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2022 Child Care Challenge Awards

## Fairbank and Jesup receive Child Care Grants to equal nearly \$750,000

Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC) is pleased to announce that two Buchanan County communities have received childcare grants to either expand already existing childcare facilities or build brand new. The two communities to receive the grants are Fairbank and Jesup. Fairbank will expand their already established Little Island Child Care Center while Jesup will be developing The Right Place Child Care, a new childcare center.

Little Island Child Care Center (LICC) of Fairbank is the recipient of a nearly \$475,000 grant. LICC will be expanding its current facility with a 40x44 extension to increase capacity by 30 childcare slots including 12 infant spaces. The addition includes three additional care and playrooms, two bathrooms, an expanded kitchen with industrial quality appliances, additional storage space and a work room located near the infant area to improve efficiency and safety. The expansion, with an increase of 6 additional childcare providers, will create more opportunities for parents with young children in need of childcare to be employed in local and regional businesses.

The Right Place Child Care of Jesup will receive the second grant totaling \$250,000. The Right Place Child Care was established to develop additional childcare to fill the need identified by two community surveys illustrating the gap in childcare availability. The goal of the group is to create a center that provides services for children 0-3 and partners with the existing childcare within the public school. Partnerships between the city of Jesup, Jesup Community Schools and The Right Place Childcare LLC would work to fill the childcare gaps that exist in this childcare desert.

The tireless efforts of the volunteers working for childcare in these communities and applying for grants like this is why Buchanan County is moving forward. These grants will allow Fairbank and Jesup to advance with their plans to provide and expand this key service for their community and the county. Contact BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer with any questions at [director@growbuchanan.com](mailto:director@growbuchanan.com) or visit our website at [www.growbuchanan.com](http://www.growbuchanan.com)

## Wapsie Valley's Foster named Hall of Famer

Written by Gidal Kaiser  
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Longtime Wapsie Valley head coach Tony Foster has been named as a 2022 Iowa Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame honoree.

Foster led the Warriors to two Class A state championships (2007, 2012) and was 145-57 in 19 seasons and won nine district titles until his retirement after the 2020 season.

"It's an unbelievable honor, and I'm just humbled by the whole thing," Foster said Thursday. "Just thankful to all the people who were part of it, on the journey with me."

Wapsie went unbeaten in both 2007 (13-0) and 2012 (14-0) and fell in a Class A state semifinal in 2013 for its only loss of the season (12-1). The Warriors went 9-2 in his final season.

"We are extremely excited for coach Foster to be inducted with the 2022 IFBCA Hall of Fame class," Wapsie Valley Athletic Director Brett Bergman said. "It is a great honor to recognize such an amazing career."

"He and his wife Carol have given so much to Wapsie Valley and have impacted many generations of student athletes. We (Wapsie Valley) are/were extremely fortunate to have him as such a dedicated coach, teacher, and community member over the years."



A handful of plaudits came in from social media around the time of the announcement, including from a pair of regional coaches and a couple former players.

"The news of my dad making the Hall of Fame is extremely exciting," Duane Foster said. "Growing up and watching him from afar as he was an assistant and working his way up to the head coach, it was always evident that he had a passion for the game and the people he works with."

"He has always been the one person that I have looked up to and wanted to be like. I knew at an early age I wanted to take after him and follow in his footsteps. He has always

done things the right way and his teams emulate that. He is very deserving of the honor and we are all very proud of the work he has done."

A graduate of Des Moines North and Upper Iowa University, Foster coached junior high at Anthon-Oto and Wapsie Valley, junior varsity at Wapsie Valley, and the offensive line at Simpson College before taking over as head coach in Fairbank. He has been around the game for more than 40 years. His squads went unbeaten in the regular season five times and col-

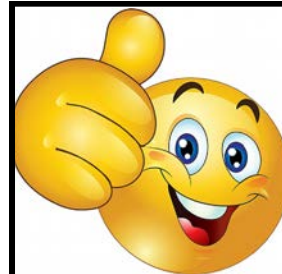
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### Variety Show Date Change

The date that was scheduled for the Wapsie Valley Variety Show has been changed from January 25th to **Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm. The original date conflicted with a basketball game.

**Hope to see you there!**



**A Big Shout Out to the community for their on-going support in fundraising!**

Upcoming fundraisers to be on the lookout for:

- Vintage Prom in March at the Legion
- Scratch Cupcakes in April
- T&T BBQ Meal

(More details to come!)  
Any fundraising ideas, please call the center.

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A MESSAGE FROM

# Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

I hope everyone is surviving the January weather. Spring can't get here fast enough! The City Council is in the process of setting the City's budget for the Fiscal Year 2023, which starts on July 1, 2022. The Public Hearing for the Budget is on Monday, March 14, at the Regular City Council Meeting.

The City purchased a pedestrian stop sign to take the place of the roll out stop sign on West Fourth Street for the school crossings. There were a couple of reasons for doing this. One, we didn't have anyone interested in putting the sign out and then putting it away twice a day. The other reason is kids can now use the crossing on their way to the pool in the summer. For drivers, please remember the sign is not a stop sign unless there are pedestrians in the crosswalk.

The City is in the process of having grants written for the purpose of adding sidewalks for safety and recreation. As the process moves forward, we will update the information. Congratulations to the Little Island Daycare Center on receiving a grant to help with their project.

The City plans to plant some trees to replace ones lost in the storm last August. If anyone would like to donate money for a tree in memory of a loved one or for other reasons, please contact City Hall.

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.

Stay Healthy and Stay Safe

**FOSTER  
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lected 13 playoff appearances, with both titles coming in Class A.

Foster was named the Class A Coach of the Year by the IFCA in 2007. He and his wife Carol have two sons, Matt, and current Wapsie Valley head coach Duane, and five grandchildren.

Foster joins Matt Dillon, Mark Kaczmarek and Chuck Kyte in the 2022 class. The ceremony is March 5 at noon during the IFCA coach's clinic in Altoona.



by Mary Bodensteiner

One thing about living in Iowa is that you'll never be able to forget it's winter. As much as I like snow, I could surely go for some sunshine and warm weather! This part of the year always seems to be the time when we are all just trying to make it through to spring, but don't worry, it will be here before you know it, no matter what the groundhog says! However, I could do without the muddy melting stage that will come before we can enjoy some warmth.

