PO Box 203, Fairbank, IA 50629. You can also visit our site at [wapsievalleyschools.com/198355\\_2](http://wapsievalleyschools.com/198355_2)

Last year, we were not able to hold an auction due to covid. However, we did a mailing instead. With the funds raised, we were able to give scholarships and grants. WVEF gave scholarships, plus other businesses and individuals also directed their funds for scholarships through our organization.

### Scholarship winners for 2021 were as follows:

WVEF Service - Dallas Wittenburg \$500  
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The Leistikow Scholarships -  
Blayde Bellis \$400; Courtney Schmitz \$400;  
Dallas Wittenburg \$400; Kaylee Kleitsch \$400  
(Given by Laverne & Judy Leistikow, Ron & Judy Leistikow and Kurt & Jenifer Leistikow)

### In 2021, we gave grants for the following:

Ewalu Retreat, Literacy Week, Short Throw Interactive Display, Brain Pop & Mystery Science, Classroom Set of Malmark Choirchimes, Elementary PE Equipment, Social/Emotional books/curriculum, Listening Centers in the 21st Century, Jolly Phonics Readers, Routinely Structured Special Ed Curriculum, CAPS, Durable Dishwashers for Worthy Warriors, Wall Collage, Alternative Seating, CNC Wood Engraver, USA Weightlifting Cert., Science Lab Equipment: Microscope, Science Lab Equipment: Balances.

### The following people have given cash donations for our annual fundraiser.

We are still accepting donations. We apologize if anyone has been missed. We truly value your financial support.

Tru Serv Insurance Group; Readlyn Community Club; Readlyn Farmers Coop; Larry's Skelly Service & Repair; Tatroe Electric; First Bank of Waverly; Elsamiller Electric; David C. Matthias - Farm Bureau

Insurance; Nick & Lori Wiley - Wiley Construction; Wittenburg Truck Line; Mike Heineman - Precision Ag; Mane Event - Becky South; Dels Auto Repair Inc.; Mike Meyer - Mike Meyer Construction; Nick Tiedt - TM Seeds; Mary Lou & Don Billhorn; Kaiser Corson Funeral Homes; Security Mutual Insurance; Oran Telephone; Marilyn Steggall; Robert & Jean Bellis; Oelwein Dental Associates; Echovision - Randy Larson; Jerry's Auto; Mrs. Sue Moen; Myers Polaris; Northeast Security Bank, Readlyn Senior Citizens.

### These are the items we've received so far for the LIVE auction. Thank you for your generosity! We are still accepting donations.

Lap Quilt - Carol Strottmann; \$100 Fareway Gift Card - Randy & Dee Liddle/Liddle & Ebert Tiling; 12 Bags of Beans - Pioneer Seeds - Dean Buhr & Kyle Devoe; Cat Package-Wellness Exam, Treats, Food & Toys - Readlyn Vet; Dog Package-Wellness Exam, Treats, Food & Toys - Readlyn Vet; 12'2" Perception Joyride 12.0 Kayak & Bending Branches, Whisper Paddle - Ron & Judy Leistikow, Kim & Scot Corwin, Kevin & Deanne Leistikow, Kristi & Marty Marticoff, Kurt & Jennifer Leistikow, Kerri & Jeff Ast, Kassie & Jake Adams; 12 Bags of Beans - Dekalb Seeds/Dave Wheeler; Farm Lap Quilt/Wall Hanging - Betty Power; \$200 Gift Certificate - Tennenbaum's Jewelry; 12 Pints of Canned Beef - Charlie & Wilda Albrecht; \$200 Bar Card - Grumpy's Bar; 4 Kinds of Appetizers for 25 People - Sunrise Catering/Bev & Jim Collins; Wreath - Deb Sauerbrei; 2 Cardinals and a Painting Cardinal Picture - Kathy Shook; Pedal Case IH 4-wheeler - Danny & Marva Schudlt-Schudlt Repair; Decorative Light - L&L Ag Repair-Kevin & Deanne Leistikow; Five Groupings - Mrs. Moen; TBD - Tim & Elaine Zimmerman/KBK Kreations; Smart TV - Oran Telephone; Four \$50 Gift Certificates - Weeds on Fire; Bench - Ruth & David Wittenburg; Milk Can Planter - Ruth & David Wittenburg; \$25 Gift Certificate - Fairbank Locker; Concert Package - Readlyn Savings Bank; Ribs, Margarita and Cooler - Ed & Kathy Traeger, Amy & Doug Shepherd; Porch Pot/Wreath/Gift Certificate to Tree Farm - Barney & Gina Wiersma, Laverne & Judy Leistikow, Chris & Sharon Davis, Sylvia & Bob Casteron, Bob Moulds, Teresa Shepherd; Auto Detail Package - TK Auto Salon; Gift Certificate - Steege's Meat Market; Basket - Marty McKowen; Wine - Bob Moulds; Crown Royal Lap Quilt/Wall Hanging - Oran Tap & Grill; 2 Amazon Echo Shows & \$400 Gift Certificate for RTC Services - RTC (Readlyn Telephone Communications); WV Yard Stake - Schaefer Metal Working; Pit Boss Grill, and a \$100 Gift Certificate for the Fairbank Locker - Rick & Cindy Woods, Ron & Carol Woods, John & Sharon Woods, Randy & Jodi Woods.; TBD - Meyers Pharmacy; Heirloom Quilt - Sue Moen; Basket - Visions Salon; Baskets - WV Elementary School; 12 Bags Seed Beans - Mick Kane - Stine Seeds; 3 bags Agrigold Seed Corn - Tom Delagardelle; 3 bags of Pioneer Seed - Vogel Crop Services.

## Rourke's to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mike and Viv Rourke of Fairbank are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mike Rourke and Viv Ehlers were married on December 18, 1971 at Immaculate Catholic Church, Fairbank.



They have two daughters: Bridget (Brian) Stark, Fairbank and Katie (Jamie) Mims, Iowa City. There are three grandchildren: Brody Stark, Curie Mims, and Lincoln Mims.

Mike retired from Barron Motor Supply in Oelwein as a parts specialist. Viv retired as a teacher in the Oelwein Community Schools and as an assistant registrar at Upper Iowa University, Fayette.

An Open House is planned for Sunday, November 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Fairbank. The couple requests no gifts. Cards may be sent to PO Box 276, Fairbank, IA 50629.

## Readlyn to kick off the holiday season!

The Readlyn Community Club will sponsor "Christmas in Readlyn" on Saturday, November 27th. They invite you to come out and get in the Christmas spirit!

