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FFD announces new firefighters

The Fairbank Fire Department wishes to announce that they have two new Certified Firefighters!!! Congratulations to Courtney Teem Rochette and Janice Martins. They are both fully trained and state certified. They passed their written test in June, and recently finished their last skills testing at Kirkwood College. Both members are also Nationally Certified EMT's.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedicated service to our community!

Reminder . . .

Blood Drive on the 18th

Just a reminder that the next Life Serve Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, January 18th at the Fairbank American Legion Hall from 2:30-5:30 p.m. All blood types are needed.

Donors are the only source of blood for patients that need it. Just one pint of blood can help up to three different people.

LifeServe Blood Center is urging community members to consider giving blood. The resurgence of COVID in our area has impacted the mobile blood collection calendar in an extreme way. Fewer blood drives and low blood donor turnout in addition to the other struggles hospitals are currently facing has plummeted the blood supply levels.

Appointments for blood donation are required. Appointments can be made online at www.lifeserveblood-center.org or by calling 800-287-4903.

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FFD bringing "Tyler Richton & the High Bank Boys" to town for Annual Firemen's Dance

The Fairbank Fire & EMS Association will hold their Annual Firemen's Dance on Saturday, January 22 at the Fairbank American Legion. They are excited to be able to get back together, face to face, this year to do some dancing and catch up with everyone. They thank everyone who supported their "virtual" dance last year.

The Department is proud to bring Tyler Richton & the High Bank Boys to Fairbank. There will be a "BarnDance" theme with this real country music, all male singers and artists, so mark your calendars and don't miss it.

This is a band from central Iowa bringing a honky-tonkin', beer drinkin', hell raisin' time to every show. With youthful energy combined with years of experience, you'll find an audience singing to every word, whether it's a crowd of 5,000 or 50!

This is from their press release:

The story of Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys isn't easy to



put on to paper. The name "High Bank Boys" comes from the body of water flowing through the band's home territory in Deep River, Iowa. The Deep River passes through the town of the same name, but the shallow stream wasn't named for its actual depth, but rather the "High Banks" that contain the river in the town and

surrounding area. Known for having their practices in and around the community, the "High Bank Boys" became the perfect name for the sensational group of men that was founded there.

While shows performed by Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys are youthful and lively, the five

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Tree Planted to Honor Parents

Todd Kaufman stands in front of a 10-12" pin oak tree that he donated to the city in memory of his parents, Jerry & Wanda Kaufman. The tree came from behind the family-owned car wash which his father had run for over 45 years.

Todd said that originally the tree was in front of the car wash, but his dad moved it to the back to free up space for more parking. But now it was presenting a problem for snow removal, etc., so Todd covered the expenses of having the tree moved and planted on the island downtown.

His dad had always referred to it as "his tree", so Todd thought it would be a good way to honor his parents, as well as a start for replacing the many trees lost in the cities' parks during the bad storm last summer.

A MESSAGE FROM
Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

I hope everyone had enjoyable Holidays. I want to thank all of the households who did outside Christmas decorating. I know that the judges had a difficult time in deciding the winners for the contest. Congratulations to all of you who brightened our city.

The City is still seeking applicants for a part time Police Officer. In addition to that position, we are also seeking applicants for a Pool Manager for the Summer of 2022.

At a Special City Council Meeting on December 21, the Council recognized Ted Vorwald for his 44 years of service to the City of Fairbank. Ted was employed by the City for 32 years and then served 12 years as a Member of the City Council. Ted will be greatly missed. He did tell me he doesn't plan to go anyplace, though. I know we will use his expertise and knowledge, if he is willing to give it! Thanks again Ted!

Also at the meeting, the City agreed to buy a new pickup from Don's Trucks. Health insurance options for the City Employees were also discussed. It was decided a committee will meet and decide on some options for the employees.

My New Year's wish for you is to have a very prosperous and healthy 2022!



By Mary Bodensteiner

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! I don't know about you, but I have enjoyed getting a break from everyday routines and having time to relax and spend time with family. With everyone's busy lives, my family was lucky enough to spend a whole week together to celebrate the season! Any chance we get to spend together is a blessing!

I've been keeping busy with basketball and we, as a team, are having a lot of new successes! We're playing with a lot of energy and confidence and I hope you all will consider coming out to one of our games to cheer us on! This will most definitely be the team and the sport I will miss the most after it's finished in a couple months. But, it has already



The 2021-22 Wapsie Valley Girls Basketball Team

been a season to remember!

The new year, 2022, brings lots of excitement for my family! Jarod, one of my older brothers, graduated from Iowa State in December and will start his new job in Wichita, Kansas this January. My oldest brother, Adam, and his wife, Mary, are now living in North Liberty, so we will get to see them much more

often. I will be finishing up high school and heading to Iowa State this fall. That means my mom and dad will have to figure out how to keep busy without any kids in the house. Although, I'm sure they won't have much trouble with that!

As for you and yours, I hope you all have a New Year full of many blessings and lovely memories!

What's Happening

Community Events

- Jan. 3..... **City Council Meeting**, 6:00pm at City Hall
- Jan. 5..... **Library Board Meeting**, 4:00pm
- Jan. 11..... **Book Club** at the Library, 2:00pm
- Jan. 17.... **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Jan. 17.... **City Council Meeting**, 6:00pm at City Hall
- Jan. 17.... **Wapsie Valley School Board Mtg.**, 6:30pm
- Jan. 18.... **Blood Drive**, Fairbank American Legion, 2:30-5:30pm.
- Jan. 19.... **Community Potluck**, 11:30am, IC Hall
- Jan. 20.... **Thirsty Thursday at the Legion**, 4:00pm
- Jan. 22.... **Fairbank Firemen's Dance**, American Legion, Doors open 7:00pm ~ Dance starts at 8:00pm
- Jan. 25.... **Variety Show**, Wapsie Valley H.S., 6:30pm
- Jan. 26.... **Deadline** to get something in the Feb. issue of the Fairbank Islander. Must submit by noon.
- Jan. 27.... **Fairbank Historical Society Meeting**
If you would like your event listed here, please notify the library at (319)635-2487

BLOOD DRIVE
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members of the High Bank Boys have more than 93 years of experience playing live music combined. With this kind of dedication and devotion to country music, it's no wonder that the High Bank Boys have become the premier country band in the area. Known for being an excellent dance band as well as making the crowd feel like "one of the guys" when there's no dance floor available, the High Bank Boys are at home playing in almost any kind of venue or event.