February is a busy time for Wapsie Valley FFA and will be keeping me on my toes as the chapter's president. This month will hold National FFA week where we will have school wide activities as well as an assembly! We will crown



Some of my fellow Wapsie FFA members and I at the National Convention in Indianapolis last fall.

the new FFA Sweetheart king and queen at the assembly and hear from a Wapsie Valley FFA legend, Abrah Meyer. We'll even have a dance!

Sub-Districts is also that week when members will compete in

Career and Leadership events at Hawkeye Community College. FFA has so many opportunities to grow as a leader and to meet a lot of great people all over the country. I know all the time I have put into this organization is well worth it.



## Casino Night Feb. 12th at the Fairbank Legion

The Fairbank American Legion will be hosting their Annual Casino Night on Saturday, February 12 from 7pm to midnight.

Games include Black Jack and Chuck-A-Luck with real money. There will be \$1, \$2 and \$3 tables. All participants must be 21 years or older.

Proceeds go to the Fairbank American Legion.

## Dodgeball Tournament to support WV Honor Society, FCCLA and Prom


The Wapsie Valley Junior-Senior High will host a community dodgeball tournament in the main gym on Saturday, February 12, supporting a variety of causes. Registration proceeds will provide support to the Wapsie Valley Honor Society. Bake sale proceeds will go to the Family, Career, and

Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Popcorn sales that day will go to the Prom Committee.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. and cost \$30 per team of six. Three brackets will be used: elementary-aged students, junior-senior students, and adults. For details or to register, contact Kate

Nitz, Honor Society sponsor, at: knitz@wapsievalleyschools.org.

The goal is to have four teams per bracket and a double-elimination format. Volunteer referees are sought.



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or Kathy Risse 319-635-2122

## WV '61-'62 Class Reunion planned for this summer

The Wapsie Valley Classes of 1961 and 1962 will be having a reunion on June 11, 2022! It will take place at the park by the elementary school in Readlyn, IA starting at noon.

Due to Covid 19, attendees are asked to bring their own food. The reunion will be outside to provide

for social distancing. People may want to bring a chair along if they do not wish to sit at a table.

If you have any questions, call Kurt Lehmkuhl at 612-269-5939. The response has been very positive so far!





# Warrior Way & More

## January 2022



It feels like the new year of 2022 got here sooner than those in the past! I think it is because we may be trying to make up for fewer activities last year that many of us encountered. I would personally like to wish you all a Happy New Year that includes super memories and a healthy family. As I write this letter, WVCSD is just finishing the 1st semester of the school year. In my eyes, this has been a fantastic start to the school year with so many accomplishments.

Our extra-curricular teams and club members are off to a superb start in the 7-12 grade levels. I see so many students enjoying activities outside of the classroom to help them experience team atmospheres. I love the quote that NBA coach Phil Jackson made at one point, "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." Many things are learned for future challenges by being a member of a team.

The true Iowa winter has set in with a little amount of snow with a few sub-zero temperatures and wind chills. I tend to lean on the safer side with late starts when wind chills get to -25 and we have numerous students who walk

to our district schools. I know this is more of an inconvenience for some families with daycare needs, so I thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility in helping to keep all our students safe.

Last, I do want to mention that we are seeing an up-swing of positive covid cases in our staff and student populations. Surrounding county positivity rates continue to surge to higher levels comparable to last winter. We continue to offer on-line learning opportunities to students during quarantine periods who report positive covid results.

Enjoy the Iowa winter and all those activities that we get to enjoy in the winter!

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

# What's Happening

## Community Events



- Feb. 2 .... Library Board Meeting, 4:00pm
- Feb. 7..... Variety Show, Wapsie Valley H.S., 7:30pm
- Feb. 8..... Book Club at the Library, 2:00pm
- Feb. 12.... Dodgeball Tournament, Wapsie Valley H.S., 11am
- Feb. 12.... Casino Night, Fairbank American Legion, 7pm to 12am
- Feb. 14.... **Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 14.... City Council Meeting, 6:00pm at City Hall
- Feb. 16.... I.C. Community Potluck, I.C. Hall, 11:30am
- Feb. 17.... Thirsty Thursday, Fairbank American Legion, starting at 4pm
- Feb. 21.... **President's Day**
- Feb. 21.... Wapsie Valley School Board Mtg., WV Media Center, 6:30pm
- Feb. 22 ...Fairbank Historical Society meets at 1:30
- Feb. 28.... City Council Meeting, 6:00pm at City Hall

*If you would like your event listed here, please notify Kathy at (319)635-2122.*

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# New softball coach hired at Wapsie Valley

Wapsie Valley High School recently announced the hiring of Austin Jeans as their next Varsity Softball Head Coach. Austin is a 2015 WV graduate where he was a 4-sport athlete. Austin now works as a Special Education Associate at WVHS.

His coaching experience includes being an assistant for Varsity Girls Basketball (6 years) and Varsity Baseball (4 years), as well as junior high coach for Football (2 years) and junior high Girl's Track & Field (1 year).

The school board also approved contracts for these coaches: Austin Jeans, junior high girls track; Justin Davie, head boys track; Ethan Kleitsch, assistant boys track; Brett Bergman, assistant high school track; Duane Foster, head girls track; Jen Harter, assistant grls track; Cain Cushion, junior high boys track; Tom Joecken, varsity baseball head coach and junior high baseball; Kellie Brunscheon, assistant softball; and Hailey Tiedt, junior high softball.



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## BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the January 18th Blood Drive at the American Legion. According to Jana Huegerich at Life Serve Blood Center, "the drive was a huge success, the most we have collected in a very long time!! Whether you had a successful donation or not, your efforts to stop and donate blood did not go unnoticed. Your blood went through 15 different

tests, and then it was sent on its way to hospital patients in need."

There were 23 registered donors that day, with 21 eligible donors. They collected 27 units of blood – which means that up to 81 lives will be saved or sustained.

Thank you to the 4 first time donors who stepped up to try blood donation! You will get a donor ID card and free gift in the mail in 4-6

weeks.

The Fairbank Community Club intends to continue sponsoring the Blood Drives and appreciates your support. Future dates will be March 15th, May 17th, July 19th, Sept. 20th and Nov. 22nd. Many thanks to the Fairbank American Legion for use of their facility. All drives run from 2:30 to 5:30pm.

