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ATTENTION Ladies of the 2023 Wapsie Valley graduating class!

You should have received an entry letter in the mail for the 2022 Fairbank Island Day Queen Competition. We are looking forward to starting to receive these back as the deadline is fast approaching! Fairbank Days this year is June 23-25th with the competition being on Thursday, June 23rd. If you are interested in participating in this event and did not receive a letter, please email us at the email listed below with your mailing address and we will get one to you. If you did receive your copy, please get it mailed in ASAP so we can begin the process.

Thank You, Alexis Rausch & Emily Little

Fairbank Island Days Committee, Email: missfairbankcomp@gmail.com



Music in the Park is back

The Fairbank Community Club will again be sponsoring the Music in the Park series starting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Riverside Park in Fairbank from 6:00-8:00pm.

The May event will feature local favorite, Gina Owens, who is an up and coming country artist who has recorded in Nashville. Gina and her band played for us last year, drawing the largest crowd

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I.C. FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY

The Fairbank Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is holding their annual Fish Fry this coming Friday, April 8th, in the I.C. Parish Center. They will be serving from 4:30 to 7:30pm.

The menu includes cod fish, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. The cost: Adults \$15.00; age 6-10 is \$7.00, and age 5 and under is Free. You can Dine-In at the Parish Center, or get a Carry-Out order to take home.

The Easter Bunny is coming to Fairbank....

Attention Kids!!!! We just got word from the Easter Bunny that he will be in town on **SATURDAY, APRIL 16th**.

Come down to the Gazebo at Riverfront Park and visit him. He has treats!

P.S. Tell Mom & Dad to bring their camera!



The City of Fairbank is deeply saddened by the passing of our Police Chief, Mike Everding. Mike had served with our community since June 8, 2020. In July of 2020, he was appointed Chief of Police. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Tammy and the rest of his family.

- Mayor Mike Harter

Chief Mike Everding passed away on Saturday, March 19 after a long battle with cancer. He was 58. Everding started his law enforcement career as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Linn County Sheriff's Office. He then served as a Deputy Sheriff in Fayette County and later became the Fairbank Police Chief in 2020.

Though his time here was short, he will be missed by many!

A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

I want to express my family's sympathies to the family of Mike Everding. Mike had been a police officer for the City since early 2020 and Chief of Police since July 2020. Mike was a good policeman, a good fisherman, and a good person. He will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Again I want to mention that the City wants to plant more trees in the parks. If you would like to have a tree planted in memory of someone, or for any other reason, please contact City Hall. Also, if you would like to contribute to the Flowers on Main, you can contact City Hall.

At the Regular City Council Meeting on March 28, the hiring of three new part-time Police Officers was approved. Dakota Drish will be re-joining our force as the Chief of Police. Dakota is a full-time Game Warden and will do the scheduling and other Chief's duties. Mitch Franck will be a part-time officer. He works for the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department. Mitch lives in Fairbank and will work a few hours a week. He will be working in the school part of the time as a resource officer. The final new hire is Triston Dilley. Triston is a full-time officer for the Independence Police Department, while also working part-time for both Jesup and Gilbertville Police departments. This will give the City five part-time officers. The plan is for the Police Department to work a total of 3120 hours per year. We feel this will give good coverage.

Nick Kuker has started as a new Public Works Department member. Nick will be a welcome member of the team and gets us to full strength again. We welcome all of the new members of our team at the City.

We are still looking for someone to be the Director of our summer programs. If you are interested, please contact City Hall.

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By Mary Bodensteiner

Spring is here! I love this season and I love to see the town starting to turn green, the trees in full bloom, the grass green and lush, and the farmers getting in the field. Also, the end of school and graduation is right around the corner! I am excited for Easter and being able to help with the Easter bunny as Queen on the 16th! I hope you all have a blessed Easter season and you get to enjoy some spring weather over the holiday.

In this month's article, I would like to mention an important event that my very close friend, Courtney Schmitz,

is putting on. Courtney was my predecessor as Miss Fairbank and this year's Buchanan County Fair Queen. For her project as fair queen, she will be holding a breakfast to raise awareness and money for the Lilac Project. This project is a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness about dementia and fundraising to donate supplies to area nursing homes. The breakfast will be held Sunday, May 1st from 8am to noon at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center here in Fairbank. Come enjoy made to order omelets, hash browns, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. Please consider coming out to support this cause!

Courtney and I at the Miss Fairbank crowning last summer! Courtney would love to have your support!



LIVING ON THE EDGE

The Retirement Plan

by Pat Pint

Last week, I ran into a former co-worker, Ellen. She retired nearly three years ago, and other than Christmas card notes, we rarely crossed paths.

"Hey Ellen! So good to see you. How's retirement treating you?" I asked.

She replied, "After I got over the shock of a paycheck not being deposited into my bank account, and withdrawing from my pension account, instead of adding to it, I was okay."

We meandered over to another aisle and continued our discussion.

"Since my parents worked their entire lives, I never learned how to retire," she explained. She pointed to the boxes of cereal. "Sometimes I feel like a Fruit Loop, and just feel like doing something silly with the grandkids. Other days I can be Super Sugar Crisp and have the house in tip-top shape. Some days, are like Wheaties, I feel like a champ, and go for an invigorating walk."

MUSIC IN THE PARK CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of the summer. We look forward to having her back and hope to see everyone come out in support of our hometown talent!

For those of you who haven't attended one of these events, please consider joining us. It's a fun and relaxing way to get together with your friends and neigh-

Clutching a box of Alphabets, she added, "I love our library, and volunteer there whenever I can."

We continued down the aisle. Ellen pointed towards the instant oatmeal. "Occasionally, I feel mushy and lazy, and happy to burrow under the covers and read the day away. Or, just for Kix, call a girlfriend and go to the casino. She seems to be my Lucky Charm," Snickering, she glanced at her cell phone.

"Oops, gotta go. Sue and I are taking a road trip to some antique shops."

I wished her a good day, and resisted the impulse to say, "Cheerio, mate!" I had to wonder if she considered me a Frosted Flake, Special K or just Life. To be honest, I'm grateful we weren't headed down the spice aisle during this conversation. Hard to imagine her retirement life in terms of poultry seasoning, garlic salt or chili powder.

But again, how would I know? I have yet to learn the rules of retirement.

With Gratitude!

Thank you, everyone, for the lovely goth birthday wishes. I am thankful beyond words for your calls, cards, gifts, flowers, emails, and texts you shared in recognition of my birthday! Special thanks to everyone who attended the birthday open house. The years have gone by so fast, and God has blessed me with a wonderful family and amazing friends. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated more than you know.

Love to you all and cheers,
Arnola Siggelkow

bors. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, and don't forget a cooler with refreshments of your choice. We plan to again have a food vendor on sight to purchase sandwiches, etc. There is no admission charge, but we do take donations to help with the expenses. There's also a 50/50 drawing.

The Community Club plans on having a Music in the Park on the first Wednesday of each month from May thru September. Some of the entertainment that has been planned includes Emily Erhardt-Bauer, Mick Staebell, Jason Kayser, Mitchell Boevers, and Bruce Bearinger. Watch the Fairbank Islander for information on coming events.

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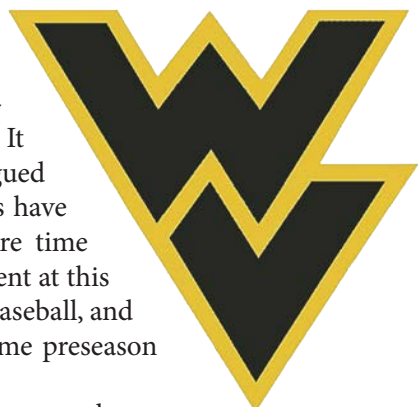
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Warrior Way & More March 2022

I am hoping the worst of the Iowa winter is in our past and a beautiful spring season will lead us into this last quarter of the 2021-22 school year. It seems like the illnesses that plagued many of us the past few months have all but vanished. Spending more time outside is always a welcomed event at this time of the year. I see the track, baseball, and golf student-athletes starting some preseason training around the school.



Congratulations to the winter teams that competed in wrestling, basketball, and robotics. We had two WV wrestlers compete at the state tournament this year. Kanen Decker wrestled at the 126 lb weight class as a freshman. Dawson Schmit wrestled at the 120 lb weight class with a 5th place finish. This was Dawson's third appearance and place winner at the state level with a final senior year ahead. The WV wrestling team was sectional team winners. The last time this was accomplished was in 2002. Dawson Schmit, Kanen Decker, Gavin Leistikow, Aidan Shannon, Chase Ackerman, and Cannon Joerger were all sectional winners. The RoboWarriors robotics team also competed at the state level against all-size schools in the state. This team received state runner-up status for the year.

I would like to give a quick shout-out to all students, staff, parents, and citizens who helped make the superintendent interview process a success. I would like to welcome Chris Hoover as the new superintendent for WVCSD starting July 1, 2022. Mr. Hoover comes to us with a large amount of experience in this position. I know he will continue to lead the school district forward to bigger and better things! I wish him the best and he is lucky to have a stellar staff and a parent/community base second to none.

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

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BCDEC announces the 2nd session of their Spring Lunch & Learn Series

Buchanan County Economic Development along with Buchanan County Extension and the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to announce the upcoming second session of their Spring Lunch and Learn Series. There are a total of five sessions planned for the 2022 year.

Coming up on Thursday, April 14th, Eric Dregne of the Innovation Lab will be presenting "Team Building with the Innovation Lab". This will be a Lunch and Learn at Heartland Acres in Independence from 11 to 1pm.

Dregne says of the event, "This interactive workshop will help participants (and their team) explore ideas for using play-based activities in a team-building setting and how to use game theory to foster effective collaboration. Participants will work in teams to solve challenges and compete for prizes during this fun, interactive session. Your organization is encouraged to come as a team, but individuals will also be brought into these exercises for full participation and be provided tips and trips to take back to their business."

A link to both events can be found both on Eventbrite and Facebook. Cost of each event is \$25. For questions you can contact BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer at 319-334-7497, email director@growbuchanan.com or Chamber Director Nikki Barth at 319-334-7178.