The musical travels of the various members of Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys have been extensive, both before and through the formation of the current band. Music has taken them from local clubs, to fireman's dances and anniversary parties, and from the largest events and festivals to street dances in the smallest of towns throughout the entire state of Iowa. Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys have been honored to be the opening act for Craig Morgan, Locash, John Michael Montgomery, High Valley, Sunny Sweeney, Jordan Davis and Brett Young, among others.

Their most rewarding experiences, however, are the looks of satisfaction on the faces of their fans during and after another great show. It's easy to see from their following, that this group of guys and the music they play is genuinely appreciated. Tyler Richton and the High Bank Boys' repertoire includes iconic country cover tunes, as well as original music that is written and arranged by the band. All this and more makes the High Bank Boys a danceable, partying, crowd-pleasing, energetic band that is entertaining for folks of all ages.

Fairbank Aquatic Center in need of a manager

The Fairbank Aquatic Center has recently advertised for the position of manager and assistant manager for the 2022 season. However, no one submitted an application. They will take and review applications if and as they are received.

So if you know of someone that would be a good fit, please encourage them to apply! The Aquatic Center is already behind, as planning for the season generally begins

in November.

If interested, an on-line application can be obtained at: <https://goo.gl/v6k3Ln>. More information and a job description can be found at: <https://www.fairbank-ia.org/aquatic-center.php>. You can contact fairbankac@gmail.com with any questions.

These are full-time seasonal positions with sporadic duties during the off-season. The positions

are responsible for the safe and efficient management of the aquatic center with little oversight. This is a rewarding position for a self-motivated, organized & people-oriented person.

Pool and swimmer safety is always the first concern at the Aquatic Center. So if a manager or assistant is not found and hired that is a good fit, the '22 season could be in jeopardy.

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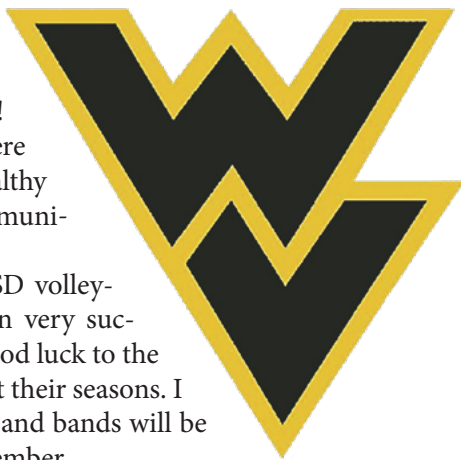
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Warrior Way & More

December 2021

Iowa winter is upon us with all the festivities that come with the holiday season. I hope your Thanksgiving celebration was spent with family and friends! The upcoming Christmas break will be here sooner than we realize, and hope for a healthy and safe winter for the Wapsie Valley communities!



I would like to congratulate the WVCSD volleyball, football, and cross country teams on very successful seasons as a whole this past fall. Good luck to the basketball and wrestling teams as they start their seasons. I also noted last month that the WV choirs and bands will be performing throughout the month of December.

I would like to welcome some recent new hires to the WVCSD. Austin Jeanes will be an instructional associate in the JH/HS special education department. Kaleb Krall has joined the WV wrestling program as an assistant wrestling coach on the JV/Varsity team level. Jess Lampe, Brett Studebaker, and Abby Sullivan are all instructional associates at Fairbank Elementary. Paige Burgart is a custodian for our four rural buildings.

We will continue to utilize KWWL, KCRG, and KGAN for weather-related changes to school schedules. We also will inform district families via social media channels and through the Infinite Campus student information system. Please contact our building secretaries for any changes in your contact information so you can stay informed. As much notice as possible is given when making school closing decisions due to inclement weather. These decisions are made after consultation with area superintendents regarding their individual districts' decisions. Please remember that January 17, 2022, is now a school day since we canceled a school day for the August storm clean-up in the area. We as a school district continue to stay under the 10% threshold for reporting to the Bremer County Health Department of any outbreaks within the district. Our highest absenteeism rate has been 3.5% in mid-November. Positive Covid cases are rising in the district among staff, students, and the general public. We are also seeing cases of influenza and strep. Please continue to take any safety precautions that you deem necessary.

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,
Dave Larson -
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The City of Fairbank recently presented a \$50,000 donation to representatives of Little Island Day Care to go towards their remodeling project. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Jenna Beck, Nicole Myers, Terresa Garthoff, Janece Silva, Betsy Wierck, Ted Vorwald, Mayor Mike Harter, Michelle Laube, Tammy Erickson, Brittany Fuller, and Tyler Woods.

Fairbank Mayor Mike Harter (right) recently presented outgoing City Councilman Ted Vorwald with a certificate honoring him for his 44 years of service with the City of Fairbank. Ted was employed by the city for 32 years and then served 12 years as a member of the City Council.



After Santa landed outside of Fairbank, he was picked up by Ted Vorwald in the City's antique fire truck and taken to the American Legion to visit with the kids. Miss Fairbank, Mary Bodensteiner, was on hand to help with the treat bags and members of the Community Club served cookies to all who attended.


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Holiday Hop helps make Library Fundraiser a success!

The Fairbank Library was a popular place on December 8th. It was the location of the Holiday Hop Vendor Show, as well as the final night to place bids on the Holiday Gift Baskets in the Library's Silent Auction Fundraiser.

Approximately 130 people attended the event. Twenty-five baskets were donated by area businesses and individuals, which brought in over \$1,200. Library Director Angela Berg commented, "I think the vendor show really helped us out this year. It brought in a lot of extra people who had a chance to put in last minute bids before the 8:00 pm deadline."

Area vendors who set up tables included: Tammy Erickson of "TK Collaborations"; Lucy Kieffert and Cassie Cook with "Good Enough Crafts by Lucy and Cassie"; Ashley Rechkemmer of "Inspired Rose Creations"; Alexis Rausch with "Lex & Kay Creations"; and Rochelle Kane and Amanda Morris were on hand selling cups for the "have a cup of cheer" which is a Fairbank Mural Fundraiser project.

IC Community Potluck to be held January 19th

The Fairbank IC Parish Life Committee invites you to join them for their monthly Community Potluck on Wednesday, January 19th at the IC Parish Hall. The event starts at 11:30am. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish to share. Tableware and beverages are provided.

The committee wants everyone to know that this is open to everyone, not just IC members. It's a great way to get out of the house and have some fun with your friends and neighbors. And stick around after the meal, they will be playing cards.