Start off with a trip to visit Santa and Miss Readlyn at the Readlyn Event Center from 4:00 - 6:30pm. DJ with a Beat will be on hand playing everyone's holiday favorites tunes. From 4:00-7:00, you can enjoy a soup supper (made by Jim Collins).

At 7:00pm, you won't want to miss the amazing fireworks show behind TruServe. Back by popular demand, they will be having the only Christmas themed fireworks in Bremer County!

And finally, you're invited back to the Center Inn to enjoy some music by Mitchell Boevers. Music starts at 8:00pm.

On top of all of these fun activities, they will be lighting up the Christmas lights all over town for the first time! Come out and join the fun!!

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# New Communications Manager hired at BCEDC

BUCHANAN COUNTY - The Buchanan County Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce that they have hired Molly Hocken as the new Communications Manager. Hocken began the part-time position on September 7th. Her duties include but are not limited to website management, social networking, writing press releases and news articles.

Hocken said, "I am very excited for this opportunity to work for Buchanan County Economic Development. I am passionate about bringing both businesses and families to our communities and county. I look forward to meeting the people of our county and creating lasting relationships as well as helping to create an environment where people want to live, work, shop and play. From what I have seen, Lisa Kremer, along with her board, does a wonderful job and runs a fantastic program. I am excited to join the team."



Molly grew up and currently resides in Independence with her husband and their 3 children. She attended Hawkeye Community College where she earned her Graphic Communications Degree in 2011. After college, she worked for a local graphic design company before staying home with her children and operating an in-home childcare.

According to Lisa Kremer, Direc-

tor of BCEDC, "BCEDC is thrilled to have Molly on board as our new communications manager! In the few weeks she has been working with myself and BCEDC she has proven her expertise and has hit the ground running. She is already a highly valued team member."

BCEDC shares an office space with the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce. Both organizations were in search of a quality team member with social media expertise. Therefore, BCEDC partnered with the Chamber to create a position that would work for each organization independently, but have the skill set that would meet the needs of both organizations. This made it possible to be able to attract someone of Hocken's caliber to work with both organizations.

Molly Hocken can be contacted by email at: [communication@growbuchanan.com](mailto:communication@growbuchanan.com)



## Independence receives \$500,000 CDBG grant

INDEPENDENCE - Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC), Independence Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Independence along with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) and the Independence downtown building owners are pleased to announce that Independence is one of only 6 Iowa communities that has been selected for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) facade program. The CDBG, provides support for community improvements. The CDBG Façade program will bring \$1 million in improvements to eight downtown Independence businesses.

The grant from the State of Iowa totals \$499,968 and is being matched by the city and the six building owners. The CDBG for Independence is focused solely on the facades, or front, of the buildings that were selected, with two buildings counting as two facades for a total of 8 facades.

Lisa Kremer, Director of BCEDC said, "This was a great team effort by the city, the Chamber, BCEDC, INRCOG and architect Rod Curtis to put together this CDBG application. This group along with great participation and commitment by building owners, did in 4 months what normally takes a year of preparation. It is exciting to see this kind of investment in one of Buchanan County's great downtowns!"

According to "We are excited to continue to work together with the business owners, the Chamber, BCEDC and the state to improve the Independence downtown facades," said Independence city manager Al Roder. "This is a great example of how collaboration helps everyone."

According to the Iowa Economic Development, "Grants are awarded based upon project impact and readiness, and commitment of local resources to the project. CDBG funds enable communities to make needed improvements to infrastructure, improve housing conditions for low-income homeowners, provide facilities for disabled and at-risk individuals, and make transformative downtown improvements." The CDBG program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. IEDA is responsible for administering the CDBG funds in the non-metropolitan areas of the state."

Those buildings that will undergo facade restoration are S&K Collectibles, Adams Family Furniture, The Quilting Quarters, Total Image, Plush and Indee Outdoors.

Currently, Independence is still being considered for an additional CDBG-CV facade grant. This CDBG-CV grant is a special grant revolving around COVID. If the city is selected for this additional grant, it means there will be 8 more facades that will be refurbished. The hope is that work can begin next summer on the buildings.

Contact BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer at 319-334-7497 or email [director@growbuchanan.com](mailto:director@growbuchanan.com)

## Buchanan County Tourism Receives Starlight Cinema as Donation

On August 29, 2021, movie credits rolled for the last time at the Independence Starlight Cinema, but that's not the end of the story for this property. Starlight Cinema, LLC donated the theater building and land to Buchanan County Tourism (BCT). BCT's plans are to sell the property to any potential investor. Unfortunately, it is not able to be run or sold as a movie theater, and BCT's intent is only to sell the property, not run it as any kind of business. BCT will use the profits from the transaction to fund and support Tourism's projects, goals and objectives. "We are so appreciative and grateful to be entrusted with this gift from Starlight Cinema, LLC," says Kriss McGraw, President of BCT. However, she emphasized that it is just the property and not the business that was given to BCT.

In gifting BCT with the property, Starlight Cinema, LLC elected to plant the seeds for growth and prosperity to an entity that supports the entire County. According to Dawn Kress Vogel, Vice President of BCT, "The former theater is currently on the market and is one of the best buys of commercial property in Buchanan County. It was appraised in July 2021 at \$720,000. Although the building remains basically intact, it may not remain a movie theater." Vogel shared,

"The building may make a good dinner theater, it could also become a secure, indoor, climate-controlled storage facility, it could be a technology server warehouse, potential uses for the property are infinite. The site has great potential, is in a solid location and could easily be modified for a variety of uses. The building can be used as is, re-configured into a multi-story building, or in a number of other ways. A property as versatile as this may end up attracting something unique to Buchanan County."

In the last few years, BCT went through a reorganization which reignited the energy within the organization. Through the sale of his generous gift, BCT will be able to re-invest in its goals to promote Buchanan County as a great place to visit, work and live! BCT intends to utilize the funding earned from the sale of this gift to invest and support the group in meeting goals and objectives in promoting area attractions and amenities through public education, research and development of tourism, marketing attractions and events and promoting economic growth for Buchanan County. One of the primary goals is to hire a much-needed Tourism Director, this funding will be immensely helpful in making that goal a reality! Immediate future projects

include creating a yearly calendar of community events, creating a trails map, developing multiple staycation opportunities, promoting and expanding online presence, encouraging membership growth, and supporting projects throughout the County like the Historic Route 20 initiative.