NIDA students train with guest choreographer

OELWEIN: The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy brought in Rich Ashworth of Epic Dance on February 12th and 13th to set choreography for a routine to music from the Broadway show HAMILTON. NIDA, under the guidance of Anna Kern, values exposing its dancers to new choreographers and have brought several renowned choreographers to the studio over the



past year.

Rich Ashworth is an educator, choreographer and performer currently residing in Milwaukee, WI. His technical abilities and historical knowledge have made him a valuable resource in the urban and rhythmic dance communities around the country. He has performed and toured with several internationally celebrated dance com-

panies including Chicago Tap Theatre where he served as a choreographer and rehearsal director.

The routine will be performed by the Academy's Level 5 Hip Hop class at the Northeast Iowa Dance Academy's upcoming recital to be held on May 27th and 28th at the Williams Center for the Performing Arts in Oelwein. The theme of this year's recital is "Musicals That Make Us Dance" and the public is invited to attend. Tickets go on sale this spring.

Wapsie Valley Class of 1982 to hold reunion in June

The Wapsie Valley Class of 1982 is having a 40th Class Reunion Celebration on June 17th and 18th. Save the date! This coincides with Grump Days in Readlyn.

Watch for information on Facebook. They encourage all classmates and their spouses to attend. If you have any questions, call Lynne at 515-249-8997 or Lisa at 319-404-1159.

TREE DONATIONS

The City is hoping to start replacing some of the many trees that were destroyed in the parks during last year's storm. This is going to be a huge undertaking, but it's time to start thinking about it.

If there is anyone wishing to donate a tree for one of the city parks, they should contact the City Hall to get details. It is important that the necessary precautions are

taken before any digging is done.

There have been a few trees already donated as memorials to loved ones. It would be nice to have more of them. It's a good time of year to start thinking about planting, so keep this in mind. Just remember to contact City Hall so they can help you with the details.



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April 3 – 9, 2022 is

National Library Week

The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Connect with Your Library," which promotes the idea that the library offers many ways to get connected to books, databases, journals, and other resources. And of course, libraries also connect communities to helpful library staff, and to each other.

In Honor of National Library Week, we look forward to some fun to help us celebrate with a Coloring Contest, Treats, Jellybean Guessing Contest, and a prize drawing!



Anyone who stops by the Library on Thursdays between 4-6pm will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a free library bag handcrafted and donated by Joan Fox. Our Bag Contest winner for March was Betsy Wierck!

Book Club

Tuesday Apr. 12th at 2 PM

April Book Club

"The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo"
By Taylor Jenkins Reid

NEXT BOOK
The Stranger in the Lifeboat

By:
Mitch Albom

Happy Reading! Please contact the library if you would like to join our book club!

STORY HOUR

9:15am on the following dates:

Apr. 13 Bunnies
April 20 Friends
April 27 Superhero
May 11 Animals



The Library is in the process of purchasing a Grout Museum Pass available after May 1st!

We are working on finalizing our Summer Reading Schedule which will be available soon!

In Loving Memory

Jerry Plaster

Abandoned from Gary Fink
Rescuing Penny Jane from Steve & Linda Myers
Stay With Me from Visions Salon
A Man of Honor from Rick, Cindy & Riley Woods
Holding On When You Want to Let Go from Randy & Jodi Woods Family
What Sounds Fun To You from Pat & Julie Lansing
Kat Hats from Chris, Leah & Ford Woods

Mike Everding

Saving Yellowstone from Randy & Jodi Woods Family
This Is The Tree We Planted from All the Kids Uncle Mike Loved
I'm Not Scared, You're Scared! from the Hamilton's

Orvald Ott

First Notes of Spring from Liza & Lilly Wierck

THANK YOU!

Dorothy Steggall

Ever Constant from Susan & John Frost
Calder Grit from Susan & John Frost
Dishing Up Devotions from Amos & Angela Berg
Something Beautiful Happened from Gary Fink
Threads of Hope from Karen & Layton Tiedt
Buster Undercover from Joyce Kono
Tobacco Wives from Joyce Kono
Hidden Treasures from Rick, Cindy & Riley Woods
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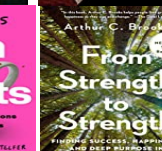
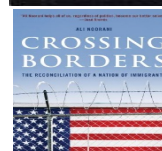
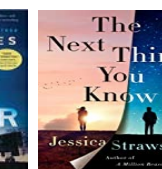
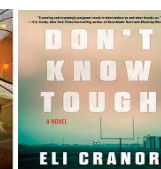
Emily Dickinson - 1830-1886

I taste a liquor never brewed
From Tankards scooped in Pearl –
Not all the Frankfort Berries
Yield such an Alcohol!

Inebriate of air – am I –
And Debauchee of Dew –
Reeling – thro' endless
summer days –
From inns of molten Blue –

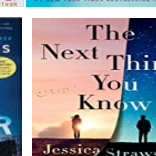
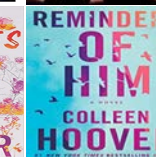
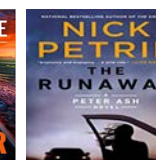
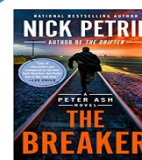
When "Landlords" turn
the drunken Bee
Out of the Foxglove's door –
When Butterflies – renounce their "drams" –
I shall but drink the more!

Till Seraphs swing their snowy Hats –
And Saints – to windows run –
To see the little Tippler
Leaning against the – Sun!



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Saturday May 7th, 2022

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The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician

Betty Brandt Passick announces a 7-stop northeast Iowa book tour following the release of her historical novel, *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie*, in November 2021.

- Tues., Apr. 5, 2 pm, IOOF Home and Community Therapy Center, 1037 19th St SW, Mason City,
- Tues., Apr. 5, 6:30 pm, Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave., Waverly
- Wed., Apr. 6, 4 pm, Arlington Public Library, 711 Main Street, Arlington
- Thurs., Apr. 7, 3 pm, Fayette Community Library, 104 W State St., Fayette
- Thur., Apr. 7, 5 pm, Wadena Public Library, 36 S Mill St, Wadena
- Fri., Apr. 8, 10 am, Sumner Public Library, 206 N Railroad St, Sumner
- Sat., Apr. 9, 10 am, Colesburg Public Library, 220 Main St., Colesburg

The book launch happened at the Strawberry Point Public Library in Iowa on Oct. 13, 2021. The Wilder Memorial Museum co-hosted the event.

“The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse is a period piece of Iowa’s earliest history, particularly relevant as Iowa celebrates 175 years of statehood in 2022,” Passick said.

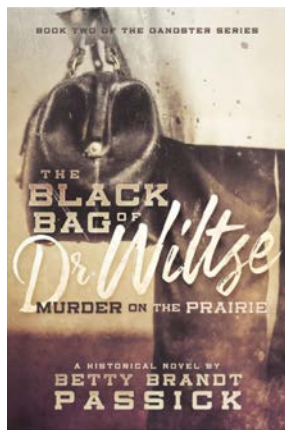
The novel tells the forgotten legacy of Dr. Alexander Wiltse - who, in the mid-1850s, left behind his beloved ancestral home in Ontario, Canada to establish new roots in Iowa. Initially, he and his family resided with relatives in Colesburg before moving to the Strawberry Point area, where he established his medical practice. His first clients were newly arriving immigrants — Indians, prairie banditti, and chicken thieves.

When he meets Dr. A. B. Ward from nearby “Oxbow” - a village similar to the author’s hometown of Fairbank - the story begins to weave between the two communities. Together they aid authorities with murder investigations across Bremer, Clayton, Delaware, and Fayette Counties. Eruption of Civil War in 1860 threatens to destroy Dr. Wiltse’s dream of making a better life for himself and his family in their new homeland.

“I wanted to write a historically accurate account of Dr. Wiltse’s legacy,” Passick added. “Europeans and Canadians were the first immigrants to arrive in Iowa. Two of the pioneer physician’s Dutch-Canadian ancestors were among my beta readers to review book chapters as I wrote them. Residents of Strawberry Point and Fairbank, along with a physician, and an expert in the Ho-Chunk language and culture, were readers, too.”

The author’s first novel in the Gangster Series, *Gangster in Our Midst*, Bookkeeper, Lieutenant, and sometimes hitman for Al Capone (2017), won a 2019 Notable 100 Indie Book Award. *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*, 232 pages, is available through independent bookstores and Amazon.com for \$16.95 plus tax, shipping/handling.

Passick currently resides in the Twin Cities in Minnesota and welcomes invitations to talk about any of her four books. She also teaches writing workshops: “Writing a Memoir” (all ages), and Journaling” (grades 5-7); plus she writes a “Gangster Blog,” and is a columnist for her hometown newspaper, the Fairbank Islander. Her works have appeared in the Des Moines Register (poetry); WINK magazine; Thoughts and Prayers for Those Experiencing Loss, an Anthology; Saints with Slingshots 2 (short stories)—and others.



Museum to serve eggs, pancakes and sausage breakfast this Sunday

The Littleton and Chatham Historical Society will host an egg, pancake and sausage breakfast and raffle on Sunday, April 10 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Littleton and Chatham Historical Society, 601 State St., Independence, IA (across from the Littleton Lounge).

The meal with fruit, baked items and beverages is a free-will donation to benefit the Littleton and Chatham Historical Society museum. Carryouts will be available.

For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, call (319) 415-1175 or email tonybengston@yahoo.com.

City-Wide Garage Sales to be held May 7th

The Fairbank Community Club will again be sponsoring the annual Spring City-Wide Garage Sales on Saturday, May 7th starting at 8:00am. If you are interested in having a sale, stop by the Fairbank Library and fill out an entry sheet. New this year, you can also go online to sign up electronically. Just go to <https://form.jotform.com/210819139858163>. Venmo and Cash App payments are accepted if using the electronic link. You will have to contact Amanda Jipson at 319-404-6475 if you want to use this method of payment.