IC Youth attend National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis

Twenty-three youth and twelve adults from Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank embarked on a pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November. Together with thousands of other young Catholics from across all 50 states, they listened to nationally known speakers and musi-

cians, as well as attended several sessions relating to their faith. Everyone had a great time!

This biennial trip is made possible through several different fundraisers. About 70% of our trip is funded through the donations of cans and bottles to our "Can Kennel" located on Iowa Street behind the church. We want to thank the

entire community for your donations over the years.

A special thank you to Bob Bellis, our "Can Captain" for tirelessly volunteering hours to sort and organize the donated cans and bottle. Bob has been a hero for our program!

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HISTORY OF PANDEMICS IN THE PAST

In the past, plagues have decimated humanity to the toll of several hundred million deaths. Influenza is second with deaths accounting for 24 to 50 million people. HIV/AIDS comes in third killing over 36 million people to date. Lastly is Cholera, with the two worst outbreaks killing over 36 million humans.

At the time of this writing (Dec. 26, 2021) total cases in the world is 279,621,129 with 5,412,469 deaths worldwide. As for the U.S., total cases are 52,996,163 with 837,671 total deaths.

The ten worst pandemics in world history are listed below in descending order of fatality. We ask everyone to stay safe and help insure the health of everyone by getting vaccinated and practicing safe methods of assuring the limited spread of the current epidemic!

THE BLACK DEATH (1346 - 1353)

From 1346 to 1353, an outbreak of the Plague ravaged Europe, Africa and Asia, with an estimated death toll between 75 and 200 million people. Thought to have originated in Asia, the Plague most likely jumped continents via the fleas living on the rats that so frequently lived aboard merchant ships. Ports being major urban centers at the time, were the perfect breeding ground for the rats and fleas, and the bacterium devastated three continents.

FLU PANDEMIC (1918)

Between 1918 and 1920, a disturbingly deadly outbreak of influenza tore across the globe, infecting over a third of the world's population and ending the lives of 20-50 million people. Of the 500 million people infected in the 1918 pandemic, the mortality rate was estimated at 10% to 20%, with up to 25 million deaths in the first 25 weeks alone. What separated the 1918 flu pandemic from other influenza outbreaks was the victims; where influenza had always previously only killed juveniles and the elderly or already weakened patients, it had begun striking down hardy and completely healthy young adults, while leaving children and those with weaker immune systems still alive.

HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC (1976)

First identified in Democratic Republic of the Congo in

1976, HIV/AIDS has killed more than 36 million people since 1981. Currently there are between 31 and 35 million people living with HIV. The vast majority of those are in Sub-Saharan African, where 5% of the population is infected, roughly 21 million people. Between 2005 and 2012 the annual global deaths from HIV/AIDS dropped from 2.2 million to 1.6 million.

PLAGUE OF JUSTINIAN (541-542)

Thought to have killed perhaps half the population of Europe, the Plague of Justinian was an outbreak of the bubonic plague that afflicted the Byzantine Empire and Mediterranean port cities, killing up to 25 million people in its year long reign of terror. Generally regarded as the first recorded incident of the Bubonic Plague, the Plague of Justinian left its mark on the world, killing up to a quarter of the population of the Eastern Mediterranean and devastating the city of Constantinople, where at its height it was killing an estimated 5,000 people per day.

ASIAN FLU (1956-1958)

Asian Flu was a pandemic outbreak of Influenza A of the H2N2 subtype, that originated in China in 1956 and lasted until 1958. In its two-year spree, Asian Flu traveled from the Chinese province of Guangzhou to Singapore, Hong Kong, and the United States. Estimates for the death toll of the Asian Flu vary depending on the source, but the World Health Organization places the final tally at approximately 2 million deaths, 69,800 of those in the US alone.

FLU PANDEMIC (1968)

A category 2 Flu pandemic sometimes referred to as "the Hong Kong Flu," the 1968 flu pandemic was caused by the H3N2 strain of the Influenza A virus, a genetic offshoot of the H2N2 subtype. From the first reported case on July 13, 1968 in Hong Kong, it took only 17 days before outbreaks of the virus were reported in Singapore and Vietnam, and within three months had spread to the Philippines, India, Australia, Europe, and the United States. The 1968 pandemic resulted in the deaths of more than a million people, including 500,000 residents of Hong Kong.

FLU PANDEMIC (1889-1890)

Originally the "Asiatic Flu" or "Russian Flu" as it was called, this strain was thought to be an outbreak of the Influenza A virus subtype H2N2, though recent discoveries have instead found the cause to be the Influenza A virus subtype H3N8. The first cases were observed in May 1889 in three separate and distant locations, Bukhara in Central Asia (Turkistan), Athabasca in northwestern Canada, and Greenland. Rapid population growth of the 19th century, specifically in urban areas, only helped the flu spread, and before long the outbreak had spread across the globe. Though it was the first true epidemic in the era of bacteriology, much was learned from it. In the end, the 1889-1890 Flu Pandemic claimed the lives of over a million individuals.

THIRD CHOLERA PANDEMIC (1852-1860)

Generally considered the deadliest of the seven cholera pandemics, the third major outbreak of Cholera in the 19th century lasted from 1852 to 1860. Like the first and second pandemics, the Third Cholera Pandemic originated in India, spreading from the Ganges River Delta before tearing through Asia, Europe, North America, and Africa and ending the lives of over a million people. British physician John Snow tracked cases of cholera and eventually succeeded in identifying contaminated water as the means of transmission for the disease. Unfortunately, the same year as his discovery (1854) went down as the worst year of the pandemic, in which 23,000 people died in Great Britain.

SIXTH CHOLERA PANDEMIC (1910-1911)

Like its five previous incarnations, the Sixth Cholera Pandemic originated in India where it killed over 800,000, before spreading to the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Russia. The Sixth Cholera Pandemic was also the source of the last American outbreak of Cholera (1910-1911). American health authorities, having learned from the past, quickly sought to isolate the infected, and in the end only 11 deaths occurred in the U.S. By 1923, Cholera cases had been cut down dramatically, although it was still a constant in India.

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Congratulations to this year's winners!

The judges said it was difficult to choose this year – there were so many good displays!

Santa accompanied a few members of the Fairbank Community Club when they presented each winner with \$25 in Fairbank Bucks which can be used at most Fairbank businesses.

Thank you to those who participated.