Buchanan County Economic Development Director Lisa Kremer said of the donation, "This is a loss, but it is also a great opportunity for the county. We have the opportunity to bring in new businesses and jobs with the facility being available and with the sale of the building we will give a significant boost to the promotion of Buchanan County."

Vogel added, "This gift Starlight Cinema, LLC has given provides BCT with a golden opportunity to prosper and grow as an organization and in turn support all of the attractions, amenities and resources of Buchanan County. Join BCT now and be a part of that growth!" If you would like to become a member of BCT, email membership director Dawn Vogel at [buchcotour@indytel.com](mailto:buchcotour@indytel.com). For questions on Buchanan County Tourism contact Katie Hund, BCT secretary at 319.361.9911.

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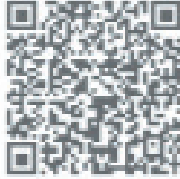
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For their September Training session, representatives from Alliant Energy performed electric and gas safety demonstrations for the Fairbank Fire Department and First Responders to aid in better understanding of the equipment and hazards they may encounter during an emergency.

During the electric demonstrations, they showed that contact with electrical equipment can lead to serious injuries or even death and can occur very quickly, often without warning. They used props to re-enact a vehicle, a person, and a kite making contact with an energized line.

They also showed that during these types of contact, their system has protection devices on it to de-energize the line. When contact is made, and there is enough amperage seen by the protective devices, the device will open and stop the flow of energy.

They talked to the first responders about their role when they come across a downed line.

- 1) ALWAYS assume the downed line is energized.
- 2) Establish a safety zone, that only authorized personnel may enter.
- 3) Check your surroundings – look for wires touching fences, trees, guard rails, metal buildings, etc.
- 4) When a body is in contact with a wire, do not touch or approach closer than 10 feet to the individual or downed wire until the wire is moved by an Alliant representative or the Alliant representative determines that it is safe to approach the person
- 5) Never cut or move a downed line
- 6) If the downed wire has started a grass fire, use a spray stream, to keep the fire in check and protect the surrounding area.
- 7) When it's a car vs. pole accident, there may be wires or equipment down on the car. NEVER touch the car or anything attached to it. Cautiously approach the vehicle but get no closer than 10 feet from the vehicle. Tell the oc-



A September Fire Training session put on by Alliant Energy demonstrated dangerous aspects of electrical overhead lines.



cupants to stay in the vehicle.

8) If there is a fire, use a spray or fog nozzle. Do not use a straight stream nozzle.

9) If you need to remove an individual from the vehicle due to the vehicle being on fire, NEVER touch the vehicle. Cautiously approach the vehicle but get no closer than 10 feet from the vehicle. Instruct the occupants not make contact with the ground and any part of the vehicle at the same time. Coach them to jump with both feet together as far away as possible from the vehicle to avoid contact and/or falling back onto the vehicle. Once on the ground, they should use small shuffling steps to move a safe distance. This will help prevent injuries from step potential.

The reps informed the group to never enter an electric substation.

First responders are not to pull the electric meter from the socket on a residence or business. Doing this, can give them the false sense that the structure is de-energized. The line feeding the residence or business may still be energized.

First responders were asked about where they set up their trucks, to be aware of their surroundings and look up!

They talked to the first responders about pole and pole mounted equipment fires:

1) If the fire is near the top of the pole and/or is in a pole mounted equipment and it appears that the fire will not endanger life or property, let it burn and notify Alliant Energy.

2) In rare cases where the fire must be attached and the electric equipment has not been de-energized, we express to use extreme caution. Choose only dry chemicals or water spray to extinguish the fire.

3) Never use a straight stream. Although the firefighters manning the hose line may be far enough away to be safe, the distances between wires or from a wire to a ground source are not sufficient to prevent a flash over (arc) caused by a straight stream.

The first responders were asked to not assist a person

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# IC Clean-Up Crew



## FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 1-31, 2021 Report

**Ambulance Calls:** 7

**Carbon Monoxide Calls:** 0

**Car Accidents With Injuries:** 3

**Fire Calls:** 2 false alarms  
(smoke detectors)

**FFA Safety Day in conjunction  
with the Wapsie FFA**

**EMS training hours:** Approximately 40

**Fire training hours:** Approximately 50

~ EMS was pharmacology update and Defensive  
Driving

~ Fire Training was Pumper operations and drafting

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

*Brad Gordon, Chief  
Fairbank Fire Department*



On Saturday, Oct. 23, a group of guys got together to do some clean-up work at the IC Church in Fairbank. They removed five old pine trees to make way for some new trees to be planted. They also put dirt around the new parking lot. Some of the workers that were there for the picture are (l. to r.): Isaac Buzynski, Joe Jans, Ron Jans, Ron Woods, Bob Bellis, Ted Vorwald, Joe Kleitsch and Duane Schmidtke. Not pictured: Collin Woods, Scott Buzynski, Mark Rourke, Kurt Vorwald, Scott Brown, and Brad & John Welsh. The group would like to thank Ron & Colin Woods for use of their tree removal equipment which made the job much easier. Also to Doug & Janice Martins for use of their dump truck, Dean Mangrich and Mark Rourke for the skid loaders.

## FIRE TRAINING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

or an animal that may have climbed up a pole until an Alliant Energy representative arrives on scene.

During the natural gas demonstration, they showed the first responders that a house filled with gas will only ignite if the right amount of oxygen to natural gas is present. This is called the upper and lower explosion levels.

The flammable range is between 4% and 15% gas in air, any source of ignition (on open flame, an electrical spark, static electricity from walking on carpet, or using a cell phone) will cause an explosion.

If we respond to a gas odor or carbon monoxide call at a residence or business, we were told not to ring the doorbell, to leave our cell phones and pagers in the truck, and instruct the occupants to wait outside and to never turn on or off any lights or appliances.

Also, during the demonstration, they discussed what can happen when facilities are damaged:

1) Natural gas can escape into the air, it can mitigate into nearby structures, sewer systems, and possibly ignite.

2) It important when you arrive on the

scene to create a perimeter, and allow only authorized personnel inside.

3) Evacuate the public to a safe distance.

4) Keep any running equipment at a safe distance.

5) Always call Alliant Energy immediately.

They also talked about the characteristics of gas:

6) It is odorless and tasteless.

7) Alliant Energy adds a chemical called Mercaptan to our distribution lines so that it smells like rotten eggs. This makes it easy to detect, even if it's a small leak.