**Deadline to submit articles & advertising for the next issue of the Fairbank Islander is noon on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



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# “Some authors are goofy, like that.”

by Betty Brandt Passick

After I had finished writing the final draft of the historical novel, *Gangster in Our Midst*: Bookkeeper, lieutenant, and sometimes hitman for Al Capone (2017), my editor told me to change the name of the town. She said, “If you don’t, people in your hometown will expect you to get every ‘T’ crossed and ‘I’ dotted – perfectly. It’s a book of fiction, after all, she added, so you can name the town anything you want.”

I took her advice and eventually came up with the name “Oxbow.” From my research I knew Ojibway Indians had once frequented that part northeast Iowa... Oxbow is an Ojibway means “a ‘u-shaped bend in the course of a river.” The name seemed a good fit. Still, on the copyright page, I noted the book was based on FAIRBANK, IOWA.

Still, the book’s front cover initially had a pencil and ink sketch of Fairbank’s main street from the early 1900s, compliments of the Rev. Scott Jans. He was among dozens of Fairbank locals who jumped in to help with this book. I’ve always appreciated that about small towns, now more than ever. Eventually I updated the cover (pictured). If you purchased the first edition, you have a priceless treasure.

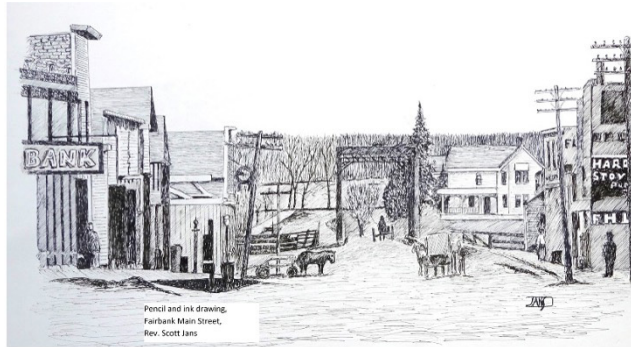
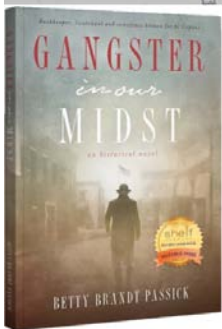
It’s been almost five years since I launched *Gangster in Our Midst* at the Fairbank Public Library in August 2017. Not surprisingly, my first novel didn’t make it on The New York Times Best Sellers list. I was pleased when it won a 2019 Notable 100 Indie Book Award from Shelf Unbound book review magazine. The award informed me that my peers believed the year of effort I put into researching and writing the novel was noteworthy. I felt encouraged to keep writing.

There’s a part of me that remains disappointed, however... Well, to put it more succinctly, I’m still waiting for the “other shoe to drop,” so to speak.

My unspoken vision for *Gangster in Our Midst* was that readers would come from across the COUNTRY and GLOBE, those who were so charmed and captivated by the characters and the town that, when planning a visit to the area, they would build into their travels a day or two at FAIRBANK. (I guess the quote from the “Field of Dreams” movie, “If you build it, they will come,” was probably what I had in mind.)

I imagined travelers arriving at the front desk of CITY HALL to eagerly inquire about whether a GANGSTER TOUR was available, hoping a map would clearly designate the location of sites like the COFFIN CAFÉ...MARSHAL DELANEY’S HOME...HOTEL WILTSE, etc.

Unquestionably, at least a few people would boldly ask about how to secure permission to climb the BELL TOWER of the LUTHERAN CHURCH for an



aerial view of the ISLAND PARK.

And surely one and all would walk up misty-eyed to some friendly LOCAL who happened along MAIN STREET that day to eagerly inquire: “Did you know LOUIE LA CAVA?”

Some authors are goofy like that--at least I am.

Once a month I check sites like Amazon.com, Goodreads.com, and others for BOOK REVIEWS. Reader comments are invaluable to authors, especially so for self-published books because most sales are online. Amazon reviews, in particular, can make or break shopper interest in a book.

*Gangster in Our Midst* is up to seventeen (17) reviews -- the algorithm would rise significantly with say, 200 reviews. Seventy-six percent (76%) gave the book a five-star rating. But who’s counting, really?

As I write this month’s column, I find myself re-energized to think that my DREAM for this novel may still happen...based on recent below BOOK REVIEW left by someone called “Diana”:

“Even though the title of this book implies that it is a story about a gangster... and part of it certainly is... I think that the real story is about the small town to which he comes and goes. Snapshots of life. That’s as close as I can come to accurately describing what it felt like to read this book.”

“The story spans the lifetime of several characters. As each chapter unfolds, we are immediately welcomed into their experiences of small-town life. Just as the people change over time, so does the town. There is a curious maturity that we are privileged to watch unfold. But more than that, we are invited to take a walk down Main Street and be a part of it all. It’s an emotional journey that is completely unexpected... and wonderful. Over the course of the story, we are invited to examine the connections that bind a place to its people, and the people to their home.

“When I began to read, I thought this would be a book about the inside workings of the titular gangster. Eagerly I read, hoping to get the skinny on him and his outfit. I was hoping to watch his crimes from the inside and watch the how the community endured under his influence. What I got was better. Reading this story, I was able to see inside the gangster himself. I was a witness to his thoughts as a “regular” person who loves his wife, supports his community, and delights in being an “average” person away from his “job”. Ms. Passick skillfully uses individually distinctive dialect styles and vocabulary to help us enjoy a sensation of really getting to know the characters as people, as if we were sitting at the same table, riding

in the same car, or standing near the same hunting blind while conversations float in and out of our ears.”

“Reading this book gave me the sensation of watching the town pull out a photo book. I listened to it tell the story of the years it remembered, and the secrets it kept about the interesting, and sometimes unconventional people who lived there. As time marched on, the town reflected the distinct experiences of each soul and how living side-by-side impacted each of them in very different ways. The story was brisk and unpredictable, making it a genuinely enjoyable read.”

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In November 2021, I published a second historical novel in the *Gangster Series*, *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie*. This book tells the forgotten legacy of an Iowa pioneer, Dr. Wiltse—who, in the mid-1850s, left behind his beloved ancestral home in Ontario, Canada with his family to re-establish roots in the newly settled state of Iowa. It’s an era of Indian massacres, mob hangings, and prairie banditti—many of whom become his enemies...and patients. But it’s his affinity for murder investigation that puts Dr. Wiltse in the middle of a horrific murder, which makes newspaper headlines across northeastern Iowa and beyond. *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* is a prequel to *Gangster in Our Midst*. The book is a period piece that not only tells northeast Iowa’s earliest pioneer history but illuminates northern attitudes toward slavery when Civil War erupts across the nation in 1860. Iowa celebrates 175 years of statehood in 2022.