Dean & Donna Mangrich



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Juliann Woods



Karen Coffin

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“We were just two kids in love following a pathway that seemed right for us.”

by Betty Brandt Passick

John W. Woods, 19, and Sharon Recker, 17, met in the fall of 1957 at a dance at the Coliseum in Oelwein. John was employed as a salesman for Don Steggall's Auto in Fairbank. They married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein on September 26, 1959 and moved into the first home they built at 310 N 6th St. in Fairbank.

Not long after their nuptials, John took over operations of Youngman Furniture located at 101 E. Main Street in Fairbank - once operated by his grandparents John (1883-1966) and Nell (Mulligan) (1883-1967) Youngman. They had run the furniture and undertaking business from 1916 until his retirement. The building was owned by Elmer Cummings. John and Sharon renamed the business Fairbank Furniture.

John noted: “As a young man, I helped my grandfather in the store delivering furniture from time to time. When I took over the store, he helped me out for a year or so. Running a furniture store seemed a good fit for me.” In 1960, John and Sharon purchased the furniture store building, and in 1961 they built Woods Funeral Home next to the furniture store - the present day Fairbank Historical Society building at 103 East Main St.

“When we look back now on the six decades since our marriage,” Sharon said, “we didn't have any idea of the future impact we would have on the development of Fairbank. We were just two kids in love following a pathway that seemed right for us.”

John's parents, Francis J. (1910-1984) and Evelyn (Youngman) (1913-1982) Woods, immigrated from Northern Ire-

land and lived on a farm southwest of Fairbank. John graduated Fairbank High School in 1954, then attended Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls for three years. He has one brother and two sisters.

Sharon's parents, Alfred (1901-1963) and Florence (Besler) (1906-1982) Recker, came from Oldenburg, Germany. After their marriage, they lived on a farm west of Dyersville, and in 1938 they purchased a farm near Arlington in Fayette County. Sharon has five brothers and three sisters. “My grandfather John Youngman was the only family member who did not make a living as a farmer... Running a business must have made an impression on me,” John said. “I followed in his footsteps.” Adding to the hustle and bustle during their initial years of marriage, John served in the U. S. Army from November 1958 and in the Army Reserves through the spring of 1965.

In 1965, John and Sharon purchased the old Peters Grocery store building east of the funeral home and started Fairbank Plumbing and Heating. Larry Bachman was their young plumber. The same year, they put a laundry mat in a vacant building they owned by the railroad tracks on Hwy 190 and purchased a dry-cleaning machine. Martin Klenzman and Mary Ann Ryan did the dry cleaning and pressing there.

In 1966, John and Sharon established Woods Construction with the office located in a small house located at 507 2nd St. NE. In 1985, son Ronald and his wife Carol purchased the business. Their two sons Christian and Collin have joined them in the business.



In 1967, the Klenzman Dry Cleaning building at 209 East Main St. became available, owned by Martin Klenzman, and they purchased the building, where they relocated Fairbank Plumbing & Heating. Larry Bachman acquired the business and eventually moved it to his residence. That building today houses Floral Images.

In 1969, John and Sharon tore down the old Peters Grocery building and constructed a two-story building. The upper story was used for furniture storage; the lower level became Woods Party Room which was rented out to the public for their special occasions since there was no place to rent in town. In 1971, they converted the Woods Party Room into the Chalet Supper Club. “We were open Tuesday thru Saturday. On Friday nights we would have a smorgasbord dinner, and on Saturday, once a month, we added live music with

area musicians,” Sharon noted. In the late 1970s, Keith and Bea Thompson purchased the Chalet. They sold the Fairbank Furniture business and building in 1974 to one of their employees, Ken and his wife Dorothy Harm - who also purchased the funeral home building. John and Sharon built the new Woods Funeral Home at 400 Lakeside in Fairbank in the fall of 1976. Son Randy Woods and his wife Jodi purchased the business in 2011. Their youngest son Carson will soon join them as a mortician.

“Those were really busy years... Our family had grown to seven,” Sharon said. “Our children all joined in helping us in our business as they grew up. Randy, Ronald, Richard, and Roxanne all live in Fairbank. Our oldest daughter Rhonda and her family live in Chicago, Illinois.”

In the late 1970s, John and Sharon

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teamed up with Jim and Mary Costello to start Costello Diesel located at 513 N 4th St. Their son Adam Costello purchased John and Sharon's interest in 2014.

Modern Building Products commenced in 1979 at 511 N 4th St., which carries lumber, hardware, and other building products. In 1985, John and Sharon's son Richard and his wife Cindy purchased the business.

In 1980, together with Mary and Jim Costello, John and Sharon launched WCI Trucking, operating out of 511 N. 4th St. They secured a grain dealer license and bought and sold grain and trucking. John and Sharon's son Randy was an employee, and in 2016 he purchased the business. His two sons Conner and Carson have now joined him in the business.

In 1984, Sharon started Woods Agency. John, son Ronald, and grandson Christian have joined her in the agency. Granddaughter Rochelle Kane is also a realtor.

In the late 1980s, John and Sharon purchased Chapman Lumber, which occupied the city block at the northwest corner of Main and Fourth Streets. When the Leroy Miller and Wife Carpet business became available in 1990, they, along with son Richard, purchased the business and relocated it to the western lumber yard building, renaming it Fairbank Floor Covering. Lynn Plaster became manager; in 1995, Lynn and her husband Jerry purchased the business.

In 1993, the eastern outer lumber yard buildings were then torn down when John and a group of others made plans to build the Fairbank Food Center. The town had been without a grocery store for seven years. "It is wonderful having our grocery store here," Sharon said, "as anyone from a small town without access to fresh food can attest."

Sharon added: "I have been the bookkeeper for all of our business endeavors, except Costello Diesel and Miller and Wife Carpet. Every time John came home with a new idea for a business...well, let's just say it's taken both of us to do all these projects. We've really enjoyed working together."

John was instrumental in getting the Little Island Day Care built at 101 N 4th St. in 2001 - and now is in the pro-

cess of being enlarged because of the large waiting list.

John and a group of others believed that locals wished to remain in their community in their "golden years," so they got together to build an assisted living facility in Fairbank. Shares were sold and Parkview Assisted Living at 114 Forest St. with eighteen units became a reality in 2004. John still serves on the board.

John served on the Fairbank City Council in the late 1960s thru the 1970s - when the town got its swimming pool at 511 East Main St., the library at 212 E Main St., and natural gas. He also served on the Wapsie Valley Community School District board from 1977-1986.