They let the first responders know that in an emergency, Alliant Energy will allow them to operate the gas valve off on a residential meter to stop the flow of gas into the home. But they should never operate underground valves or valves at a regulator station. This could lead to more serious issues than the one they may have encountered (a fire or blowing gas). If they do operate a valve at a residence, they ask that they contact Alliant Energy to turn the valve back on.

Natural gas fires cannot be extinguished with water. They will burn themselves out once the supply of gas has been shut off.



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# The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician

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**"The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician"**  
October 12, 2021



Frederick Scott & Betty Passick

by **Betty Brandt Passick**

Most people are likely unaware that between the 1850s-1870s, history overlapped for Fairbank and Strawberry Point. These communities became the scenes for book two in the Gangster Series: *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*, *Murder on the Prairie*. This is my fourth book.

The story begins with Dr. Alexander Wiltse with his wife and three young children departing their beloved Ontario, Canada in the mid-1850s on a 775 tons steamer to traverse the Great Lakes. Weeks later, they arrive at a port in Illinois, where they join a wagon train to Dubuque, Iowa - reaching their destination of Colesburg in Delaware County, Iowa in late spring. The first years, the family resides with relatives, before purchasing farmland and relocating to Strawberry Point in Clayton County. Dr. Wiltse establishes a medical practice in Bailey's Store on Main Street.

About the same time, the younger Dr. A. B. Ward - a recent graduate of the medical department at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor - arrives to settle in the village of 'Oxbow' (a fictional town similar to Fairbank) in Buchanan County with his wife. The Old Mill, constructed in 1854, becomes the site for his medical office. A son Griffy Ward is born to the couple within the first year.

Long story shortened: The two physicians meet, become fast friends, and a mentoring relationship begins. Together they travel by horse and buggy to make sick calls across Iowa's rugged prairies in Bremer, Buchanan, Clayton, Delaware, and Fayette Counties. It was a time when physicians would charge \$3.50 to attend to a child's illness and for medicine. Their payment was likely in chickens or a hunk of dried deer meat.

Dr. Alexander Wiltse, the storyteller, is particularly intrigued by murder.

Perhaps only my dear spouse Phebe knew of my interest in investigating murder; my durable oiled black canvas bag simply allowed me emplacements where others may not go. Still, my Dutch family and fellow French Canadians called me Guérisseur--Healer.

He soon finds himself in the middle of what becomes one of Delaware County's most horrendous murders. The story is splashed across Iowa newspapers. A trial follows...sentencing...a prison escape - then a poisoning on a train.

The *Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* is historical fiction. The facts of the story about Dr. Alexander Wiltse are from Delaware County history, newspapers, and courthouse records in Elkader. Largely, his contributions are absent from Clayton County and Strawberry Point history, which he faithfully served for over fifteen years. Perhaps his untimely death is partially the reason for his obscurity.

Dr. A. B. Ward's legacy is fairly well recorded in Buchanan County history, newspapers, and Fairbank history. His obituary states he was among the first to perform appendectomies in northeast Iowa.

In between the facts, I took creative license with the story...here's how I envisioned the family's arrival by prairie schooner in Colesburg:

Eight weeks later in mid-June, we arrived in Moreland Colony, Iowa. Cousin Uriah had stated in a letter I would find his log cabin by following the Sauk path to a junction where a mature maple tree stood next to a post with a red-dyed skull at its top--a skull, painted by the Indigènes with the juice of red currents to warn white man to leave their land. The grassy path would lead us south to a fertile valley in Section 11.

Eventually, the two physicians come to have more in common than they could've predicted. Dr. Wiltse's young son, Edwin Wiltse, grows up to become a physician in Fairbank with his office in Hotel Wiltse, built in 1877 - the current site of the Fairbank Public Library. Dr. Ward's son, Griffy, too, becomes a physician and, like his father, has his office in the Old Mill.

The *Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* is a stand-alone book, meaning one doesn't have to read the first book in the series before reading book two; each book's characters are unique. *Gangster in Our Midst* (2017), however, first introduced readers to the Wiltse family. The town's gangster, Louie La Cava, rents rooms in the Hotel Wiltse when strangers come to town for meetings with him - and allegedly, Al Capone.

The *Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* is part of the Gangster Series. Though the term 'gangster' was coined during the Prohibition Era in America during the 1920s-30s, the Wild West Era in American history had its share of mob activity; Indian massacres, mob hangings, and prairie banditti were commonplace. Then came a Civil War - and authorized murder.

I'm always grateful to my 'beta readers' who help me tell these historical stories. Beta readers peruse book chapters as they are being churned out by an author - in my case, reviewing my words from the lens of history, but for other inaccuracies and irregularities, as well.

One of the beta readers of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* was Frederick Scott, age 98, who has resided in Strawberry Point his entire life.

"I was born in a log house," he said in one of our phone calls. "Me and my wife were married three years before I had a car - I did everything by horse; sixty acres of corn picked by hand; milked 28 cows."

One day I received a hand-written note from Frederick; I would learn that something he had read in the most recent chapter I'd sent him struck a chord.

He wrote: "I'm reading the chapters with relish, particularly the one about the big murder that took place in the mid-1800s. It reminded me of the cabin I bought years ago; in it I found a newspaper that had been left behind - the article was about that very murder in your book."

Jo Wiltse Bodeker (group photo, far left) was another beta reader.

She says: "I know the few Wiltse relatives who remain in the area, and how I'm related to the dozens of Wiltse buried in Clayton County cemeteries. I am a descendant of Jeremiah Wiltse of the 5th generation. Wiltse genealogy is well documented--most notably, *Saint Among the Hurons: The Life of Jean De Brebeuf* (1956), which includes the story of the two Wiltse boys who survived a

massacre at Fort Orange (now Albany, NY) by a party of Mohawk Indians in 1632. The Indians took the boys to Quebec and gave them over into the hands of the Jesuit priests.

"You've done a good job telling this story," Jo added. "Bravo!"

Fairbank historians were also among the beta readers: Arnola Siggelkow, Wilma and Maurice Welsh - current residents; and Gary Ressler - born and raised in Fairbank, now residing in Wisconsin.