I’m hoping (again) this second novel will motivate people to visit FAIRBANK...though this time, locals shouldn’t be surprised if visitors keep one eye skyward, looking for big, black CROWS.

I’m grateful to everyone who purchases either of these books, reads them, and posts a book review. Both are available from independent books stores and Amazon.com. I have yet to designate an organization as the recipient of a donation from *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* book sales – to be announced soon. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

# # #

*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: bpassick-author@comcast.net.*



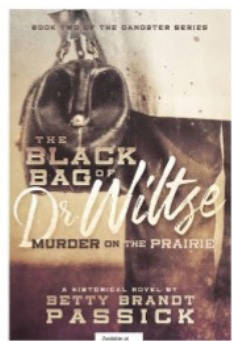
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# Area students named to College Dean's List

## WARTBURG COLLEGE

Wartburg College in Waverly has recognized 509 students who were named to the 2021 Fall Dean's List. Katie Sauerbrei of Fairbank was among those earning academic achievement.

The Dean's List honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits must be graded with a traditional letter grade.

## KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids has released its Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction include: Sloane Banger and Emma Silva, both of Fairbank, and Hannah Miller of Oran.

## UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Upper Iowa University in Fayette has announced their 2021 Fall semester Dean's List. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Area recipients include: Kaci Beesecker, Adrianna Richards, Samantha Schnor, and



## Sidney Schnor, all of Fairbank. UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa has recognized students who have achieved academic success and been named to the Fall Dean's List.

Area students include (name, hometown, year in school, college and major): Maria Kayser from Fairbank, 4th yr., College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Political Science; Aubrey Stacey of Fairbank, 4th yr., Carver College of Medicine, Radiation Sciences; Cassidy Brunscheon of Readlyn, 4th yr. Tippie College of Business, Marketing.

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Iowa State University recently announced their list of students who they recognized for outstanding achievement and were named to the 2021 Fall Dean's List. These students have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Area recipients include: Gavin T. Hyde, Fairbank, 4th year, Computer Science; Melody J. Kayser, Fairbank, 3rd year, Graphic Design; Kaylee Jean Kleitsch, Fairbank, 2nd year, Agriculture and Society; Lydia Mary Martins, Fairbank, 4th year, Animal Science; and Cole Neil, Fairbank, 3rd year; Animal Science.

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- Car Accidents With Injuries:** 0
- Fire Calls:** 1 Field Fire, 1 Car Fire
- EMS Training Hours:** Approximately 26
- Fire Training Hours:** Approximately 40

~ EMS Training was Respiratory Emergencies  
~ Fire Training was a tour which included question and answer in the Buchanan County Dispatch Center

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From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

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**Cathie Schmitke's Pizza Hot Dish is just what is needed at the dinner table on a cold winter night or to take to a pot-luck meal.**

### Pizza Hot Dish (6 Servings)

- |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 lb. ground beef       | 3 cups noodles       |
| 1 can tomato soup       | (cooked to al dente' |
| Chopped onions to taste | or almost tender)    |
| ½ tsp. garlic powder    | 4 oz. grated         |
| ½ tsp. oregano          | cheddar cheese       |
| ¼ tsp. onion salt       | 4 oz. grated         |
| ¼ tsp. pepper           | mozzarella cheese    |



Brown beef in skillet. Add chopped onion, when cooked, drain off any grease. Add tomato soup and the seasonings. Grease 8"x8" pan. Layer cooked noodles, then tomato meat mixture. Sprinkle with the cheddar cheese, then the mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 min. Remove foil and bake another 10 minutes.

February, being cherry month, is a good time to make and enjoy some Cherry Fluff. It goes well as a dinner salad or to serve as a dessert along with some heart shaped sugar cookies. A colorful dessert for Valentine's Day.



### Cherry Fluff (8-10 Servings)

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 can cherry pie filling                | 1 8 oz. Cool Whip                  |
| 1 16 oz. can sweetened condensed milk   | 1 or 2 cups miniature marshmallows |
| 1 16 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained | ½ c. chopped pecans (optional)     |

Mix pie filling and pineapple. Add and mix in the sweetened condensed milk. Fold in the Cool Whip and then the marshmallows and nuts. Refrigerate 2 to 4 hours or overnight before serving. Keeps well in the refrigerator.



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## JERRY DEAN GOELLER

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Jerry Dean Goeller passed away January 28, 2022 at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital. Jerry was born June 29, 1951 in Oelwein the son of Wendell and Norma (Heidt) Goeller. He attended and graduated from Dunkerton Community Schools in 1969.

After graduation Jerry attended Hawkeye School of Technology for tool and die. He then went to work for John Deere in Waterloo. Jerry worked there for 31 years, retiring in 2003. He married Vicki Alberts and to this marriage three children were born, they later divorced. To almost everyone Jerry was known by his nickname "Goofy" and he was just fine with that. For the last 22 years Goofy has spent his life with his life partner, Dawn Johnson. Together they have made many great friends and memories. He enjoyed playing softball and golf in his younger years. He also was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes, enjoyed watching movies on Netflix and was always up for an occasional trip to meet friends at his favorite Bar and Grill, Costa's. He will be missed by so many people just because of how he treated everyone like a friend.

Jerry is survived by his life partner, Dawn Johnson; his daughter: Tiffanie (Chris) Michels; two sons: Joshua (Amanda) Goeller and Jesse (Jennifer) Goeller; eleven grandchildren: Rylee, Carter, Mason, Charlie, Donna, Jacob, Josie, Levi, Micah, Madison and Zoey; two sisters: Judy (Mel) Neil and Cindy (Tom) Hagenow. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services will be held 10:30 AM Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 PM Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank and for one hour before services at the church on Thursday. Lunch will follow the service at the Fairbank American Legion. Inurnment will be in Fairbank Cemetery at a later date.