John and Sharon are members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and in 2016 the old school-gymnasium building at 405 Fairbank St. was torn down and a new Parish Center erected with donations from church members, plus the community at large. "This large structure has facilitated much needed rental space for the entire area," Sharon stated.

Additionally, they are long-time members of the Fairbank Community Club. "We have lived in Fairbank sixty-two years and have enjoyed the small-town atmosphere and friendly people. All these years we have enjoyed doing business with the local people," Sharon said. Having our children and grandchildren involved in the businesses that we began makes us especially proud."



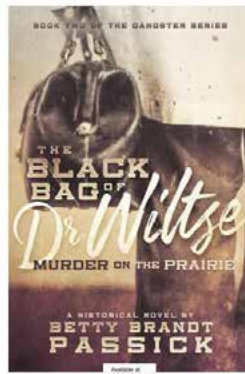
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Pictured: (front) Sharon and John; (row 2) Roxanne - Bookkeeper, and Rhonda - CPA, Chicago; (row 3) Randy - Woods Funeral Home and WCI Trucking, and Richard - Modern Building Products; (row 4) and Ronald - Woods Construction.

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:

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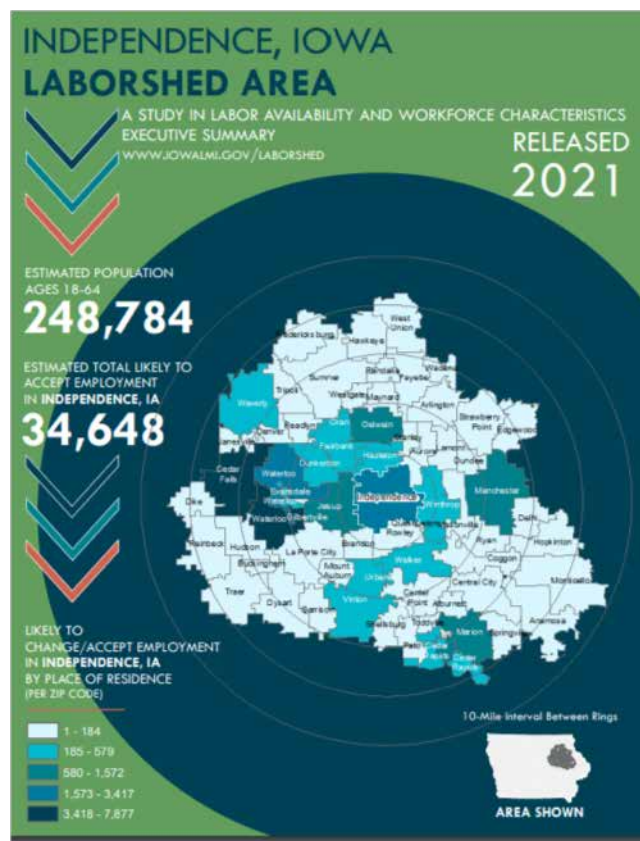


New Buchanan County 2021 Laborshed Study Now Available

Buchanan County Iowa: A Laborshed Study was just completed for the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) by Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) in cooperation with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The completed report addresses the workforce characteristics of the Buchanan County Laborshed area. In addition to the Buchanan County Laborshed, a Cedar Valley Regional Partnership (CVRP) Study was completed in which BCEDC is a member. A Laborshed is the area or region from which an employment center draws its commuting workers. To determine the approximate boundaries of a Laborshed area, local employers supplied residential ZIP codes of each of their employees.

The purpose of this Laborshed analysis is to measure the availability and characteristics of workers within the area based on commuting patterns into Buchanan County. The Laborshed data generated aids local development officials in their facilitation of industry expansion and recruitment and their service to existing industry in the area. All such entities require detailed data describing the characteristics of the available labor force including current/desired wage rates and benefits; job qualifications and skills; age cohorts; residence/work location; employment requirements/obstacles; and the distances individuals are willing to travel for employment.

Laborshed Studies also give insight into potential pockets of available labor that are not analyzed elsewhere such as: those who are currently employed but likely to change employment, along with those who are currently not employed (the unemployed, homemakers, and retirees) but are likely to re-enter the workforce. Deeper-dive analysis is available as well; labor availability reports for a particular industry or set of occupations can be produced for an area to show the concentration level



of residents in the Laborshed area that have current or past experience working in a selected industry or occupation. Among other things, these reports provide labor estimates, employment status, a list of job search sources these individuals use (including specific websites and newspapers) and the wages employers in that area pay to staff those positions.

The Executive Summary as well as individual reports of the Laborshed study can be found at www.growbuchanan.com/workforce/laborstudy/ for both Buchanan County and the CVRP.

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Living on the Edge by Pat Pint Tis the Season

Packing away Christmas decor seems so much easier than setting it up. If you are like me, you prefer doing it yourself as you know which bin, basket or box it belongs to. I asked my friend, Sue, if her holiday lights and knick-knacks were all tucked away.

She replied, "I'm working on it. Each year I accumulate more, and become even more sentimental. My dilemma happens in the first week of December, when I typically unpack my stash."

As I enjoyed looking at her vast amount of Santa's, penguins, Nativity sets, and snow people, I asked her how it could be a problem.

"I only have so much room in my house. Even though I take all my pretty dishes from my china cabinets, unload book shelves, and rearrange the furniture, I still don't have space for everything," she sighed.

Sue continued, "I think of my attic and totes in the basement and overhead in the garage, and wonder if the contents are like a Christmas toy story, and vow not to buy anymore. Do the angels that don't get displayed get annoyed? The extra cute reindeers, sleighs, dishes and several boxes of ornaments, do they yell, 'Pick me!' Are they content to stay boxed up for another year? Sometimes I date the boxes in order to rotate my collections."

"Why not donate them to charity?" I quizzed.

"Ah, that's where my sentimentality kicks in. Most of them were gifts. When my parents died, they took a lot of the holiday magic with them. Fortunately, I did inherit a lot of their cool stuff and display what I can. All items get looked at, stir up fond memories and back in the tote they go."

It got me to wondering. Do some of the odd looking Santa's wish to be given away? And my usual holiday figures and pictures, are they glad to be on the same wall year after year? Do they want to take the Polar Express to the burn pile, retire or just take a decade or two off?

This year, I replaced my three kings picture, with another updated one. (Yes, I did keep my old one. How could I discard it? It was made in a craft class while pregnant with our oldest child.)

My son noticed my newly purchased wall hanging and claimed it was a picture of him and his two brothers.