Thus far, book launches of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* have happened (or will) at these venues:

- Denver Public Library, Oct. 12, 2 pm, with about twenty people attending in person, and another half-dozen by video conferencing; watch and listen to the presentation at [www.denver.lib.ia.us](http://www.denver.lib.ia.us), click on "genealogy," scroll to "Zoom Recordings," then click on "Betty Brandt Passick Book Talk/Launch: *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*." Thank you to Director Kelly Platte.
- Parkview Assisted Living, Fairbank, October 12, 6 pm--canceled due to covid-19; hopefully, the event can be rescheduled in coming months. Thank you to Director Lauri Parker.
- Strawberry Point Public Library, October 13, 3 pm (group photo), with the library and Wilder Memorial Museum acting as joint hosts. Thank you to library Director Patty Lincoln, and museum Director Kris Morarend.

Other organizations and individuals are invited to help launch this book that tells the legacy of Fairbank and Strawberry Point pioneer physicians - but the novel is much more than that. It's a period piece of northeast Iowa's earliest history.

Both books in the Gangster Series will be available at the below book signings, but watch for additional dates on my website, [www.BettyBrandtPassick.com](http://www.BettyBrandtPassick.com).

• Sat., Nov. 6, 9 am - 3 pm, Barn Happy, 11310 Univ. Ave, Cedar Falls; and

• Sat., Dec. 4, 1-4 pm, "Denver's Old Fashioned Christmas," Denver Public Library/City Center, 100 Washington St., Denver.

The historical novel *Gangster in Our Midst* launched in August 2017 at the Fairbank Public Library and Parkview Assisted Living.

An area non-profit organization will receive a donation respective to sales of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* - 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 to sell in support of its mission goals.

The *Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* sells for \$16.95 plus tax, shipping and handling. To pre-order your signed copy, contact me by the below email. The novel will be available at Amazon.com, as well.

*I enjoy interviewing and writing articles about long-time residents (town & farm) from the Fairbank area for publication in the Fairbank Islander. Please contact me to nominate yourself, or someone else: [bbpassickauthor@comcast.net](mailto:bbpassickauthor@comcast.net).*



*"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

(Revelation 7:14 English Standard Version)

## Grace and peace be to you in Christ Jesus!

We had an interesting topic last month, concerning what happens when we die. That was prompted by October ending with the secular holiday Halloween. We concluded from Scripture that, at death, the soul and body are separated. The souls of Christians go to heaven, while those who did not believe in this life are subjected to hell. This is a difficult teaching, and we all struggle with it at some point. However, we must all ask for the grace to submit our thoughts and wills to God and to be content with what He has said. Just as October ends with a holiday, November begins with one – this time a Church holiday.

November 1st in the Church calendar is celebrated as All Saints' Day. Most Western churches (Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, etc.) celebrate it on the day or the nearest Sunday after (such as at St. John's). The Eastern churches (Orthodox, and some Catholics and Lutherans) have a similar holiday but during different times of the year. So, what does this day celebrate? On All Saints' Day we give thanks to God for the Christians who have gone ahead of us in the faith, both those known and unknown. We also give thanks, in particular, for those Christians of our parish who have died within the last year. We might even mention them by name, praising God for calling them faith and asking that we might follow their example.

Those Christians who have gone before us are now in the presence of Christ and they rest from their labors. They are now waiting for Christ to return and gather us, who are alive, so that His whole Church might be at peace. For our part, we honor them. First, we honor them by thanking God for the mercy shown to them and for the good they were permitted to do. Second, we honor the saints when we draw strength from their example, such as, when we hear that Peter's denial of Christ was forgiven, we can be strengthened in our faith that Christ's forgiveness is stronger than sin. Third, we honor the saints by imitating them. This applies immediately to their faith, but, also, the example of their lives. As a father and husband, I might consider the example of St. Joseph – a faithful husband to Mary and father to our Lord.

All Saints' Day also indicates the end of the Church Year is at hand. We give thanks to God for having kept them in the faith, and we ask that we, too, would be kept firm in the same faith until Christ returns. When He does, all our sorrows will meet their end and our joy won't have one.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jacob Swenson

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**Deadline for the December 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Islander is Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



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## What's Cookin'?

From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

November brings long evenings with daylight savings time ending.  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> is National Healthy Eating Day - a good day to start planning your family Thanksgiving dinner. When planning your meal, include the two traditional foods - sweet potatoes (yams) and cranberries.

Fresh sweet potatoes need to be peeled, cooked, drained and mashed or pureed.  
 For convenience, use canned sweet potatoes drained and pureed. Some put marshmallows on top. Our family favorite recipe is Pecan Crusted Sweet Potato Casserole.

### Pecan Crusted Sweet Potato Casserole

3-4 c. cooked sweet potatoes, pureed	Topping:
1 c. sugar	1 c. brown sugar
½ c. melted butter	½ c. melted butter
1 tbsp. vanilla extract	½ c. flour
	1 c. pecans, chopped



Combine pureed sweet potatoes with sugar, melted butter, and vanilla. Pour into buttered casserole dish. Combine the topping ingredients and pour evenly over the sweet potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. This may be prepared and refrigerated ahead. Reheat and serve.

**Cranberries are a healthy fruit, readily available fresh, frozen, or canned. Cranberries are used in drinks, breads, salads, and relishes. It is said that cranberries help reduce the impact of having eaten a large meal.**

**This Molded Cranberry Salad will add color and flavor to your menu.**



### Molded Cranberry Salad

1-6 oz. box raspberry or cranberry jello	1 small can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 ½ c. boiling water	½ c. chopped celery
1 can cranberry sauce	½ c. chopped walnuts
2 tbsp. orange zest, if desired	

Dissolve jello in hot water. Cool slightly. Add cranberry sauce, pineapple, celery, walnuts, and orange zest. Pour into an oiled salad mold. Chill until firm. Remove from mold when ready to serve.

**Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving - eat, drink, and give thanks with a grateful heart!**



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Men, Women, Couples, Singles

Date: November 17, 2021

Time: 11:30AM

Where: Immaculate Conception

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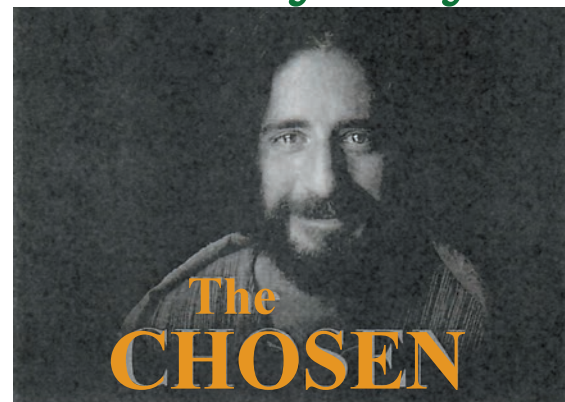
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Nov. 10 Pumpkins  
Nov. 17 Owls  
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving  
Dec. 8 Snowman  
Dec. 15 Christmas



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2nd Tuesday of the  
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### October Book Club Book

**"Golden Girl"**

A Novel

by Elin Hilderbrand

### November Book Club Book

**"Winter Street"**

A Novel

by Elin Hilderbrand

*Please contact the library  
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## Jim Shields

*Blind Tiger* ..... from Dave & Pat Chase  
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..... from Dave & Pat Chase

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## In Loving Memory



## Carol Murray

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..... from Dave & Pat Chase  
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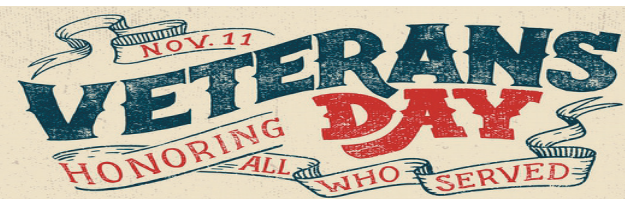
## Jim Smith

*Little Bubble Gum Trooper*  
..... from Elaine Ernst  
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**AUTUM D. PARIZEK***September 5, 1992 ~ October 24, 2021*

INDEPENDENCE – Autum D. Parizek, 29, of Independence, died Oct. 24, 2021 at the Buchanan County Health Center in Independence.

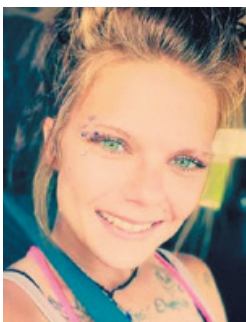
Autum was born Sept. 5, 1992, in Cedar Rapids, the daughter of Darrin and Janel (Huggins) McCann. She attended the East Buchanan Elementary School and was a 2011 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank. She went on to receive a degree from the College of Hair Design in Waterloo. For a short time, she ran a hair salon in Rowley called “Back Alley Hair Design.” She married Danny Scott, Jr. on Jul. 7, 2012 in Fairbank. The couple later divorced. On Sept. 14, 2019, she married Levi Parizek in Rowley, and together they made their home north of Independence. Autum worked for a short time for the East Penn Company in Oelwein, and later for Central Iowa Fencing in Coggon.

Some of her best memories were made around a bonfire laughing with friends and family. She loved spending time with her children, they meant the world to her.

Autum is survived by her husband Levi Parizek, Independence; her children Kash and Karter Scott and Bowie Parizek; her father Darrin (Angela) McCann, Oelwein; her mother Janel McCann, Oelwein; her brothers Justin (Samantha) Eschweiler and Tristan McCann, both of Oelwein; two step-siblings, Brian (Emily) Bass and Emma Nelson, both of Oelwein; her grandmother, Dee McCann, Fairbank; step-grandmother Joyce Conerd, Independence; and many aunts and uncles.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents Joe McCann, Shirley Huggins, and JC “Whitey” Huggins; two uncles Tom Huggins and Brian Walters; step-grandfather James Conerd; and a step-aunt Michelle Green.

Funeral service was held Oct. 30, 2021 at the Reiff Family Center – Funeral Home & Creamatory in Independence.

**CHRISTOPHER  
“CHRIS” IVERSEN***January 12, 1961 ~ October 17, 2021*

BIG SANDY, Tennessee – Christopher “Chris” Floyd Iversen, 60, of Big Sandy, TN passed away on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 at his residence.

Chris was born Jan. 12, 1961 in Waterloo, IA. He was a truck driver with Reynolds Construction and a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Oelwein.

Survivors include his wife: Sandra Iversen of Big Sandy; his children: Zachary (Kaitlyn) Iversen of Ithaca, MI; Annessa (Chris) Holbrook of Clarksville, TN; and Alexis Motes of Virginia; his parents: LaVonne and Harold Teem of Fairbank and Harold and Clara Iversen of Waterloo; brothers: Kevin (Mary) Iversen of Denver, IA; Brandon (Karla) Teem of Urbandale, IA; and Joshua (Ashley) Beck of Belle Plain; sisters: Tiffany (Shane) Flack of West End, NC; Courtney Rochette of Fairbank; grandchildren: Sutton Iversen, Gabriel Holbrook and Kevin Holbrook; nephews: Tanner, Colten, Garren, Liam, Larson, Matt, Mike and Corey; and nieces: Logan, Lariaunna, Karlee and Gracie; and special friends Matt.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Kay Hamm Iversen; mother Joanne Schleusner; nephew Grayson and special uncle Larry Larson.

Memorial visitation was held Oct. 20, 2021 at Oakdale Funeral Home in Camden, TN. A Celebration of Life for Chris was held in Iowa at the Teem residence, rural Dunkerton, on Oct. 23. Memorials may be directed to the family.

**LAWRENCE PLOTE, SR.***May 5, 1938 ~ October 3, 2021*

Lawrence (Larry) Plote Sr., 83, formerly of Fairbank, passed away at his home in Gilbert, Arizona on Sunday, October 3, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Larry was born May 5, 1938 to Ernest F. Plote and Lydia Kastning Plote in Palatine, Illinois. He married Janet Steil Nov. 16, 1957 at St. Matthews Church, Niles. To this union five children were born. Larry worked in Hoffman Estates, Illinois before purchasing his farm near Fairbank in 1966, fulfilling his dream and he described it as his greatest joy and accomplishment. His love were his cattle. Larry participated in softball leagues, supported his community fire departments, American Legion, cattleman's associations and churches. He loved dancing with Janet, John Deere tractors, NASCAR, rodeo, RFD TV, playing cards, visiting casinos, old country music, traveling, and Coors beer. He was happiest when friends and family joined him on the patio, where he was quick with one-liners and was a great storyteller.

He has left behind his five children: Christine (Les) Grundmeyer of Aurora, Larry Jr. (Susan) of Williston, ND, John (Lynn) of Rowlett, TX, Joel (Joy) of Phoenix, AZ, and Rick (Christie) of Henderson, NV; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his brother Raymond (Jan) Plote; sisters-in-law Jackie (Ken) Koeppen; Sharon (Ron) Steil, Bette Jane (Doug) Mitchell, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, a great group of neighbors and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife Janet in 1999; his parents EF and Lydia Plote; his brothers-in-law Ronald Steil and George Steil; sister-in-law Barbara Steil; and a great-grandson Lincoln Leslie Grundmeyer.