Deadline to sign up and get your sale on the map and advertised in newspapers is Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:00pm. Cost is \$10. Maps will be distributed to some of the local businesses on Thursday, May 5th.

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The system is has a battery back-up and can be activated from the fire station, or some emergency vehicles. The following is an explanation of the system, different warnings, testing procedure, and some common questions.

TESTING THE SYSTEM

The system will be tested on the second Tuesday of the month between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. If threatening weather is in the area, the system will not be activated. During the test, you will hear the airhorn tone, followed by a voice message indicating a test, then alert tones. An announcement will also be made at the conclusion of the test.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“Why can’t I hear the voice message?” This could be for a number of reasons including location, other noises, wind, or being indoors. Remember, the system is primarily for and designed to notify people outdoors of danger.

“If the system is for outdoors, and I am inside, how will I know if a tornado is coming?” You are ultimately responsible for your own safety, so if severe weather is forecasted, or sky’s look threatening, you should tune into a reliable radio/TV station or weather radio.

“I was outside and the sirens sounded. It didn’t look bad to me.” Storms can move VERY fast, and the fire department relies on multiple sources to decide when to activate the sirens. You may not see the impending storm from your location in town, or it may still be miles away. Regardless, take shelter.



**CITY OF FAIRBANK
EMERGENCY
OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM**

CITY NOTICES

PET LICENSING

Reminder all city residents with pets over the age of four months are required to be licensed by the city. This license is to be renewed annually. The cost is \$10.00 per animal if purchased on or before June 30th of each year. On July 1st an additional \$5.00 penalty attaches. If the animal is purchased July 1st or later, the license can be obtained for \$10.00 with a dated bill of sale proving the date of purchase. Also, to be licensed, you must show proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. It is prohibited to have animals running at large within the city limits.

UTV/ATV/GOLF CART PERMIT

Reminder all UTV and Golf Carts are required to be licensed to be operated within the city limits. This license is to be renewed annually. The initial cost is \$30.00 per vehicle. New owners must have vehicle(s) inspected by the police department prior to receiving permit. Once a person has purchased a permit, the annual renewal is \$20.00.

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Surveillance – Cameras are up to monitor what is being dropped off. If a person is caught disobeying these rules, they will be penalized, and they will be responsible for haul away fees.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 319-635-2869. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPRING GARAGE SALES

City-wide garage sales are scheduled for Saturday May 7th, 2022, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Sign up at the library in order to be included on the map. Cost is \$10.00 to cover maps, posters, and advertising. Sponsored by the Fairbank Community Club.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

Scheduled for Monday, May 9th, 2022. Please stop at City Hall if you are needing an appliance tag.

CITY OF FAIRBANK OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM SOUNDS AND MEANING

ALERT TONE-A STEADY TONE FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 MINUTES

This sound will be used when the City of Fairbank is under a TORNADO WARNING, damaging winds are likely, OR dangerous storms are likely to impact the city. For example if a storm is in Dunkerton and heading towards Fairbank. This tone may be preceded by a voice message such as “Attention! Tornado warning! Tornado warning! Take shelter immediately”. If you hear these tones, take shelter, tune into a local radio/TV station, or monitor a weather radio. Remain there until local broadcasters say it is all clear, or notified by other official means. Remember, do not go outside to hear the message or siren, take shelter! This is an OUTDOOR warning system.

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This tone will only be used to summons firefighters/EMT to the fire station should other means of notification fail.

ATTACK TONE-A WAVERING TONE FOR 3 MINUTES

This tone will indicate the United States is under attack, or other significant civil disobedience. Tune into your local radio/TV or on-line news source for information.

Wapsie Honor Society holds induction ceremony

On Wednesday, March 9, the Wapsie Valley Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony in the school auditorium. The Wapsie Honor Society is structured around 6 pillars which include the following: academics, service, participation, character, leadership, and punctuality. Candidates from the various grades must meet the defined grade-level criteria and submit their application materials for consideration. Once reviewed, candidates are notified of their induction status and invited to the ceremony.

These are rigorous expectations and I am very proud to share that tonight 11 students have met the identified criteria and are ready for induction.

SOPHOMORES:

Aliya Brandt - Aliya is the daughter of Lynette and the late Greg Brandt. Aliya has participated in basketball cheerleading, football cheerleading, silver cord, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

Jayden Buhr - Jayden is the daughter of LaRae and Jamie Buhr. She has participated in volleyball, track, club volleyball, youth group, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

Kate Risse - Kate is the daughter of Jessica and Nick Miller and the late Jamie Risse. Kate has participated in basketball, track, volleyball, student ambassadors, mentoring, and is a member of the Wapsie Honor Society.

Ava VanDaele - Ava is the daughter of Amber and Chad VanDaele. She has participated in softball, wrestling manager, cross country, track, student ambassadors, mentoring, FFA, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

JUNIORS:

Brylee Bellis - Brylee is the daughter of McKayla and Ryan Bellis. Brylee has participated in track, softball, volleyball, cross country, leader in me, student ambassadors, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

Keegon Brown - Keegon is the son of Kim and Jeremy Brown. Keegon has participated in football, wrestling, baseball, golf, and FFA, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

Brooklyn Etringer - Brooklyn is the daughter of Megan and Randy Etringer. Brooklyn has participated in track, volleyball, club volleyball, beach volleyball, basketball manager, mentoring, and is a leader in me representative, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

Ashlyn Hyde - Ashlyn is the daughter of Annette and Thomas Hyde. She has participated in cross country, cheerleading, track, silver cord, leader in me, and is a Wapsie Honor Society Member.

Emma Jones - Emma is the daughter of Andrea and Joey Jones. Emma has participated in volleyball, track, silver cord, and mentoring, and is a Wapsie Honor Society member.

Casey O'Donnell - Casey is the son of Becky and Darren O'Donnell. Casey has participated in basketball, football, track, mentoring, is a leader in me class representative, and a member of the Wapsie



New Wapsie Valley Honor Society inductees: (front row) Jaydn Buhr, Brylee Bellis, Brooklyn Etringer, Emma Jones, Ashlyn Hyde; (back row) Guidance Counselor & Honor Society Sponsor - Kate Nitz, Casey O'Donnell, Keegon Brown, Kate Risse, Ava VanDaele, Aliya Brandt, and Jenni Gross – Golden Warrior Award recipient. Not in attendance: Kalvyn Rosengarten.



Jenni Gross, the Family & Consumer Sciences teacher at Wapsie, was presented with the "Golden Warrior Award," a new award which the Honor Society presents to the staff member that goes above & beyond the call of duty each day. Staff members were nominated by the new inductees.

Honor Society.

Kalvyn Rosengarten (not in attendance) - Kalvyn is the daughter of Sheila and James Rosengarten. Kalvyn has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, prom committee, and is a Wapsie Honor Society Member.

The Wapsie Honor Society began a new tradition this year. They implemented a selection process for choosing deserving staff honorees who go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. The new structure allowed each of the new Wapsie Honor Society Inductees to nominate a deserving staff member for this recogni-

tion. When nominating a staff member, each student was asked to write a small statement of how the staff member impacted or supported his/her daily journey. While all school employees were eligible for this award, Mrs. Jenni Gross had the majority vote and won the first ever Golden Warrior Award!

Jenni is the secondary Family & Consumer Sciences teacher, along with other hats that she wears in regards to serving as an assistant cheerleading coach, FCLA sponsor, and co-sponsor of prom. Jenni is someone who challenges herself daily to implement lessons and take risks within her classroom that produce positive results for her students. She is consistently helping others, cares deeply about the social and emotional well-being of her students, and works to embed employability skills within her classroom to better prepare students for life beyond high school. She is highly organized, effective with technology, creative, self-motivated, and cares deeply about her students. Through her daily interactions with students, she makes a difference in both the educational and personal lives of those she serves.

Here's some comments that the student honorees had to say about her:

~ "Mrs. Gross is always so patient and considerate with all her students."

~ "Mrs. Gross is a hard worker in the classroom and her classes are a breath of fresh air. Even though she has only been here for 2 years, she is an amazing teacher."

~ "Mrs. Gross has always been involved in the community and in the district. She is very kind and always wants to help in some way. Many events that take place, she is a part of. Cooking for teachers, for FFA, food for the induction, and so many other things that she takes part in. A lot of things wouldn't be the same without her!"

~ "Mrs. Gross goes above and beyond to make sure her students learn and have fun. In the classroom, she is very patient and kind. She always makes sure her lessons are engaging and useful for students. Her class is a great atmosphere to be in daily."

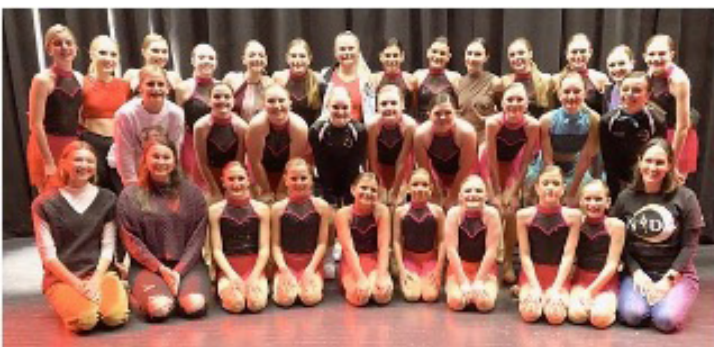
Deadline to submit articles and advertising for the next issue of the Fairbank Islander is April 27th at noon.

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FAIRBANK MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Resolving customer complaints

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NIDA participates in Bravo Competition!

OELWEIN: The Northeast Iowa Dance Academy Competition Team participated in the BRAVO! National Dance and Talent Competition Regional Event held at Stephens Auditorium in Ames, Iowa February 24th - 27th, 2022.

The NIDA Competition Team, consisting of 32 dancers, presented 36 routines to the judges at the competition with impressive results. Of the 36 routines performed, 6 earned Platinum, 26 earned Elite High Gold, and 4 Earned High Gold. Plaques are awarded for each routine and pins are given to each participant.