I rolled my eyes. "These are the three wisemen, not the three wise guys."

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DOROTHY ELIZABETH DUFFY

March 4, 1934 ~ December 1, 2021

Dorothy Elizabeth Duffy, age 87 of Fairbank, passed away December 1, 2021 at the Buchanan County Health Center surrounded by her family. She was born March 4, 1934 at the family farm in Oran Township, the daughter of Harold and Irma (Gletty) Kane.



On October 24, 1949 she was united in marriage to Jack Leo Duffy at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Together her and Jack farmed outside of Fairbank. Later they moved to town along with raising their nine children. After raising their family, Dorothy enrolled at Hawkeye Institute of Technology and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked in the surgical department at Allen Hospital as well as working for oral surgeons until her retirement.

After her retirement she enjoyed volunteering at I.C. Church, Little Island Childcare and Wapsie Valley Schools, where she particularly enjoyed reading to the children. Dorothy always sent cards or a prayer to anyone who was celebrating a special event or was having difficulties. Above all, Dorothy loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She is survived by four sons: Michael (Judy) Duffy, Tim (Jeanette) Duffy, Tony (Sherry) Duffy all of Fairbank, and Ted (Sue) Duffy of Waverly; four daughters: Clarice (Steve) Levey of Lindstrom, MN, Carol Duffy of Cedar Falls, Nancy (Rich) Wallace of Cedar Rapids and Norma (Kevin) Westendorf of Readlyn, and a daughter-in-law, Nina Duffy of Dibble, Oklahoma; 27 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; two brothers: Roger Kane and Rex (Glenda) Kane; three sisters: Donna Higgins, Delores (Henry) Schares and Doris Randall.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 63 years, Jack; a son Mark; two brothers: Ronald as an infant and Ralph Kane; and two grandsons.

Visitation and Parish Rosary were held December 3rd at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank. Funeral service was Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

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DUSTIN WILLIAM MUDDERMAN "MUDD"

January 26, 1979 ~ December 10, 2021

LANSING, IA: Dustin William Mudderman "Mudd", age 42, was called to be with his Savior on Friday, December 10, 2021. He was born January 26, 1979 to David and Diane Mudderman of Fairbank, Iowa. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he was baptized and then Lord of the Harvest Lutheran Church where he was confirmed. Dustin attended Wapsie Valley Community Schools and continued his education at Iowa Lakes Community College and then Mt. Mercy College. Growing up Dustin worked at the family business.



Dustin was united in marriage with Kelli Jo Kramer on August 23, 2003 at St. Mary's Church in Larchwood, Iowa. To this union, they were blessed with three children Reagan, Dalton & Rylee. After settling in Lansing, Iowa they attended the United Methodist Church. Throughout the years, Dustin worked as an Insurance Agent, Coca-Cola, Napa Auto Parts and Pella Windows. His first love was his family. He was so proud of his children and talked about their accomplishments all the time. He always told us that Kelli was his best friend. Dustin's second love was sports, especially basketball. He was always involved in AAU and Gus Macker tournaments. He loved to coach and ref games. He played basketball all four years of college and as his children were born, he shared that love with them. He worked to teach his children all the techniques and they played constantly. He encouraged athletics and loved to coach his kids and their friends in all sports. He also enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting and NASCAR.

Dustin is survived by his wife Kelli of eighteen years; his children: Reagan (17), Dalton (14), and Rylee (12); his parents; three siblings: Theresa (Kasey) Schmitt and their children Kael and Kaden, Derik (Jamie) Mudderman their children Emmett and Isaac, and Autumn (Michael) Clark and their children Addyson, Mason, and Mya; step grandmother: Bonnie Werning; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Truck and Cheryl Kramer; Kelli's siblings: Kris Kramer and his children Jordyn, Jackson, Kennedy and Reese, Kyle (Kelly) Kramer and their daughter Karsyn, Kully (Jeni) Kramer and their children Ridge, Brody, and Greyson, Koury (Laura) Kramer and their children River, Belah, Rome, and Bronx, and Kerri (Jake) Schoening and their children Cooper and Avery; aunts; uncles; cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Gratus and Gerdena Mudderman, and Duane and Ruth Werning; and an uncle: LaVern Mudderman.

Dustin will be deeply missed, but we celebrate his Eternal Life knowing he rests in the arms of Jesus and look forward to meeting with him again one day! All Glory be to our Maker, Jesus Christ.

Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 18, 2021 at United Methodist Church in Lansing, Iowa with Pastor Sedar Shako as the officiant.

Thornburg-Grau Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Lansing assisted the family with arrangements.

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GARY D. SCHNEIDER

January 11, 1954 ~ December 12, 2021

INDEPENDENCE - Gary D. Schneider, 67 years old, of Independence, Iowa, lost his battle with cancer and entered his heavenly home on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.



Gary was born on January 11, 1954, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Ervin John and Linda Mary (Steinbronn) Schneider. He grew up in Readlyn and the rural Fairbank area. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Readlyn, being confirmed on April 7, 1968. He graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank in 1972. In 1976, Gary earned a B.S. degree in architectural engineering from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and continued to enjoy supporting Cyclone athletics throughout his life. For 30+ years, he was the manager of ModComp Homes in Independence and was also involved in residential and commercial building design. After semi-retiring, he continued in building design.

Gary was a very active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Independence where he sang in the choir, was an audio video tech for Sunday services, and helped in many other areas of his church's mission. For many years he loved singing with the Ladies Musical Society in their annual Christmas program. He was an avid sports fan, and enjoyed playing basketball, tennis, and riding bike, also participating in RAGBRAI for a number of years. Friday mornings, he enjoyed having breakfast with other local businessmen in Independence. Gary was a familiar face around town, having made his home in Independence for 40 years.

Gary is lovingly remembered by two sisters: Diane (Stephen) Weicken of California, Missouri and Janet (Stephen) Luetkenhaus of St. Peters, Missouri; and two brothers: Wayne (Janet) Schneider of West Des Moines, Iowa and Brad (Becky Miller) Schneider of Waterloo, Iowa. He was a special uncle to his 9 nieces and nephews: Rebekah, Angela, Justin, Whitney, Ryan, Rachel, Eric, Trevor and Alex; and 10 great nieces and nephews. Gary loved spending time with family. His parents preceded him in death.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on January 15, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Independence with Rev. Greg DeBoer officiating. Graveside service will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran World Relief, Lymphoma Foundation of America, or the charity of your choice.