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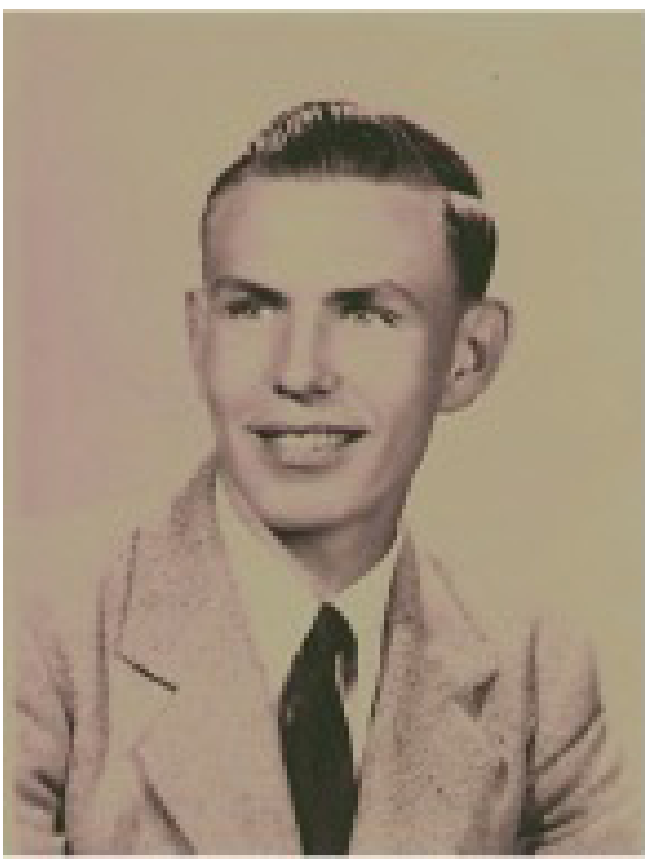
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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR:



Young Rolla King

**NOTE:** We received this letter a couple weeks ago from Rolla King, Jr., a former Fairbank resident who just received a gift subscription to the Islander. We appreciate hearing from him, and apologize for any misspelling of any names, etc.

Letter to the Editor:

I'm writing a short Letter to the Editor of the Fairbank Islander and to Mr. & Mrs. John Woods.

My name is Rolla King. I am a 90 year old man that graduated from Fairbank Public School in 1949. I just received a copy of the paper sent to me for subscription of one year. I've loved reading about your grandparents – John & Nell Youngman. I worked for them – John had a dairy and delivered milk every night. I was a young kid that rode on back of his van and took bottles of milk to doors. I also took care of their yard mowing. After graduation, I worked in Waterloo Bakery for 12 years before going to service.

My brother, Roy and Marilyn King, lived their lives in Fairbank, my sister-in-law still lives there.

I bought a 1957 red & white Ford from Don's Auto in 1957. I knew Don Steggall real good.

I am trying to write this letter the best I can. I was married to my wonderful wife for 63 years and I lost her last September at 90 years. We moved to Perry, Iowa. We had a bakery for 15 years. We sold the bakery and moved to Des Moines. We both got a job at Colonial Baking Co. We worked till we both retired after working there for 23 years. I played basketball & baseball all my years in High School. I was in Graduating class of 13 – 9 girls and 4 boys. I still remember all of them.

We used to ice skate all around the Island Park. My dad worked



Rolla and his wife in Las Vegas



Rolla and his wife on the Island for a wedding.

at post office when John Reckemmer was Post Master. We had a huge garden across street from your grandparents. Later was made into swimming pool.

I would like to hear from all my friends that still live in Fairbank.

I used to trade fishing bait to

McKee Drug Store for fishing lures.

My dad passed in 1956, my mom Lucy King in 1976. I knew all the people that owned businesses in Fairbank – Coffin Barber Shop, Lehmkuhl Hardware, Curley's Grocery Store, Doran's Beauty Shop (I

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**  
**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12**

took care of her furnace in winter and put coal in stove stoker). Our neighbors across the alley, we played basketball on barn, all Peters boys (Francis, Louie, Jim, Dale & Tom).  
 I live with my son and daughter-in-law, Bill & Cindy. Bill has been Animal Control Officer for over 30 years here in Polk County.

Cindy is a Dental Hygienist. They take good care of me.  
 I went to Sunday School with twin girls, Maxine & Mardine Gallup. I remember all the kids I went to school with. Maybe they are still with us – Beverly Gallup, Norma Oakley, Carol Ward, Shirley Hodges (married Peach Rechkemmer). My brother was good friends of Tom & Melaine Buzynski – I met them at recep-

tion when DesRae King got married on the Island.  
 I will close with just some thoughts and enjoy your newspaper for 12 months.  
 Yours truly,  
 Rolla King Jr.  
 I would like to hear from friends.  
 My address is: Rolla King  
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**SCHOOL BOARD**

**Wapsie Valley CSD**  
**Special School Board Meeting**  
**Minutes - January 7, 2022**

- Called to Order by President Sauerbrei at 5:30 pm. Met in Mr. Sabotto's classroom
  - Directors: Auel, Sauerbrei, Wolfe & Van Daele. Aiello (excused) Declare a quorum
  - Superintendent Larson & Board Secretary Arndt
  - No additional items for the agenda
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0
- No public comment
- Superintendent Larson has had numerous meetings with AEA, Colleagues, and IASB Attorney on IASB policies being presented regarding the Iowa OSHA vaccination mandate. The recommendation would be to approve these policies with a good faith effort as presented with policy 209.4 (Suspension of policy) being enforced if Iowa OSHA decides not to adopt or enforce the federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard that is currently the subject of litigation before the United States Supreme Court.
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve board policies 209.2, 209.4, 403.7, 403.7R1, 403.R2, 403.7E1, 403.7E2, and 403.7E3 with policy 209.4 (Suspension of policy) being enforced if Iowa OSHA decides not to adopt or enforce the federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard that is currently the subject of litigation before the United States Supreme Court. Motion carried 4-0
- Board Talking Points: Reported to the Board that Wrestling is going well. Girls and Boys basketball teams should be alternating playing time in the multipurpose gym and the main gym.
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 5:52 pm. Motion carried 4-0. Submitted by Kim Arndt

**Wapsie Valley CSD**  
**Special School Board Meeting**  
**Minutes - January 13, 2022**

- Called to Order by President Sauerbrei at 7:06 pm.
  - Directors: Sauerbrei, Wolfe, Aiello, Van Daele & Auel (virtual) Declared a quorum
  - Others Present: TJ Murphy, Alyson Forsyth, Lindsay Fox (virtual), Kim Arndt & Roger Wilcox-Grundmeyer Leader Search
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to go into closed session at 7:06 Roll call vote – All Ayes-5-0 Closed session 21.5 (j) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to come out of closed session at 8:21 am. Roll call vote - All Ayes-5-0
- Board Talking Points: None
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Motion carried 5-0 Submitted by Kim Arndt

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# COUNCIL MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:00 PM and then regular session following at 6:00 PM on Monday January 10, 2022. Members present: R. Woods, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: Williams and Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

The budget for FY2023 was discussed during the budget workshop. The Council discussed all aspects of the City's proposed budget numbers and reviewed previous year's information from the Police, Pool, Library, and Fire departments.