The NIDA Dancers also earned 6 Judges Awards, a Choreography Award in the Teen Large Group category, and a Most Entertaining Award in the Teen Small Group category. Judges Awards are presented to recognize Dancers within routines that impress the judges but are not based on scores. The Choreography Award recognizes the instructors for outstanding choreography. The Studio also had 6 routines place in the top 10 of their respective categories/age groups.

The NIDA Team's next competition was to be in Des Moines March 18 - 20.

Fairbank Housing Inc. holds annual meeting

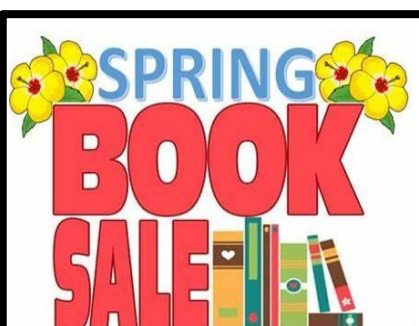
The Housing board held its 4th quarter and annual meeting on January 28th. Main topics covered were the installation of new gutters on the three buildings at the West site. Another \$10,000 grant was received for 2021, which covered the cost of gutter replacement on the two East Site buildings. This grant was received through the Iowa Finance Authority.

The cost of \$4,280.00 covered the removal of downed and damaged trees from the storm of last summer.

The 2022 Board members are: Wayne Tjernagel – President; Mary Jane Kane – Vice President; Robert Bellis – Secretary; and Maurice Welsh – Manager.

As of the annual meeting, there was one vacancy.

Maurice Welsh - Manager



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Courtney Schmitz creates “The Lilac Project” to honor her grandmother

By Courtney Schmitz

Hello, my name is Courtney Schmitz, and I am the 2021 Buchanan County Fair Queen. I am currently a freshman at Hawkeye Community College studying marketing and dental hygiene, along with my participation on the dance team! I love nothing more than making an impact on those around me and wearing my heart on my sleeve.

I am choosing to raise awareness about dementia in memory of my grandmother who passed away two years ago. The Lilac Project has an incredibly deep meaning behind its name. Lilacs were one of my grandma Rhonda's favorite flowers and they happen to be purple, which is the color of Dementia Awareness! This, of course, is extremely important to myself and my family. I feel that nursing home memory care units and memory care residents in the area need support and that is something that I can offer them.

My goal is to raise money to purchase items and supplies that area nursing homes and memory care units need. The items I plan to donate are busy boards, memory boxes, puzzles, water paintings, baby dolls and fidgets! I will be putting together sets of memory boxes to reach a specific need for residents who enjoy



This is a “busy board” that Courtney plans to deliver to some of the nursing homes and memory care units in Buchanan County.

reminiscing about their former occupation and life before dementia.

Most people who have dementia have a tough time staying still and need something that brings their attention to things they used to enjoy. The pictures are some examples of what I will be donating!

To raise money, I am hosting a Made-To-Order Omelet Breakfast at the I.C. Church Hall in Fairbank on Sunday, May 1st from 8am to 12 noon. It will be a free

will donation. I will be serving omelets, sausage, hash browns, donuts, juice, milk and coffee!.

I am also going to sponsor a Coin War for elementary students in Buchanan County. A coin war is a fun way for younger kids to raise money. I will be setting up coin buckets for each classroom and at the end of the week, the class with the most money will win! I plan to have



Courtney Schmitz, the 2021 Buchanan Co. Fair Queen.

a reward, but I haven't decided on that quite yet!

For those wishing to not participate in these events or if they feel extra generous, I have opened a bank account at Northeast Security Bank in Fairbank where donations can be made. With these efforts, I hope to reach my goal! I thank you in advance for your support.

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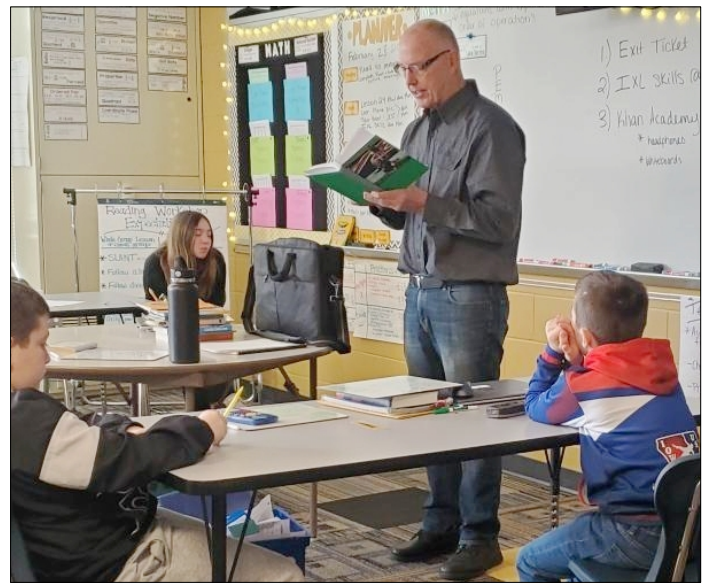




We are grateful that visitors are able to come into our buildings again. Thank you to all of our guest readers for coming in to read to our students during Literacy Week.

Pictured are (L) Justin Davie, (R) Lowell Kuecker, and (Below) Angela Berg.

at
Fairbank Elementary



Literacy Week 2022



Staff and students enjoy dressing up during Literacy Week. A few of our days were College Jersey Day and Western Day.

Fairbank Elementary Literacy Week Winners that participated in Reading Bingo.



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Rob Maricle, Artist and Photographer

(Fairbank Artist Series)

by Betty Brandt Passick

Rob is a lifelong Fairbank resident, except for the three years, four months, and seventeen days that he was in the U. S. Army Security Agency, plus the five years he was away at college. His parents were Robert (1923-2019) and Lois (Heald) Maricle (1928-2010). He had one sister Patty Litscher (1949-2018).

He received a degree in Architecture from Iowa State University in 1974. While taking five years of architectural design classes, along with physics, chemistry, structural steel design, reinforced concrete design, architectural technologies, etc., he was able to fit in art classes in pencil drawing, sculpture, oil painting and acrylic painting. He studied painting under Marion Kitzman (1929-2020), an Iowa artist whose last twenty-seven years were at the Department of Architecture at ISU. Rob says his techniques still influence him today.

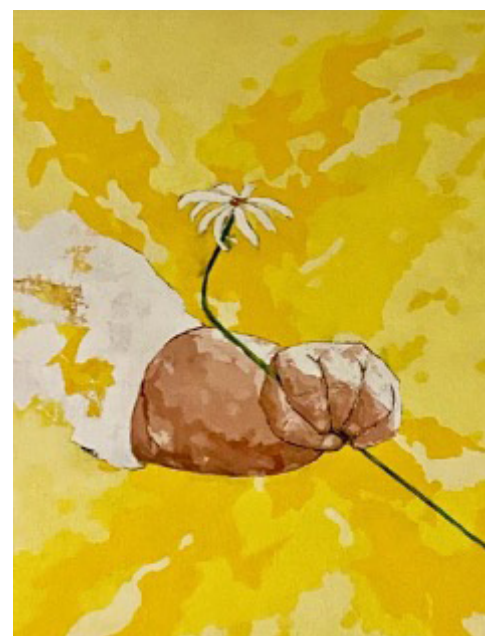
He describes his painting style as abstract or abstract expressionism, with some paintings moving to abstract realism (building and landscape). Largely, his art is known locally, although a few canvases have left the area. He did a series of small paintings that were fun to do and sold well. Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner purchased seven to

hang in their new addition in 2013. The photo (pictured) of him standing next to is his favorite painting is titled "Assisi."

Rob's mother was also an artist. Lois Maricle painted murals for the Fairbank Public Library built in 1980, and the Fairbank Fire Department building built in 1986. His father was also an artist, of sorts... Bob Maricle owned and operated Maricle Auto Body in Fairbank for many years. "You don't take on that line of business unless you have an eye for design and beauty," Rob said.

"I was born with an interest in art and began doing pencil drawings at an early age. My drawings of war planes, battleships, and aircraft carriers were influenced by my interest in WW II and the Korean War. None of those drawings survived, however... I think my mother didn't like the subject matter and filed them in the trashcan whenever I left the house."

Rob became serious about photography in 2002 after retiring as an architectural engineer from John Deere in Waterloo. He has over 60,000 of his digital photos stored on a computer and backed up on two hard drives. They are sold on



the website www.Twenty20.com. Hard copies are available at "Saved For More," his home studio at 2349 Yukon Avenue.

"My favorite art is any well-done original art," Rob said. "I've collected several pieces of original art from my artist friends. Some of my favorite 'finds' have come from a small consignment gallery in Orange Beach, Alabama. My wife Sharon and I spend the month of February there every year and I visit the gallery every couple of days, because if anything original comes in and it is 'good,' it doesn't stay on the wall very long."

It's at the Orange Beach Gallery that he does his one and only show a year. Generally, those in attendance are on vacation and purchase his beach pictures as a memento of their trip to the Gulf of Mexico. "I've sold more pieces of matted and framed photos than I can count," he added. Rob keeps his camera with him

wherever he travels, hoping to capture extraordinary images and print them for others to enjoy. Some of the subjects have appeared in his paintings, noting "It's quite evident that the camera and my mind interpret what I see differently." He admits many times to being sidetracked from painting by his photography interests.

He and Sharon have been married since 1969 and have two married sons, and five grandchildren.

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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: bpassickauthor@com-cast.net.



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raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."
(1 Corinthians 15:19-20 Evangelical Heritage Version)*

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

Let me be the first to wish you all a happy Easter. Although we are a little bit out from it yet (Easter is on April 17th), it's hard not to talk about the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead this month. It's sort of a theological elephant in the room. We can't not talk about it. And, really, as Christians we cannot refrain from talking about Jesus' resurrection. It is one of our fundamental beliefs. All Christians, of whatever denomination, give thanks to God the Father for raising the Son from the dead. We celebrate this not just one Sunday, but every Sunday has become for us a "little Easter." In Acts, the Christians called Sunday, "The Lord's Day," for this reason.