White Funeral Home of Independence is in charge of arrangements.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, T. Woods, Vorwald, and Erickson. Absent: Williams. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Jordan Cowell, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. Vorwald/R. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. There were no public comments during the public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, Williams. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk. Williams/Vorwald to approve the agenda. Roll call vote- Ayes: Four. Nays: None. During the public comment section, Councilman Vorwald stated that Todd Kaufman donated a Pin Oak Tree in memory of the Kaufman family and that it was planted in Island Park on Friday, December 10th. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of November 22nd Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Four. Nays: None. T. Woods/Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote- Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of November were: General, \$19,435.17; Special Revenue, \$43,165.70; TIF, \$2,172.70, Capital Projects, \$5.70, Permanent Funds, \$6.88; Proprietary, \$201,340.10; and Transfers Out, \$26,005.18. Disbursements for the month of November were: General, \$19,972.46; Special Revenue, \$9,594.06; Proprietary, \$127,588.34; and Transfers Out, \$26,005.18. Balance on hand at close of business on November 30, 2021, was \$5,107,266.56.

Jon Biederman with Fehr Graham was present for discussion dealing with the change order #1 for the 2021 water system improvements project. He said that the Grove Street section was complete and the only change to the change order #1 was the valve was switched from a 6" to a 4" at the intersection of Grove and Second Street South. This decreased the original cost from \$1,500.00 to \$1,400.00. R. Woods/Williams to approve the Change Order #1 for 2021 Water Systems Improvements. Roll call vote- Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the partial pay estimate number one of \$51,183.63 to Donlon Brothers for the 2021 Water System Improvements work that was completed through the end of November 2021. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The employee health insurance agenda item was tabled until next meeting due to there being no new information to update the council on since a councilmember was absent. The office lighting in the City Clerk's office was discussed due to the current lighting issues. It is very dim, and the bulbs and ballasts are constantly going out. Councilman Vorwald suggested purchasing LED light strips that could just go into the current fixtures. The strips would not require replacing any ballasts. Public Works Cowell installed one in the office for the council to view. T. Woods/Williams to approve new lighting in City Clerk's office. Roll call vote- Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The rolling stop signs for the school crossings were discussed. The one located at Fourth and Forest Street will have a semi-permanent "yield to pedestrian sign" that will hopefully begin in January. The rolling stop sign at the intersection of Grove and Fifth Street will still need to be rolled out. Ben Delagardelle said that there is not enough time for the public works department to be responsible for taking it in and out each day with unknown early outs or early dismissals. The council agreed that it would take a good amount of time. Councilman Williams suggested a resident in town and Mayor Harter said he would reach out to that individual and the council would go from there.

The purchase of a new city utility pickup truck was discussed to replace the 2008 pickup. A quote from Don's Trucks Sales was presented to the council but it did not include the government price discount due to them not knowing what that is at this time. Motion by Vorwald to purchase the pickup presented from Don's Truck Sales. There was no second. Motion failed. Councilman R. Woods said he would check with Stivers Ford in Waukee to get another quote that included the government price discount. There will be further discussion at the next council meeting.

Personalized locating flags for utility locating was discussed. A recommendation was made from IAMU to have the utility locating flags include the verbiage "City of Fairbank" along with city hall phone number so that residents knew who did the marking and what it was for. A quote was received

T. Woods/Erickson to approve the minutes from the December 13th Regular Council Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Gene Carpenter from Don's Truck Sales was present during the new pick-up purchase discussion. The council had received two quotes for a F-250 Pickup Truck. One from Don's Truck Sales for \$45,720.00 with a possible government concession discount of \$9,161.00 and one from Stivers Ford for \$45,515.00 with a possible government concession discount of \$11,600.00. The truck from Stivers was an XL model and the truck from Don's was an XLT model. Stivers thought the order would be here in July and Gene thought his order would be here in three months. The council thought it would be best to do the business in town with Don's Truck Sales. Councilman Williams arrived at 12:12 PM. T.

Woods/R. Woods to approve the purchase agreement with Don's Truck Sales for the 2022 F-250 red pick-up truck XLT at the price of \$45,720.00 with a pending government concession discount of \$9,161.00 if that concession has not expired at the time of delivery of the truck. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams. The employee's health insurance renewal was discussed. Councilwoman Erickson explained that she had no new information from Amy at VanDaele Insurance. Overall, the council thought that they would like to stay with Wellmark instead of switching to United Healthcare since that is what they currently offer and there had been no complaints from the current employees about their current insurance provider other than the increased deductible and out of pocket max. Mayor Harter and Councilwoman Erickson said they would

meet next week to finalize some of the details that they might offer employees which include family insurance, stipends, life insurance, short term disability etc. The resolution to amend the personnel policy was tabled pending the information on employee health insurance options that might change since the details are still getting worked out. Mayor Harter presented Councilman Vorwald with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service working for the city and sitting on the council. The council and city employees had a lunch. At 12:56 PM, Mayor Harter declared the meeting adjourn. Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

Table listing various items, suppliers, and costs. Includes items like 'from Irby Construction Company for \$500 for 2,000 electrical and 2,000 natural gas utility locating flags', 'WT Improvements 51,183.63', 'DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP Fees 5,432.50', 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies 461.45', 'FAIRBANK EXCAVATING, Services 3,070.00', etc.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 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; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. During the public comment section, Councilman Vorwald stated that the coyote statues were stolen by the island and the geese had been occupying the area again. He was going to move the other ones around and see if that helps. It was mentioned that the city might have to get a couple more. Vorwald/Williams to approve the minutes of November 8th Regular Meeting and the November 12th Special Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Amy Rechkemmer with VanDaele Insurance, LLC was present to talk to the council about employee health insurance. The renewal date is February 1, 2022, so a decision needs to be made by January 15, 2022. The council will look over the plans provided and get back to her with any questions so a decision can be made at a later meeting. The current renewal option showed a 5.7% increase in the premium. Erickson/Williams to approve the 2021 TIF Annual Urban Renewal report and direct the city clerk to submit it to the state. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Williams/T. Woods to approve the TIF Certification for FY 2023 and direct the city clerk to submit the information to both counties. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Attorney Prendergast informed the council that an economic development grant to the Little Island Day-