Councilwoman Erickson arrived at 5:52 PM. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. There were no public comments during the public comment section. R. Woods/Coffin to approve the minutes of the December 21st Special Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/R. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of December were: General, \$42,304.90; Special Revenue, \$26,990.37; TIF, \$5,075.02; Capital Projects, \$5.60; Permanent Funds, \$6.67; Proprietary, \$177,428.61; and Transfers In, \$125,897.00. Disbursements for the month of December were: General, \$77,870.54; Special Revenue, \$11,581.37; Debt Service, \$158.37; Proprietary, \$219,918.19; and Transfers Out, \$125,897.00. Balance on hand at close of business on December 31, 2021, was \$5,049,549.26.

Brad Gordon, the Fairbank Fire Chief, was present to inform the council that they had two new members ready for approval after completing their probationary period. T. Woods/Coffin to approve the two new members to the Fairbank Fire Department. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Jordan Cowell and Justin Ritter were sworn in with a short swearing in ceremony. The council welcomed them to the department and thanked them for their interest in serving the community.

Jon Biederman, the city's engineer with Fehr Graham, presented the council with a proposal for professional engineering design services for the upcoming Main Street project scheduled for 2023. The project will be let through the IDOT, and plans will follow IDOT formatting. Their design work will be coordinated with the IDOT's sidewalk design. Jon reported the survey work had recently been completed and that no estimated pricing could be determined yet. The big part of the design portion that the council will have a lot of choices in will be the street lighting. Attorney Prendergast reviewed the design proposal and was good with it. R. Woods/Erickson to approve the proposal for design engineering services with the Highway 281 improvements project. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

In the spring of 2021, a new resident in town inquired about adding gravel to the alley in their back yard between North Fourth Street and North Fifth Street. There is gravel beneath the sod. It was agreed that the sod would need to be removed before more rock can be put down. T. Woods/Coffin to have rock added to the alley since it is being used between North Fourth Street and North Fifth Street. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

John Frederick agreed to help with the rolling stop sign on Grove Street at the intersection of Fifth Street until the end of this school year. Erickson/Coffin to pay John Frederick \$100.00 a month until the end of the school year to take the sign out before and after school during the school week. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Two quotes for a new tractor mounted PTO snow blower were presented to the council. It was budgeted for to purchase this year as they had been looking at the need for a new one for some time now. T. Woods/Coffin to purchase the snow blower quoted from Titan Machinery for \$9,674.00 which included the chute. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter and Councilwoman Erickson met the previous week to discuss health insurance and they recommended staying with Wellmark. Erickson/R. Woods to renew with Wellmark. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Personnel manual updates were discussed including possibly adding a stipend to help with the high deductibles, offering family health insurance again, life insurance policies for the employees etc., but it was determined to meet with the committee to narrow down some of the options to propose on added benefits for the employees, so it was tabled for a future meeting.

TIF committee members were discussed due to a member wanting to be removed from the committee. There have been some residents in town that have shown interest in being a part of the committee. The council will have to do some more research, and this will be discussed at future meetings.

Mayor Harter made the following appointments: Brad Gordon to the Bremer County 911 Board, Ron Miller to the Buchanan County EMA and 911 Boards, and Mike Everding to the Fayette County EMA and 911 Boards.

The City of Fairbank is currently represented by the law firm of Roberts, Stevens & Prendergast, PLLC for their attorney services and a resolution was drafted regarding the re-appointment of their services along with a fee increase. The hourly rate increased to \$150.00 from \$125.00 effective January 1, 2022. Erickson/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2022-01 - Resolution Regarding City Attorney Appointment and Fee Increase. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Roberts, Stevens, and Prendergast, PLLC was re-appointed to represent the City of Fairbank.

R. Woods/Coffin to reappoint Brittany Fuller as City Clerk for the City of Fairbank. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to reappoint Michelle Laube as City Treasurer for the City of Fairbank. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Committee appointments were established. Mayor Harter re-appointed Councilman R. Woods as Mayor Pro-Tem. Changes in the appointments will be noted on the city website.

Erickson/Coffin to set the next budget workshop for Monday January 24, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

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

AERO-MOD, Supplies	\$ 466.92
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 390.38
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$ 5,814.90
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies	\$ 317.64
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 52,829.59
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services	\$ 804.16
CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Supplies	\$ 60.28
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 864.27
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 10,800.71
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 9,275.07
JORDAN COWELL, Clothing Allowance Reimbursement	\$ 234.99
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Supplies Reimbursement	\$ 51.61
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP, Supplies	\$ 1,319.88
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage January 2022	\$ 148.00
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 5,028.43
FARM WIN CO-OP, Diesel	\$ 1,073.80
FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees	\$ 14,812.50

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU, Training	\$ 50.00
GROTH SERVICES LLC, Services	\$ 1,650.00
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$ 48.80
IOWA PARK & RECREATION ASSOC., Training	\$ 340.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 6,345.71
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$ 20.97
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$ 495.00
MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, Drug Testing	\$ 48.00
RON MILLER, Mileage	\$ 163.21
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 1,041.30
NSB/H S A - Payroll Deductions	\$ 145.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/1/21	\$ 10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/15/21	\$ 8.21
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$ 635.80
PLUMB SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 131.22
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$ 458.75
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$ 64.28
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 937.50
ROSENBAUER SOUTH DAKOTA LLC, Services	\$ 1,074.03
ROTO ROOTER SEWER-DRAIN SERVIC, Services	\$ 412.80
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$ 34.16
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Supplies	\$ 70.36
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Dec. Sales Tax	\$ 2,720.71
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Dec. Excise Tax	\$ 1,222.38
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 3,417.77
U.S. BANK, Pefa Gas	\$ 10,352.66
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Drug Testing	\$ 126.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$ 157.99
VISA, Supplies/Avaya Phone System	\$ 1,009.70
WELLMARK, Premium	\$ 1,293.67
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Internet	\$ 156.69
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Gas Alarm	\$ 67.40
The Library Board approved the following bills on January 6, 2022:	
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$ 48.39
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$ 1,389.93
FAIRBANK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Replenish Petty Cash	\$ 64.91
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 180.48
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/15/21	\$ 1.79
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$ 142.50
VISA, Avaya Phone System	\$ 40.29