We believe exactly what I've just said. On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified. His hands and feet were nailed to a cross, where He hung until He gave up His spirit. In order to confirm His death, a Roman centurion stabbed Him with a spear, as was foretold by the prophet Isaiah. There were also many witnesses, both of Jesus' death and His burial. That Jesus died is indisputable. There are even secular historians from the time - Josephus, for example - who wrote that there was a Jesus who died by crucifixion in Jerusalem under the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. But, of course, the story doesn't end there. And if it did, as St. Paul said above, we would be the most pitiful of all people.

The truth is that, yes, Jesus died; then He rose from the dead. We also mean here exactly what we say. Jesus' rising from the dead was a true rising. The same body that died was made alive again, just as was promised through David in Psalm 16. As proof, Jesus appeared to many people. He ate and drank with them, was touched by them. His resurrection was no trick, it was not a ruse of any sort. Nor was Jesus raised in only a spiritual fashion, as some have claimed in history. In His own words, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last—the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever!" (Revelation 1)

"Don't be afraid." Those are comforting words for us, who dwell in this valley of the shadow of death. Because Jesus lives, we will, too. That is what His resurrection means for us. It means our sins were paid for and that death itself is defeated. Therefore, we have hope. Ours is not just an earthly hope, but a joyful hope for the life to come. When Christ returns, He will raise us - in our bodies - and we will live forever in blessed peace and joy. May the Lord bless the remainder of our Lent and fill us with joy at His Easter, which foreshadows our own.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jacob Swenson
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Jesup Lions Club offers medical equipment to those in need

By Cheryl Parker

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When Jesup Physical Therapist Assistant Shannon Benson was invited to visit Denny Weber's garage, it was like a kid in a candy store. The wide variety and quantity of medical equipment located there, all to be lent out free of charge, is a project of the Jesup Lions Club.

She knew that other Lions Clubs in comparable sized towns, such as Ackley, Grundy Center, and Parkersburg, have been doing this for a while. (Ackley's has recently outgrown their facility, and moved to the Ackley Fire Department, where the fire department has taken over the administration.)

The Jesup Lions Club began their medical equipment lending program about the same time Rich Schaeffer built his new garage, about 25 years ago. He stored the few items they had collected, and Chet Oldridge helped him administer it. When Jesup City Hall moved to their new facility, they let the Lions store their inventory in a closet. Nobody quite remembers when Denny Weber offered the use of his garage, where it is located today.

Knee scooters and transfer chairs are the highest items in demand; they currently have some transfer chairs, but only one knee scooter in inventory. Weber likes to

see the equipment go out for rehab, and get returned when the patient has recovered. "In and out," says Weber, "that's the way it is intended to work."

The Lions have a wide variety of walkers; Benson cautions to be careful in selecting a walker, they are not all alike. They come in two sizes, the standard walker can adjust to accommodate anyone over 5'5". A junior walker is required for anyone under 5'5". Some have two wheels, some have more than two wheels, and some have no wheels. Benson spied a stash of straight legs in the corner that can be interchanged with wheeled legs.

They also currently have three hospital beds, a couple of electric wheel chairs (Scooters), several shower chairs, and a wide variety of toileting aids. They did have one ramp, but it is currently out on loan.

The Lions have a small stash of inexpensive items, such as sock aids and reachers. Most people that need these smaller items purchase their own, but if you're in a pinch on a weekend, give the Lions a call; they just might have something for you.

Weber is quite knowledgeable about the equipment they have in stock. He can advise on pros and cons, and which item might be the best match for the patient. He is also pretty handy at demonstrating how equipment should be assembled.

The Jesup Lions Club is very appreciative of donations to their garage. But Weber quickly qualifies: it has to be clean and in good shape. They have no use for an item that is bent or has frayed upholstery; such an item is a liability and should be discarded. They have several personal care hygiene items that have been donated, still in the box, for one time distribution; not to be returned.

In addition to medical equipment, the Lions are very appreciative of cash donations which can be used to purchase equipment they are short on. Schaeffer and Weber agree that another need is for younger people to be willing to step up and help with the program; "We're not getting any younger." All equipment needs to be picked up and returned, they do not deliver.

To learn more about the Lions Club, check out their Facebook page at Jesup Iowa Lions Club.

To make a cash donation to the Medical Equipment Lending Program, please indicate so on the check and send to Jesup Lions Club, P.O. Box 602, Jesup, IA 50648.

To inquire if a piece of medical equipment is available for loan, or to donate clean, gently used medical equipment to the Lions' garage, call Weber at 319-415-2095 or 319-827-2342. If he is not available, call Lion Haili Hensley at BankIowa, 319-271-7052.

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Chris Jans makes move to Mississippi State

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) – Chris Jans leaned down to pick up a cowbell and rang it during his introduction as Mississippi State's next men's head basketball coach. It's an MSU sports tradition he acknowledged struggling with upon getting off the plane.

He plans to get better at it by ringing up more wins with the Bulldogs.

Jans, who is a 1987 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School and grew up in Fairbank, was introduced on March 23rd and vowed his program will play with confidence and swagger. While that depends on which players stay, who arrives via the transfer portal and recruiting, he's intent on transforming MSU from its current state of mediocrity and into a NCAA Tournament regular.

"This is a dream opportunity for me," said Jans, who was hired a day after guiding New Mexico State to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. "I've been coaching for 30 years and when I started this odyssey, I wanted to be in a place like Mississippi State."

"I didn't dream of being at Mississippi State. I didn't really have a dream job. I just wanted to be somewhere where it was important and we were on the biggest stage, competing with and against the best players in college basketball and the best coaches in college basketball. And obviously in the SEC and at Mississippi State, we're going to get the opportunity to do that."

Jans, 52, led the the 12th-seeded Aggies to a first-round upset of No. 5 Connecticut before falling to No. 4 Arkansas, a team he'll see often in the Southeastern Conference. He brings in a career head coaching record of 143-44 including 122-32 in five seasons at NMSU with three Western Athletic Conference Tournament championships.

His .765 winning percentage ranks fourth among active head coaches, behind Gonzaga's Mark Few (.837), Kansas' Bill Self (.768) and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski (.766).

MSU's 2019 NCAA appearance was the only one in seven seasons under veteran Ben Howland, who departed last week. The Bulldogs were 134-98 during his tenure with three NIT berths the past four years including this season. But since a fourth-place SEC finish in the 2019-20 season halted before the tournament by the corona virus outbreak, they never got above ninth and finished 18-16 in 10th this season.



Coach Jans

Athletic director John Cohen said tremendous interest in the job made it important to move quickly to find Howland's replacement. Jans checked off all the qualities we sought, his impressive record being the most obvious.

"Coach Jans is a proven leader and a proven winner," Cohen said. "He's considered by many industry experts to be one of the elite coaches in the entire country. His overall resume really speaks for itself."

Jans met with half of his roster early in the week before severe weather postponed a meeting with other players. The Fairbank, Iowa native didn't promise a style, but the Aggies' ability to hold Arkansas' high-octane offense to season lows in scoring and shooting (28%) in the 53-48 West Region loss suggests his teams won't be awed.

"We're never going to step on the floor without a chip on our shoulder," he added, "and we're never going to look down at the other bench or the other half of the court as we're warming up and fear anybody."

Jans and his wife Sheri have two children, Nick and Maddie. He has a devoted fan base in Fairbank including his parents Ronnie and Mary Jans, and brothers & sisters, aunts & uncles, nieces & nephews, and of course a lot of old friends.

Coach Jans commented, "I want to thank the Fairbank and the Wapsie Valley community for all your support. I'm a proud Wapsie Valley Warrior and realize my blessings are a result of being raised in small town Iowa. I appreciate the continued encouragement and can't wait to see everyone this summer!"

GO BULLDOGS!

Fairbank Community Club encourages new members

The Fairbank Community Club would like to encourage any interested Fairbank residents to consider joining the group. The Covid-19 restriction guidances took a toll on the club. The meetings were put on hold starting in March 2020. But now that things slowly seem to be getting back to normal, the group's officers felt that it was necessary to start meeting and planning for the upcoming summer events.

However, attendance has been very low, and people are needed if we are going to be able to continue with our usual fundraisers and events, such as "Music in the Park", Fairbank Days Food Stand, Waffle or Omelet Breakfasts, Spring & Fall City-Wide Garage Sales, ...etc. We also provide several activities to promote Fairbank and to show our appreciation for community support. These include: Easter Bunny and Santa Claus for the kids, sponsoring the Fairbank Islander newspaper, Life Serve Blood Drives, Christmas Lighting Contest, Flowers on Main Street, sponsoring a Fairbank Queen candidate, monetary support for Fairbank Days Fireworks, support tourism as a member of Buchanan County Tourism, etc.

We are a non-profit organization. The money that we take in is used to fund our many projects, and all profits go back into the community.

The group meets every other month (odd months) on the third Wednesday at the American Legion Hall. There was a discussion as to whether there should be a meal before each meeting as there has been in the past, and some felt that it wasn't necessary. But there seems to be more interest in the meal than they realized, so for now, they are planning on continuing with the tradition. There will be a cash bar only, each person pays for their own drinks and sodas. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour/meal, and the meeting follows at 6:30 or shortly thereafter.

All current members are urged to make a point to attend the next meeting on May 18th at the Legion so that we can get some committees set up for the summer events. And for those who think they might be interested in being a part of our community-minded group, we invite you to come and check us out. It's a great way to meet new people and be a part of our active community. If you have any questions, contact Jean Bellis at sisjean2@gmail.com or call 319-240-4857. Hope to see you there!



Thank You

I sincerely want to thank my family and friends who made my 100th Birthday Celebration "A Day to Remember." The many cards I received with memories and kind words, the jelly beans and chocolates, and the Fairbank Elementary singing to me were all appreciated very much. My life has truly been Blessed!!! Thank you.



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May 8th, 2022

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IC Parish Hall

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What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

The warm spring weather brings fresh produce including morels, winter onions and asparagus. I always look forward to the fresh sprouts of asparagus. One of the first things I learned to make in Home Economics class (many years ago) was Creamed Asparagus and Eggs on Toast. It is still one of my favorite springtime recipes to serve for breakfast, brunch or lunch.