Services were held at Light of Christ Church in Gilbert on Oct. 18 with burial following at Mesa City cemetery. Falconer Funeral Home was in Charge of arrangements.



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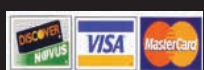
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# COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM via phone conference with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Williams/Erickson to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. During the public comment section, Rochelle Kane was present along with Rob and Sharon Maricle on behalf of the Fairbank Beautification Initiative Committee. The committee was started when several people came together with the idea of mural projects they would like to see in town. They are now trying for 2-3 mural projects over the next 3-5 years and are hoping the City can take beautification ideas and funds and help put them into the upcoming Main Street Improvements project. Vicki Rigdon was also present and asked if the city could start spraying for mosquitos again. The council said they would see what all would be involved with doing that.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of September 13th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Amending the Code of Ordinances to include a new section pertaining to the Fairbank Dam was discussed by adding a section making it unlawful for any person to walk on, climb on, stand on, or occupy any portion of the Fairbank Dam or its elevated structures. Williams/T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 351 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section Pertaining to the Fairbank Dam. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Dan and Vicki Rigdon were present to discuss the removal of the tree located behind their home. The roots of it are causing sewer issues in their home and it is in the alleyway. T. Woods/Erickson to share the cost of taking the tree down and removing the stump. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to get the dead tree taken down located on city property just north of 302 Fourth Street South. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Rick Woods with Modern Building Products had \$700.00 worth of white steel siding that would work for the park shelter at Veteran's Park to see if that would help with the bird issue. Vorwald/T. Woods to purchase the steel for the shelter for bird prevention at Veteran's Park. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/Vorwald to give Davis Lawn Care permission to treat for armyworms if he sees any sign of them in the city properties. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/Williams to approve the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk's attendance at the IMFOA Fall Conference on October 21st and 22nd. They will get back to anyone with questions directed to City Hall as soon as time allows by operating the office phones from Des Moines. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for Sunday October 31, 2021, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with information on upcoming and active BCEDC Programs. She provided some information on some upcoming grants that some business owners in Fairbank could try for.

Chief Everding informed the council that he would be sending out an updated list of department reports shortly and that they had been dealing with nuisance abatements on a couple of properties. Jergens stated that they got the new loader grapple, and that Butler County REC was coming to town on Thursday to get the poles fixed on the island. The City Clerk stated that the city was fortunate enough to receive some free gently used desks and cabinets, a table, and a bookshelf for the offices in City Hall. Thank you to Lynette Fuller and Townsquare Media.

Williams/T. Woods to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

## SPECIAL MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Friday, October 1, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM via phone conference with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Vorwald, and Erickson. Absent: T. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Williams/Erickson to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. A resignation letter was received from the Public Works Director, Dave Jergens, and the council had to hold a special meeting to address the letter. Woods/Erickson to accept the resignation from the Director of Public Works. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to direct the City Clerk to post and advertise for an open public works position and begin the search. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Vorwald/R. Woods to adjourn at 2:11 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

There were no comments during the public comment section.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of September 27th Regular Meeting and October 1st Special Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of September were: General, \$17,361.71; Special Revenue, \$33,096.55; TIF, \$537.93, Capital Projects, \$5.18, Permanent Funds, \$6.48; Proprietary, \$385,768.63; and Transfers In, \$278,555.00. Disbursements for the month of September were: General, \$72,699.61; Special Revenue, \$4,522.51; Proprietary, \$173,926.04; and Transfers Out, \$278,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on September 30, 2021, was \$4,863,741.44.

Janece Silva and Maddison Jackson were present on behalf of the Little Island Child Care Center to discuss the Turkey Trot Fundraiser they are doing on the morning of Thanksgiving, November 25th. They will be starting at the Island area and head up to the area around the school. Police Chief Everding stated he had no issues with the route and the fundraiser. Erickson/T. Woods to allow for the 5k fundraiser and to allow them to use the temporary stop signs during the event. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Rick Woods was present for John Wood's land exchanging with the city discussion. The council got an aerial image of the land that John owns and the land that he would like to exchange with the city that the city owns. Attorney Prendergast thought that since there was no policy regarding exchanging land that the city owned portion would or should be sold through a public hearing. Councilman Vorwald stated that they would get some recommendations on what the city can and can't do with something like this and get back to them. It was mentioned that all the land was surveyed, and the council was welcome to go look at the stakes in the ground.

T. Woods/R. Woods to approve the second reading of Ordinance 351 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section Pertaining to the Fairbank Dam. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation launched a new emergency program that will help low-income households and families afford water and wastewater services. The funds from the program will help approved residents pay their past water and wastewater bills, avoid shutoffs, and regain disconnected accounts. Williams/T. Woods to approve the vendor agreement with NEICAC for the new LIHWAP program. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/Erickson to appoint Brian Delagardelle as Zoning Administrator due to an open vacancy for that role. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Maintenance	\$162.62
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$162.80
APGA, Annual Dues	\$445.00
APGA SIF, Annual Access	\$19.00
BDS EQUIPMENT, Equipment	\$2,849.00
BIRDNOW MOTOR TRADE, Service	\$71.81
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,814.90
BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Roadstone	\$397.94
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies	\$143.96
BRYAN WELSH, Services	\$1,666.99
BUCHANAN CO TREASURER, Fee	\$20.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$53,404.73
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services	\$4,724.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Gas	\$541.30
CEDAR VALLEY PUMP, LLC, Rental	\$1,250.00
CHARLES KING, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
MATT CHASE, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$2,882.35
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$4,321.56
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone & Supplies Reimbursement	\$364.97
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Supplies	\$330.04
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$36.58
FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CLUB, FY22 Dues	\$20.00
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage	\$156.00
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$6,175.53
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposit Applied	\$112.86