care Center would be allowable under chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa due to it being for a public purpose. The daycare center is applying for a dollar-for-dollar matching grant and the possible grant from the city would allow them to maximize the grant opportunity by securing more funds and having more to match. It was discussed that daycare is needed in town and the city showing their support for the center helps when they are applying for these grants. The council thought they would share the grant from Electric and Gas funds. Williams/Erickson to figure out an amount and do an economic development grant to the Little Island Daycare. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve Resolution - 2021-33 - Resolution Approving Economic Development Grant to Little Island Daycare Center Pursuant to Chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa with \$25,000 from Electric and \$25,000 from Gas. Discussion was then brought up on how to divide the money between Electric and Gas and that maybe it should not be 50/50. Vorwald/Erickson to amend the motion to represent \$30,000 from Gas and \$20,000 from Electric. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Then a roll call vote was completed for passing the resolution with amended amounts of \$30,000 from Gas and \$20,000 from Electric- Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The public works employee opening brought in five applications. Four were interviewed. Two were re-interviewed in front of the entire council under closed sessions. Jordan Cowell was the candidate recommended to hire. R. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2021-34 - Hiring Public Works Employee to hire Jordan Cowell for the open public works position at \$22.00 an hour. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Brian Delagardelle and Ben Delagardelle both thanked the council for the added future employee. A resignation letter was received from one of the City's Part-time Police Officers, Dakota Drish, effective for February 1, 2022. R. Woods/Erickson to accept the resignation from the part-time police officer. Ayes: Five.

Nays: None. The hiring of another part-time police officer was discussed. Williams/T. Woods to start advertising for another part-time police officer to fill an opening. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve the liquor license for the Fairbank American Legion. Officer Everding stated that there had not been any issues. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Fairbank newspaper, the Islander, is organized by Kathy Risse. The Fairbank Community Club and the Fairbank Development Corp both agreed to each pay her \$1,200.00 a year for all her help in getting everything submitted on time. R. Woods/Williams to approve the annual payment of \$1,200.00 by the city for the work that is done each month. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Amendments to the cell phone reimbursement section and the telephone usage section of the personnel policy manual were needed. Paying a cell phone reimbursement to an employee should be paid out through payroll as a stipend and the verbiage under the tele-

phone usage section was rearranged for better interpretation. Those updates were presented to the council. Erickson/T. Woods to amend the personnel policy with the changes that were presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve not having a second meeting in December due to the holidays unless something were to come up and it was needed. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The 2021 Water Main Project had been underway reported Brian Delagardelle. More than likely the West Main section of the project will have to wait until the spring since they did not get started when they had hoped. Ben Delagardelle said he was able to get more qualifications to do more with the natural gas system. The public works department thanked the council for the third hired public works employee.

Vorwald/Erickson to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

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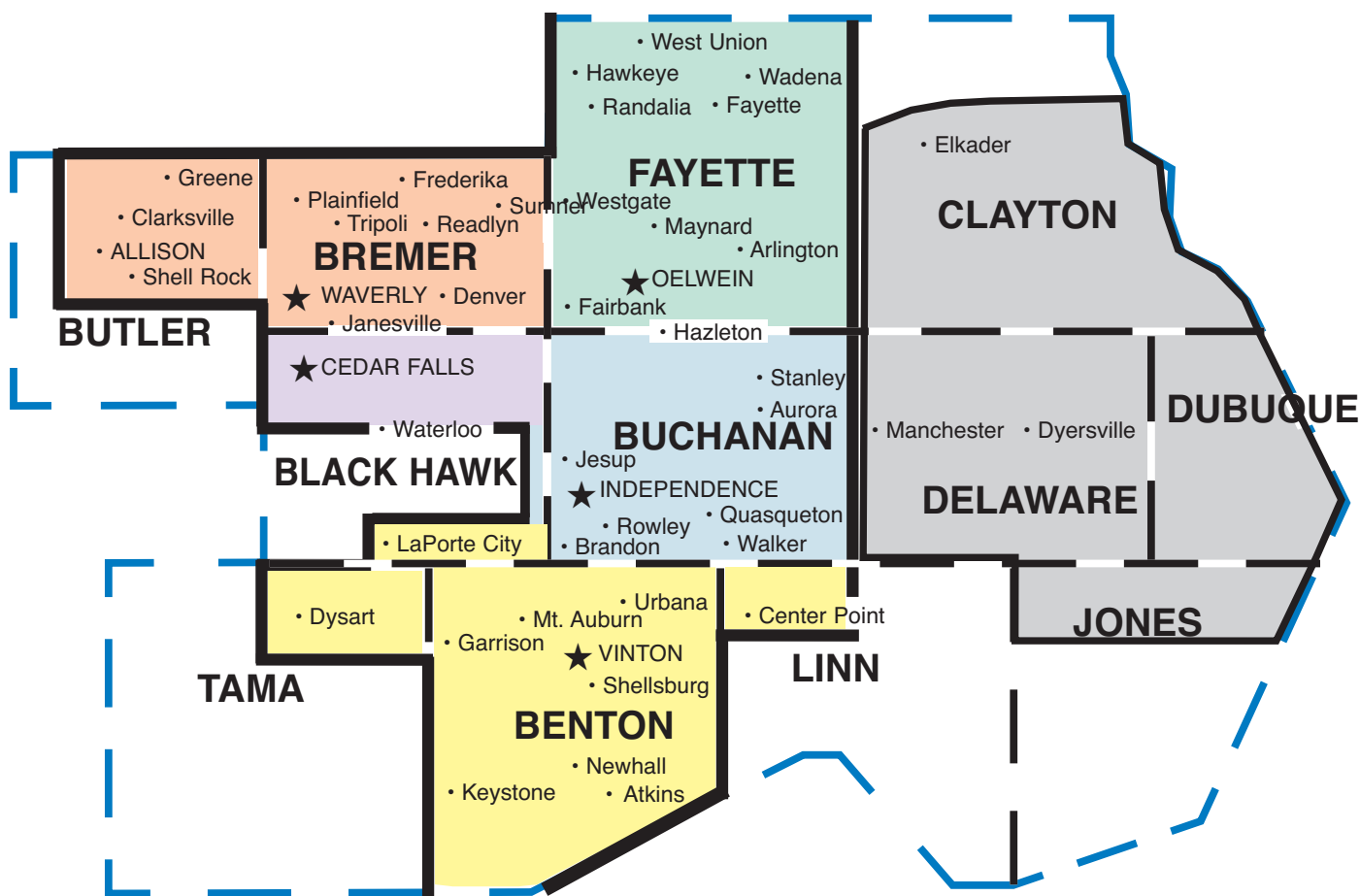
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