Everding stated that the police vehicle would be going in for an oil change and that they received their new radios and equipment from Buchanan County last week. He also gave the council a current report of the police departments past work. Brian Delagardelle informed the council that the wastewater plant seemed to be working fine so far during these colder temperatures. Ben Delagardelle reported that the 2021 ICAP grant would be used to buy a four gas monitor kit and a harness for Cowell. They also reported that with the warmer temperatures forecasted, they would try and get the Christmas décor down that week. Mayor Harter planned to meet up with Lisa Kremer from Buchanan County on a couple of upcoming possible grants for the city. He was also going to see if Juliann Woods was available due to her extensive knowledge with grant writing.

Erickson/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor  
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

# SCHOOL BOARD

## School Board Minutes Wapsie Valley CSD Work Session & Regular School Board Mtg December 20, 2021

- Pledge of Allegiance
1. President Sauerbrei called the Work Session to order @ 6:08 pm.
  1. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, Wolfe & Van Daele. Declared a quorum
  2. Administration - Supt. Larson & Board Secretary: Kim Arndt
  3. Others Present: Travis Squires
  2. Travis Squires discussed the financial position and unspent balance of Wapsie Valley. Travis stated we are currently in a sound financial position. One-time expenditures were discussed from the general fund. Explained that property tax may need to be increased in a couple of years to stay comparable with the current financial position.
  3. Adjourned at 6:42 pm

1. President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the board to order at 6:42 pm.
- A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe & Van Daele. Declare a quorum.
- B. Administration: Dave Larson, TJ Murphy & Jayme Hurley
- C. Board Secretary: Kim Arndt, Others: Lois Heine-man, Vaughn Gross, John LaCroix, Brian Stark, Melanie Curley & Bridget Seeman
2. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
3. Public Comment - Vaughn Gross presented a garage sale fundraising opportunity for the Prom Com-

## Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Meeting January 17, 2022

- Pledge of Allegiance
1. President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 PM.
  - A. Directors: Sauerbrei, Aiello, Auel, Wolfe, & Van Daele Declare a quorum.
  - B. Administration: Dave Larson, TJ Murphy & Jayme Hurley
  - C. Others: Josh Johnson, Dr. Deb Rich, Max Kayser, Vaughn Gross, & 2 virtual participants
  2. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
  3. Public Comment: Max Kayser presented a candle fundraiser for the Junior class and scratch cupcakes fundraiser for the Freshman class. Vaughn Gross presented a cookie dough fundraiser for the prom/junior class. He also informed the board of the awesome Saturday competition the Robotics club won. The Robotics club now holds the 5th highest meet score out of 162 teams in the state. Great job!
  - Dr. Rich & Josh Johnson explained the services Central Rivers AEA provides for WV.
  4. Consent Items: - Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the consent items including

- mittee to be held on 1-7-2022 in the multipurpose room.
- The robotics team is ranked 17 out of 160-170. The students are doing nice work.
- Bridget Seeman presented a dodgeball fundraising event for 2-12-2022 for the WV Honor Society and will be selling Texas Roadhouse rolls for Student Ambassadors.
- Melanie Curley spoke on the training of her dog, Remi to become a comfort dog for the Wapsie Valley students
4. Consent Items - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Jeannie Wolfe and Heather & Corby Holt's request to open enroll their 8th-grade daughter into the Sumner-Fredericksburg district as presented. Motion 5-0
  5. Board - Brian Stark discussed updates on the HVAC and Concession stand project. The concession stand will be completed in the Spring of 2022. Waiting on the electric transformer and mandated testing. Rooftop units to be purchased with ESSER money were discussed. Need to finalize funds available to confirm the number of units we can purchase.
  - Superintendent - Discussed Mr. Hurley's schedule, supporting Mrs. Forsyth when Admin coverage is needed, Kay Chapman, CPA, WVEF dinner and auction, prom 2022, absenteeism reached over 10% last week at the 7-12 building due to influenza and COVID, Iowa School State Profiles have been released and OSHA mandatory policy on employee vaccinations.
  - PK-6 Principal Hurley - Discussed 12-1-21 professional development, motivational speaker, Joe Beckman, 5th-grade coin drive, Music concerts, staffing updates, and Administration coverage changes.

- the printed bill's summary being reviewed by Jerry Van Daele as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve Olivia Jewell & Nolan Henderson requesting the open enrollment of their kindergarten student to WV from Oelwein after a family move.
5. Communication & Reports: Board: Nothing
  - Superintendent Larson discussed the Shared Special Education position for the 22-23 school year, OSHA ETS policies were discontinued on January 13, 2022, BLT committee discussed a new reading curriculum, next month will discuss the restructuring of administrative positions for 22-23, CAPS meeting, January 31, 2022 budget meeting, and possible Leader In Me grant monies.
  - Principal Hurley discussed professional development, BE Academy, report cards, Map & NEAP testing, & position updates.
  - Principal Murphy discussed professional development, FFA, FCCLA/FCSS, Student Ambassadors, DARE, Multi Occupational Coordinator, & Activity updates.
  6. Personnel Actions- Resignations: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the resignation of Austin Jeanes as the assistant baseball coach and thank him for his service to Wapsie Valley students and staff as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