CITY OF FAIRBANK, Replenish Postage Fund	\$21.54
FEHR GRAHAM, Fees	\$2,800.00
GALL'S INC., Clothing Allowance	\$82.05
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Fee	\$95.00
IAMU, Training	\$2,258.30
IMFOA, Conferences	\$250.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, FY 22 Dues	\$1,022.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$40.10
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$6,989.38
IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC., Conferences	\$70.00
IPERS, Benefits	\$4,964.57
ITRON, INC, Maintenance	\$316.86
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$257.89
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$349.10
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Classes	\$35.00
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT, INC, Services	\$120.00
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$283.32
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$150.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$290.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 9/1/2021	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 9/15/2021	\$7.23
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$187.00
POWERPLAN, Supplies	\$504.43
RANDY'S LAWN CARE, Services	\$2,625.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Equipment	\$9,182.88
SPEER FINANCIAL, INC., Services	\$1,800.00
STAN'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, Supplies	\$205.70
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$157.50
STUART. C. IRBY CO., Supplies	\$142.84
T & R SERVICE COMPANY, Services	\$2,050.00
TABATHA WILKEN, Utility Deposit Refund	\$87.14
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Sept. Sales Tax	\$2,402.31
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Sept. Excise Tax	\$1,381.21
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, State Withholding Tax	\$3,917.00
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services	\$1,185.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$7,752.96
VAN WERT, INC, Supplies	\$1,254.23
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$158.39
VISA, Phones, Training, & Supplies	\$2,459.14
WELLMARK	\$1,293.67
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services & Internet	\$379.96
The Library Board approved the following bills on October 6, 2021:	
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$151.87
ANGELA BERG, Mileage & Reimbursement	\$25.68
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	\$971.64
FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CLUB, FY22 Dues	\$20.00
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$155.40
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$16.56
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 9/15/2021	\$2.77
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$40.00
VISA, Subscriptions\$60.89	

Brian Delagardelle said that him and Ben Delagardelle would be in Wastewater Conference on Wednesday the 27th and that there was a pre-construction meeting on Friday at 11 am for the 2021 Water Main Improvements project. Ben stated that he was at the Gas Boot Camp class all last week and that it was very informational and beneficial for him prior to the Iowa Utilities Board Gas Inspection scheduled for that Wednesday and Thursday that IAMU would attend to help due to the employee change over. Everding stated that there was a homeless gentleman living in his vehicle that he had to address. Council Vorwald stated that him and Councilman R. Woods along with Brian and Ben Delagardelle attended an electric outage procedure meeting earlier that day. Steps for future outage procedures were outlined and a sheet will be typed up to follow if anything were to happen again in the future. Mayor Harter met with Councilman Williams and Councilwoman Erickson before the meeting to discuss tree replacement after the storm. More research will be done on replacement trees and will be on future meetings. Emily Martins with the Buchanan County Iowa State Extension and Outreach will put a scarecrow next to Costa's for a scarecrow scavenger hunt. And lastly, the council wanted to thank Doug and Janice Martins for the corn stalks for the fall Main Street décor and Becks' Wapsie Fresh Produce for the pumpkins.

Vorwald/Erickson to adjourn at 6:33 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor  
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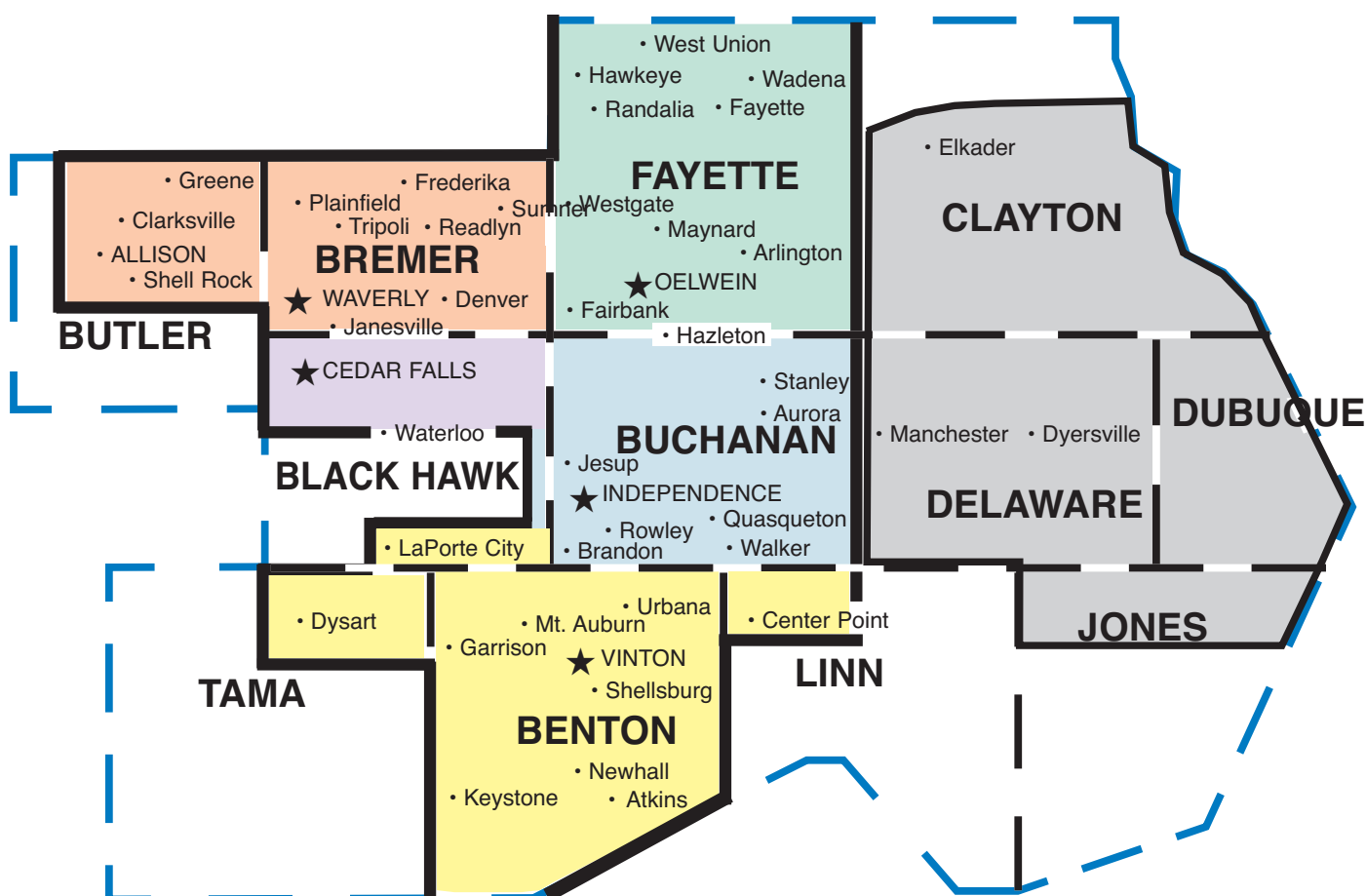
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