Creamed Asparagus and Egg on Toast

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| 1 lb. asparagus, diced | Dash of pepper |
| 3-4 hard boiled eggs, cubed | 2 cups milk |
| ¼ cup butter | 4 slices bread, toasted |
| ¼ cup flour | 1 cup cheddar cheese |
| ½ tsp. salt | (optional) |



Par-boil asparagus 3-4 minutes, drain. In saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Gradually whisk in flour, salt and pepper. When smooth, gradually add milk stirring constantly until thickened. Blend in the drained asparagus and chopped egg. Serve on toast. Sprinkle with cheese, if desired.

Lemon Poppy Seed Bread is an easy, delicious quick bread (using cake mix and pudding mixes). It is a family favorite. Enjoy this good "anytime treat"!



Lemon Poppy Seed Bread

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| 1 pkg. lemon cake mix | 1 c. warm water |
| 1 pkg. instant lemon pudding | ½ c. vegetable or canola oil |
| 4 eggs | ¼ c. poppy seeds |

Stir together cake mix and pudding mix. Make a well in center and pour in water, oil and eggs. Beat on low speed until blended. Scrape bowl and beat on medium speed for four minutes. Blend in poppy seeds. Pour in prepared pan/pans – greased and floured loaf pans or a bundt cake pan. Bake in a 350 degree pre-heated oven. Baking time will vary depending on the pan used. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the bread comes out clean. Let cool 10 minutes before removing from oven.

You can simply dust the bread with powdered sugar when completely cool or add a simple glaze while still warm or just before serving, if desired.

For the glaze: Mix together 1 cup powdered sugar and 1 tablespoon lemon juice and spread on bread.

Raindrops falling, grass turning green,
Flowers a blooming, a welcome spring scene!

Do you have a favorite recipe or recipes? Please drop them off in the recipe box at the Fairbank Public Library. Be sure to sign your name. Thank you!



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CONGRATULATIONS COACH FOSTER!



Retired WV football coach, Tony Foster, accepts his Hall of Fame plaque from Iowa State coach Matt Campbell.



Tony and his wife Carol, along with four of their five grandchildren who attended the ceremony.



Former WV Head Coach Jerry Southmayd (right) is also a Hall of Famer. Also attending was former Asst. Coach Steve Doeden.



Some of the others attending the ceremony were (l. to r.) Mary Kay Frost, Joey Rigdon, Kobe Risse and Cole Mather.



Coach Tony Foster was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Iowa Football Coaches Association awards banquet. He was the head coach at Wapsie Valley for 19 years, retiring in 2020, and is well-deserving of these honors.

His record says it all!

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Tony's son, Duane (current WV Football Head Coach) and his wife Heidi, listen to his dad's speech.



Tony's son, Matt and his wife Holly, were also on hand for the celebration.

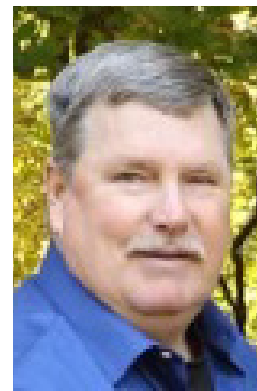


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MICHAEL JAMES EVERDING

November 6, 1963 ~ March 19, 2022

Mike Everding 58, of Fairbank and formerly of Stanley passed away at his home surrounded by the love of his wife and daughters on March 19, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born November 6, 1963 in Waterloo the son of Vernon and Gloria (Poock) Everding. Mike grew up in rural Tripoli and attended and graduated from Tripoli Community School with the class of 1982. On March 31, 1984 he married Tammy Mauer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly.



After high school, he enrolled in the Animal Science Program at Hawkeye Institute of Technology where he received his Associates Degree. He followed his love of the farm by going to work for A.D.D. Angus Farms located in rural Arlington. Mike worked at many different jobs early in his working career including: Professional Office Services in Waterloo, Print Express in Independence, and Area Education Agency 267 in Cedar Falls where he held the position of Printing and Production Supervisor. Eventually Mike decided on law enforcement and enrolled and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in Des Moines. His first assignment he served as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in Linn County. After a couple of years in that position Mike became a Deputy Sheriff in Fayette County and held that position for 12 years, when his health forced him to retire. He was not willing to let his health stop him completely, so he took on a part time job with the Iowa DNR for two summers working as a water patrol officer, which worked out great for a guy who loved to fish anytime he could get a chance. Most recently Mike served as the Police Chief of Fairbank and held that position until his passing. Mike was proud of his accomplishments during his time in law enforcement which included, being a DCI Marijuana identification expert and Technical Collision Investigator. While living in Stanley, Mike served City Council and then was Mayor. He also volunteered to serve on several boards including the Fayette County 911 board and the Cedar Valley Walleye board. Mike was an ATV Safety Institute & DNR instructor for almost 10 years.

In his spare time Mike was an avid fisherman who enjoyed walleye tournament fishing. He enjoyed riding 4 wheelers, hunting, and just everything about the outdoors. Most of all Mike loved his family and spending time with them. He loved to cheer on and brag up his grandkids any chance he had. When at home, he could be found in his recliner spoiling his fur babies, Berkley and Bella. Most of all Mike loved his family and spending time with them.

Mike is survived by his wife, Tammy; two daughters: Jessica (Adam) Thomson of Camanche and Ashley (Bradley) Bachman of Marion; five grandchildren: Owen, Greta and Iris Thomson, Delaney and Emberly Bachman; five brothers: Tim (Darlene) Everding, Dennis (Deb) Everding, Kevin (Dawn) Everding, Joel Everding and Randy (Nikki) Everding; his mother Gloria Schildroth and Step-father Marvin Westendorf; his father and mother-in-law: Darwin and Marlene Mauer; three sisters-in-law: Bonnie (Loren) Neuzil, Laurie (Vince) Lumetta and Nancy (Mark) Conklin; two brothers-in-law: Brian (Jenice) Mauer and Derwin (Julene) Mauer; one step-brother: Michael (Kathy) Westendorf; three step-sisters: Michelle (Craig) Vogt, Melissa (Brian) Pawlack and Melody (Dan) Wright; along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Vernon Everding; his grandparents; and his step-father Verne Schildroth.

Visitation was held March 23, 2022 at Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank, and for one hour before services Thursday at the church. Funeral services were held March 24, 2022 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oelwein, Iowa with interment at St. Matthew's Cemetery, Readlyn.

Cards & memorials may be directed to the family by sending to: Tammy Everding, 402 2nd St. NE, Fairbank, IA 50629.



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DOROTHY LAVONNE STEGGALL

September 21, 1931 ~ March 6, 2022

Dorothy Lavonne Steggall, 91 of Fairbank passed away at her home on Sunday, March 6, 2022. She was born September 21, 1931 in Fredericksburg, Iowa the daughter of Bill and Hazel (Dawson) Lienau. Dorothy attended and graduated from Fredericksburg High School and then enrolled in a business school in Omaha. After completing business school she was hired at Rath Packing as a book-keeper.

On September 23, 1951 she married Donald Steggall. Together Don and Dorothy started the business of Don's Autos in Fairbank which later became Don's Truck Sales. This was their legacy and many people worked for them over the years. Dorothy will always be remembered for her time spent at the "back desk" on her wooden swivel chair at Don's where she claimed to still have the very first penny she ever earned. When visiting her at work, she was either counting money, typing correspondence, or refilling the pop machine. Nothing and nobody could outsmart Dorothy. She usually had the final word.

Grandkids remember when visiting Grandma Dorothy that she had a "sweet tooth", and cookies and chocolate were always on hand. At every family or community gathering, there was dessert! Dorothy was also known as a pretty good card player and the game 500 was her favorite where bidding was key. She cherished the Tues. evening ladies card club that was still going up until a few years ago. Dorothy's favorite saying was "Let's wait and see what the weather is doing."

Dorothy is survived by her three children: Debra (Dean) Brase of Cedar Falls, Diane (Gene) Carpenter of Plainfield, and Darrel (Therese) Steggall of Fairbank; seven grandchildren: Dustin (Heather) Brase of Ames, Danielle (John) Meyer of Redmond, WA, Dawn (Sterling) Silver Jr. of Marion, Jeremy (Bethany) Carpenter of Plainfield, Shantelle (Scott) Bohner of Decorah, Kristen (Josh) Dvorak of Fairbank and Karen (Nathan) Schnettgoecke of Carrollton, IL. Dorothy is also survived by 23 great grandchildren and soon to be born in June a Great Great granddaughter.

Preceding Dorothy in death: her parents; her husband, Donald; a grandson, Nicholas Steggall; and a great-grand daughter, Giselle Meyer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank, Iowa, with interment at Fairbank Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.



RODNEY DEAN BANTZ

April 25, 1972 ~ March 3, 2022

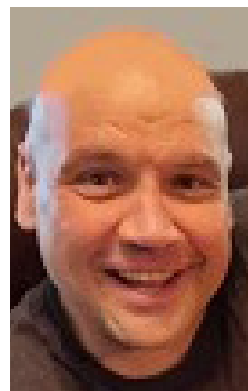
Rodney Dean Bantz, 49 years old of Fairbank, IA, died Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Waucoma, IA. He was born April 25, 1972, in Waterloo, IA, the son of Wendell Dana Bantz and Linda Sue (Etringer) Bantz. He graduated from Wapsie Valley High School, Fairbank, IA, with the class of 1990. Rodney loved spending time with family and friends, driving and traveling around the country.

Rodney is survived by his mother: Linda Etringer of Fairbank; two brothers: Dan Bantz (Jamie Westendorf) of Oelwein, IA; and Corey (Megan) Bantz of Oelwein; one sister: Dana (James) Klink of Sumner, IA; a special friend, Brock "Juvy" Eldridge of Fairbank; many nieces and nephews and one great niece.

His father; paternal grandparents, Dallas & JoAnne Bantz and maternal grandparents, Peter & Margaret Etringer, preceded him in death.

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 11, 2022, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Raymond, IA, with burial following.