- 7-12 Principal Murphy - Discussed 12-1-21 professional development, CAPS, FFA and their fruit sales, Student Ambassadors, and gave activity updates.
6. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the resignation of Lindsay Hruska - Elementary Teacher and thank her for her service to the students & staff effective the end of the 21-22 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Contracts: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the following contracts as presented: Motion carried 5-0 Austin Jeanes - JH/HS Special Education Associate-\$13.15 P/H, Brooke Meyer - Special Education Associate,\$13.40 P/H, and Zach Kuhlmann - JH Boys Basketball Coach - Base 1/Year 1 - \$1,955
7. New Business-Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to award the Lawn care bid to Weeds on Fire for the entire district including Rodyln JH/HS, FB & Rurals for the 21- 22, 22-23 & 23-24 seasons as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Wolfe Seconded by Auel to award the snow removal bid to Weeds on Fire for the JH/HS and Readlyn elementary locations for the 21-22, 22-23 & 23-24 seasons and Adam Kaufman for Fairbank and all Rurals for the 21-22, 22-23 & 23-24 seasons as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the bid from Premiere State Supply (\$13,356) to furnish and install stage curtains and minor updates to the roping as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Auel, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the quote from Morley Athletic to purchase 4 rollout track runways 150' long by 36" each, (\$4,763) as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the

- bid from Hawkeye Alarm & Signal for an upgrade to Card Access program (\$1,832), update burglar alarm system work, (\$827), annual cellular service (\$225 per year), and annual alarm monitoring services (\$300 per year), install two magnetic door locks (\$1,823), replace existing with HD Analog (\$3,179) and Premium Upgrade-ExacqVision (\$7,253). Will check on cloud-based storage vs hard drive storage and purchase the cheaper option. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Comprehensive Plan and SBRC request for Modified Supplemental Amount (\$121,972) for the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the agreement between Wapsie Valley CSD and the Oelwein CSD Online (O2) program to provide services starting the second semester as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the Cooperative sharing agreement for G/B soccer with Denver for the 2022 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the cleaning of all rural buildings by Hannah Rulapaugh for a fee of \$1,500 per month as presented. Motion carried 5-0
8. Board Talking Points- Steve confirmed the continued services for Readlyn latchkey and discussed daycare issues
  9. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 8:59 pm. Motion carried 5-0 Respectfully, Kim Arndt
- district's response to the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic, the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for funding related to FY22 SWVPP increased enrollment in the amount of \$10,840.50 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to approve to pay McKayla Bellis an additional \$3,000 for hours worked out of contract due to COVID19 as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to set the public hearing date of February 21, 2022, for the 22-23 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the payment from the general fund of \$10,800 to Rock Valley Physical for the 21-22 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
8. Board Talking Points - Mr. Bergman has a schedule for rotating boys and girls basketball games between the multi-purpose gym and the main gym. When are baseball nets going up? Mr. Larson will look into it.
  9. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 7:46 PM Motion carried 5-0





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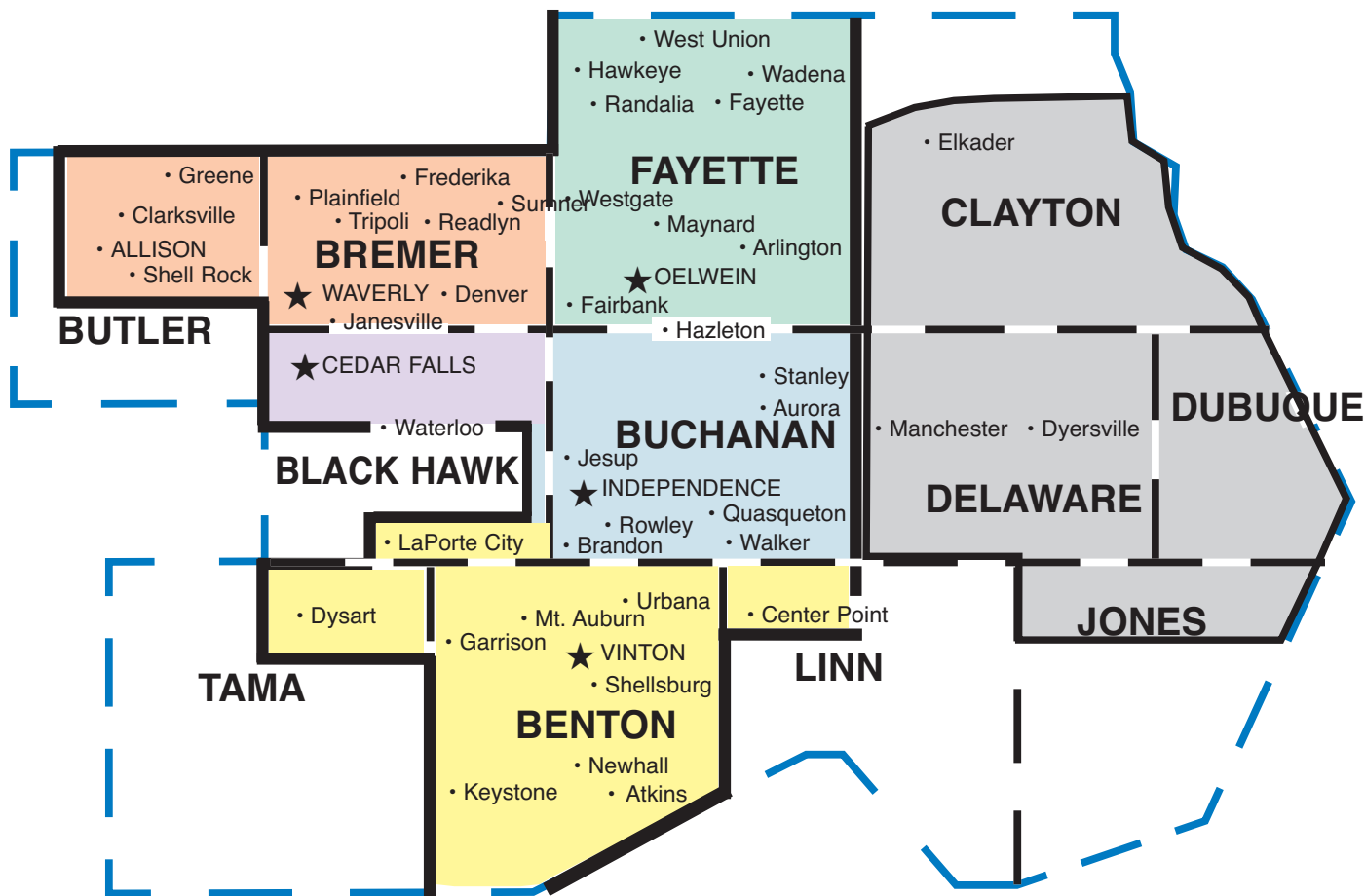
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