Memorials may be directed to Linda Etringer, 405 2nd Street South, Fairbank, IA 50629. Online condolences may be posted at www.White-MtHope.com White Funeral Home, Jesup, IA assisted the family with arrangements.



JEROLD PAUL PLASTER

June 2, 1951 ~ February 28th, 2022

Jerold "Jerry" Paul Plaster, 70 of Fairbank, died Monday, February 28th 2022, at Unity Point Allen Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa following a lengthy illness. He was born June 2, 1951, the son of Paul and Dorothy (Friedrich) Plaster.

Jerry was confirmed at St John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank. He later converted to the Catholic Faith at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, also in Fairbank. Jerry attended and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools, with the class of 1969. On January 12, 1974 he married the love of his life, Lynn Marie Gill at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Jerry worked for many years for Humphrey Construction and later for Oelwein Glass and Mirror. Eventually his health forced him to slow down and eventually retire. He was a man of faith and enjoyed his family of Immaculate Conception Church, where he was a member of the Choir, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Parrish Council and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed fishing, had a love of woodworking, Corvettes and telling jokes. Jerry was an avid fan of the Wapsie Valley Warriors and the Oakland Raiders. He took pride in singing, whether at home or with his beloved church choir and was a pro at Name That Tune. But most of all he loved just being with his family and friends, especially seeing his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife; two children: Jessica (Lonny) Jeanes of Saint Louis, MO and Jarred (Jamie) Plaster of Oelwein, IA; 6 Grandchildren: Anna, Madison & Mollie Jeanes of St. Louis, MO and Skylar, Brantley and Braxton Plaster of Oelwein, IA; two sisters: Judy (Dave) Doyle of Independence, IA and Beverly (Don) Bushaw of Westgate, IA; 6 Brothers-in Law: Steve Gill, Mike Gill, Danny Gill, Patrick Gill, John Gill and Joe Gill; his Mother-in Law Carolyn Gill; along with many nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by: his parents, Paul and Dorothy (Friedrich) Plaster and Father-in-Law, Jack Gill.

Funeral Mass was held March 3, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank with interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Fairbank Veteran's Park, Immaculate Conception Church, Fairbank Fire Department or to the family.



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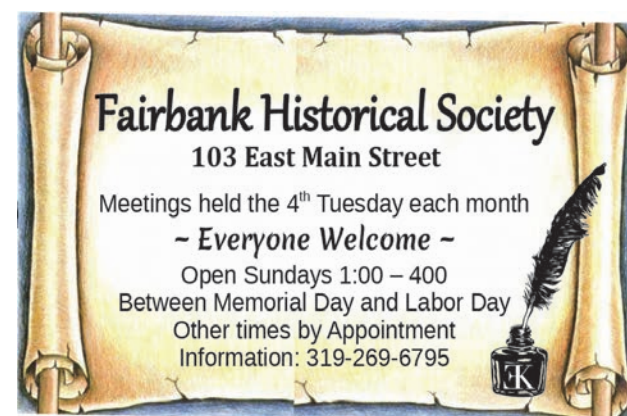
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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 February 28, 2022. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

The budget for FY2023 was discussed during the budget workshop. The Council discussed the tax rate and levy possibilities.

Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the agenda with the change of moving topic #12 (Lisa Kremer – Buchanan County Economic Development Update) up to after the public hearing and resolutions on the budget for FY 2023 due to Lisa arriving earlier than expected. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Erickson/Williams to approve the minutes of the February 14th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Coffin to open the public hearing on Maximum Tax Dollars for Budget Year 2022-2023. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The max property tax levy was published at \$10.33001. The tax rate cannot be set at more than that. No other oral or written comments were received. R. Woods/T. Woods to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2022-06

– Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Time was spent discussing the budget for FY23 and the different levy options. Williams/T. Woods to submit the FY23 budget for publication with a rate of \$9.15002. A \$0.578 decrease from the levy rate set for FY 22. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve Resolution 2022-07 – Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. The budget public hearing will be held at City Hall on Monday March 14th at 6:00 PM.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to discuss the annual report for 2021 and talk about the newest projects they have been working on for Buchanan County including numbers from a labor shed study that was just completed.

Attorney Prendergast arrived at 6:16 PM.

Councilman R. Woods said he talked with Jared Kane about his request to move the utility pole south of 301 N. Water Street and Jared mentioned to him that he would just like permission from the council to move the pole at his own expense. Erickson/T. Woods to allow Jared Kane to move the utility pole at his expense but that it was subject to final approval of the final plans by public works and city council. Ayes: Three. Abstain: Williams and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Jason Kayser, the Fairbank Aquatic Center President, was present to give the council an update on the pool. He brought up his concern about the pool operations for this upcoming season due to employee change over. Public Works Ben Delagardelle explained that he just

got his certification to run the pool and that he had zero apprehensions about the pool and operating it. Kayser is still looking to get a full management team hired and if anyone knew of someone to let him know. He is hoping chemical prices stay reasonable this year.

Discussion on the summer 2022 recreation program directors was tabled.

Discussion on the ballpark scoreboard with Mitch Coffin was tabled.

New additions to the current software used by the clerk's office were discussed. gWorks (the accounting software) now offers a new time and attendance module called HR Hub that would make the payroll process much smoother and adding receipts management would help move the office closer to the future of the software being a cloud-based system with the capabilities of residents logging in and seeing all their utility billing information whenever they wanted to. The council had budgeted \$2,500 in the current year for a time and attendance upgrade and with the promotion and discount they were able to secure both modules for that price. Annual fees will still be paid and will be based off all modules operated by the city. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the purchase of the HR Hub module and Receipts Management Module. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The software used by the city to read utility meters is no longer supported and is out of date. Van Meter Company provided the city with a quote for the newest cloud-based technology for the monthly reading of the meters. R. Woods/Coffin to approve the purchase of the new Itron AMR Software for \$9,305.00. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion was made on the employee health insurance options. The following list of items were approved

to add to the employee manual and finalize at the next meeting: family insurance is now available with the employee paying 50% after the single premium is deducted from the total premium, the city will pay \$125.00 a month for single and \$250.00 a month for family coverage into an HSA account, Vision can be taken at the employee cost, dental insurance costs the employee and family 20% of the premium, and they are now going to offer \$50,000.00 life/accidental death and disability paid for by the city as a benefit. Williams/T. Woods to approve these additions to the personnel policy. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Personnel manual updates will be tabled for the next meeting with the previous changes noted.

Discussion took place on hiring a third public works employee. Mayor Harter stated that he would like to see the offer made to the next candidate of the council's choice from the last group of interviews conducted. Erickson/T. Woods to offer the position to that candidate starting at \$26.00 per hour. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Appointing new TIF Committee members was tabled due to still waiting on interests and information from the current members.

Ordinance review of the last few ordinances was tabled.

During the department updates, Ben Delagardelle stated that he would be in class next week for gas odorization. Brian stated that during an electrical inspection they found a couple of more poles needing replaced.

Williams/Coffin to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

Ron Miller was present during the public comment section to inform the council that the county was willing to give the city their radio communications tower that is located down by the sewer lagoon free of charge. The county is no longer using it since they went to a different communications system and are offering it to the city if they would like it. It will be on the next agenda for consideration.

Erickson/Williams to approve the minutes of the February 28th Regular Meeting and the March 10th Special Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Coffin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of February were: General, \$11,696.52; Special Revenue, \$15,396.48; TIF, \$686.80; Capital Projects, \$11.42; Permanent Funds, \$6.02; Proprietary, \$193,374.59; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of February were: General, \$18,780.66; Special Revenue, \$16,502.30; Proprietary, \$206,158.53; Capital, \$1,495.00; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on February 28, 2022, was \$5,077,618.37.

Coffin/Williams to open the public hearing on FY 2023 Budget. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. No comments were received. Williams/T. Woods to close the public hearing on the FY 2023 Budget. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter stated the tax rate set by the city was \$9.15002. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2022-09 – Resolution Approving City of Fairbank's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Justin Steinlage with the Fayette County Fair Board joined the meeting to discuss the City's participation with the Fayette County Fair this year. The Fair dates will be July 19th – 23rd. Last year the city donated \$500.00. The money would be used to make the entire carnival free for everyone. Erickson/T. Woods to donate \$600.00 this year to help with a more expensive carnival. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Matt Mahoney and Katie LaBree from Butler County REC were present to give the council a yearly update. They thanked the city for the relationships they have gained over the past year. It was a tougher year with the bad storms that had been experienced. He is going to work with public works on ways to create more isolation of our electrical system and he is hoping the rates stay steady.

It is a new requirement that municipal electric utilities file a reliability plan with the Iowa Utilities Board. The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities helped cities create a template to follow and pass by resolution. Williams/Coffin to approve Resolution 2022-10 – Resolution Adopting Electric Reliability Plan of the City of Fairbank Municipal Electric Utility. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. This plan will be filed with IUB by April 1st.

Adam Kerns, the city's insurance agent, was present to discuss the renewal information on the city property insurance. He stated that the city was going to see about an 11% increase which was typical across the board for what people had been seeing. It will be on the next agenda for approval and until then he asked to be contacted with any questions.

As of right now there had been no interests in the recreation position for the summer season of 2022. The council asked that it be placed on Facebook to see if any interests would come from that. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mitch Coffin was not present, so nothing was discussed with the ballpark scoreboard.

The council decided to accept bids on the seasonal cemetery mowing for 2022. It will be awarded at the next meeting.

Randy's Lawn Care & Snow Removal mowed the six parks for last years mowing season. When they submitted their bid proposal last year, they had bid on the next three years. Everyone was happy with their work and the wonderful job they did when the city had dealt with the storms in August 2021. Williams/Coffin to approve Randy's Lawn Care & Snow Removal to mow the six parks again this 2022 mowing season with the same proposal price of \$525.00 per mowing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The Council received a quote from Frontline Warning Systems for a service contract for one year. The \$800.00 contract included inspecting the warning sirens twice a year. R. Woods/Coffin to approve the one-year contract with Frontline Warning Systems. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the IC Youth to run the ball diamond concessions again for season 2022. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The council discussed more on the commercial options with OnMedia. They will get the opinions from others in the Fairbank Community Club and the Fairbank Development Corporation and will be on the next meeting agenda.

Erickson/Coffin to approve Resolution 2022-11 – A Resolution to Amend the Personnel Policy Manual with the changes approved at the meeting on February 28th. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A resignation letter was received from Karen Levendusky to remove herself from the TIF Committee. Interested parties to fill the open TIF Committee spots were discussed. Williams/Coffin to accept resignation from Karen Levendusky and to add Ted Vorwald, Juliann Woods, and Jason Kayser to the TIF Committee. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The council was updated on the different financing options for the future Main Street project. Maggie Burger with Speer Financial will be contacted to see about attending a future meeting for more details.

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

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| ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies | \$ 83.57 |
| BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement | \$ 75.00 |
| BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services | \$ 5,814.90 |
| BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS, Services | \$ 407.04 |
| BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies | \$ 60.33 |
| BRENT WIERCK, Services | \$ 750.00 |
| BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement | \$ 75.00 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies | \$ 570.00 |
| BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Dues | \$ 500.00 |
| BUCHANAN COUNTY, Dispatch Fees | \$ 23,620.00 |
| BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric | \$ 56,534.54 |
| BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services | \$ 651.75 |
| CAMPBELL SUPPLY-WATERLOO, Supplies | \$ 55.20 |
| CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas | \$ 1,018.08 |
| CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas | \$ 5,225.65 |
| CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas | \$ 23,813.63 |
| CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation | \$ 9,275.07 |
| DAN RIGDON, Reimbursement | \$ 200.00 |
| ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT, Supplies | \$ 245.02 |
| EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies | \$ 678.21 |
| FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage Utility Bills March 2022 | \$ 152.00 |
| FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees | \$ 33,761.00 |
| FELD FIRE, Supplies | \$ 305.00 |
| FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU, Training | \$ 50.00 |

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| FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS, Annual Siren Contract | \$ 800.00 |
| GALL'S INC., Clothing Allowance | \$ 54.40 |
| GWORX, Software Upgrades | \$ 3,406.50 |
| HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CO., Services | \$ 250.00 |
| IA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Registration | \$ 70.00 |
| IMFOA, Membership Dues | \$ 70.00 |
| IOWA PARK & RECREATION ASSOC., Training | \$ 245.00 |
| IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water | \$ 6,384.64 |
| JETCO, INC., Services | \$ 2,419.18 |
| JOHN FRIEDRICH, Services | \$ 100.00 |
| KARLA KELLY, Utility Deposit Reimbursement | \$ 200.00 |
| KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing | \$ 404.25 |
| LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Address | \$ 10.00 |
| MEDIACOM, Internet | \$ 437.24 |
| MEDIACOM, Internet | \$ 448.50 |
| MIDWEST MUNIC. TRANS. GROUP, Dues | \$ 200.00 |
| MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies | \$ 484.05 |
| NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 2/1/22 | \$ 10.00 |
| NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 2/15/22 | \$ 8.07 |
| NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge | \$ 10.00 |
| NSB/H S A - H S A Contributions | \$ 145.00 |
| OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publications | \$ 514.53 |
| PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services | \$ 66.00 |
| QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services | \$ 513.47 |
| REGION 1 AWWA, Training | \$ 50.00 |
| ROBERTS, STEVENS, PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees | \$ 487.50 |
| ROSENBAUER SOUTH DAKOTA LLC, Supplies | \$ 254.84 |
| STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, Minor Equipment | \$ 392.54 |
| SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen | \$ 30.61 |
| SWIMOUTLET.COM, Supplies | \$ 243.81 |
| THEODORE J. VORWALD, Fire Reimbursement | \$ 249.00 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Feb. Excise Tax | \$ 1,155.67 |
| TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Feb. Sales Tax | \$ 3,971.68 |
| U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes | \$ 3,782.14 |
| U.S. BANK, February PEFA Gas | \$ 12,136.78 |
| U.S. BANK, January PEFA Gas | \$ 14,605.61 |
| UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies | \$ 337.96 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones | \$ 157.61 |
| VISA, AVAYA Phone System | \$ 313.79 |
| VISA, Training | \$ 250.00 |
| WELLMARK, Premium | \$ 1,364.36 |
| WELTER STORAGE EQUIP CO., INC, Supplies | \$ 510.00 |
| WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Phone Line | \$ 66.75 |
| WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC., Services | \$ 2,462.50 |
| The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on March 3, 2022: | |
| SYNCO/AMAZON, Supplies | \$ 111.05 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books | \$ 903.68 |
| CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas | \$ 254.24 |
| FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Box Rent | \$ 92.00 |
| NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 2/15/22 | \$ 1.93 |
| PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services | \$ 118.75 |
| VISA, AVAYA Phone System | \$ 40.10 |
| Ordinance updates will continue to be worked on. The clerk will meet with Chief Everding to start looking at the police sections next week. | |
| T. Woods/Coffin to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. | |
| Mike Harter, Mayor | |
| Brittany Fuller, City Clerk | |

WAPSIE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

School Board Minutes
Wapsie Valley CSD
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2022

1. President Sauerbrei called the Public Hearing to order for the 22-23 Academic School Calendar and the HVAC bids at 6:31.

A. Directors: Sauerbrei, Van Daele, Aiello, Auel, Wolfe. Declare a quorum.

B. Administrators: Dave Larson (virtual) Principal Murphy & Hurley-Board Secretary; Kim Arndt-

C.Others: Lois Heineman, Tim & Elaine Zimmerman, Vaughn Gross and the Robotics team, Brett Bergman, Brian Stark, Jeff Hughes, Anna Richards, Mandy Bockholt, Alyson Forsyth & virtual participants

2. Mr. Larson presented the 22-23 Academic School Calendar

3.No public comment on the 22-23 Academic School Calendar

4. Brian Stark presented the HVAC bids

5. No public comment on the HVAC bids

6.Moved by Wolfe, second by Auel to adjourn the public hearing meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0

1. President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:36.

2. No changes to the agenda

3. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

4. Public comment: - Mr. Gross and the Robotics team gave a demonstration with the robot they built and explained their experience at the state competition. The Robotics team placed second at state competition. Awesome job! Mr. Gross questioned board policy 902.4 (Live Broadcast or Videotaping) Mr. Larson states that videotaping is allowed in the classroom for educational

purposes but needs permission for non-educational purposes. Elaine Zimmerman voiced her concerns on privacy issues and a breach of confidentiality on her son.

5.Consent Items: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the financials & bills that were reviewed by Steve Aiello including open enrollments as follows: IN- Neil Wilkinson requested to OE his 3rd and 7th-grade sons to WV from West Central after a family move effective 8-1-2022 & Katelyn Gann request to OE her 1st grade daughter to WV from Oelwein effective the 22-23 school year- OUT: Marcie Even's kindergarten daughter to Jesup, Mandy Thurm's kindergarten son to Denver, Jackie & Bruce Berryhill's 9th-grade son to & Emily Briddle's 10th-grade daughter to Oelwein- all Out OE's are effective the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

6. Communication & Reports: Board: Nothing
Superintendent: Working on transitional days with Mr. Chris Hoover, attended ISFIS budget, discussed Kern Family Foundation grant (\$27,500) for Leader in Me, Labor Management Committee meeting on 1-31-22, attended CAPS penning ceremony, CLS meeting, stage curtains will be installed before the spring play and presented staffing proposal for 22-23 school year.

Principal Hurley: Discussed 2-2-22 PD day, Leader in Me Updates, 3rd quarter report cards, MAP & NAEP testing, position updates, & thanks to the WVEF for the classroom grants.

Principal Murphy: Discussed Professional Development & Leader in Me, FFA, WVEF grants, Activity updates, Robotics club, & security updates.

7. Personnel-Resignation: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the resignation of Kim Menuey-Fairbank Lead Cook & Kelli Brunscheon-Asst. Softball coach and thank them for their service to the students and staff of WV as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve contracts for Chris Hoover- 22-23 Superintendent Contract - \$150,000, & Shae Kerns - F/T District Para-professional Substitute - \$13.88 P/H - Motion carried 5-0

8. New Business: - Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to award the HVAC bid to Steege Construction (\$253,352) with adding additional units (\$43,734 each) while staying under the original estimate of \$380,000 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to increase Pre-school Tuition from \$325 to \$350 per month effective with the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve Kay Chapman CPA, PC as WV auditing firm for the cost not to exceed \$9,000-FY22, \$9,200-FY23, and \$9,400-FY24 as presented.

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the 22-23 Academic School Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the advertisement of a JH Baseball coach for the 2023 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, seconded by Wolfe to approve the purchase of baseball and softball batting cages from American Fence Company (\$19,800) as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the resolution to transfer funds from general fund to activity fund (\$7,501.36 for FB helmets) to purchase protective and safety equipment for any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is sponsored or administered by an organization as currently defined by Iowa Code. Motion carried 5-0

9.Board Talking Points – None

10.Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 8:56 PM. Motion carried 5-0

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Thursday, March 10, 2022. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams and Erickson. Members present via phone: Coffin. Absent: T. Woods and R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Erickson/Coffin to approve Resolution 2022-08 – Hiring Public Works Employee to hire Nick Kuker for the open public works position at \$26.00 an hour starting on March 28, 2022. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to adjourn at 5:21 PM. Ayes: Three. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk



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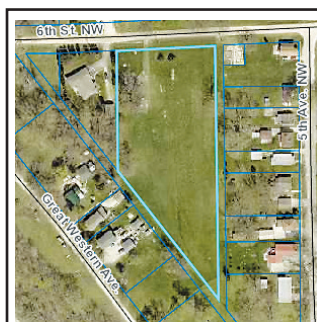
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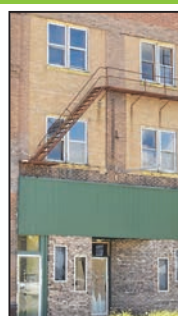
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