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"Music in the Park" tonight!

Hope you're planning on joining us tonight at the first "Music in the Park" in Fairbank from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Entertainment will be provided by Gina Owens, former Wapsie Valley graduate

who is paving



her way to the top of the country charts.

Pack your cooler, grab a lawn chair and come on down to Riverside Park by the Gazebo. A food vender will be on hand. Hope to see you there!

City-Wide Garage Sales this Saturday in Fairbank

This is the weekend for the Fairbank City-Wide Garage Sales. Saturday is the main day, with sales starting at 8:00am. However, some garage sales will be starting up on Friday. The map with sale locations and a brief listing of sale items with be available on Thursday at some of the local businesses such as Casey's and Fairbank Food. You can find the sale times on these sheets also.

To those who are having a sale, if you have items left at the end of your sale that you would like to donate, Full Circle Services will have their donation trailer available Friday and Saturday in the parking lot between Brainard Hollow and the Fairbank Library. Please take the time to load your items on the trailer in an orderly fashion, packing the front of the trailer first, so that others coming after you can load their items safely.

Also, don't forget that Monday is City-Wide Clean Up Day, and most large items can be set out by the curb for pick-up. Large items like appliances will need a tag which can be purchased at the City Hall no later than Friday at 5:00pm.

"FILMORE" TO HEADLINE FAIRBANK DAYS ENTERTAINMENT

Fairbank Island Days is proud to present "Filmore on The Island" Saturday, June 25 with special guest Aaron Smith. Doors will open at 6:30 P.M.

A Nashville-based artist who blends pop and electronic elements with earnest country songwriting, Tyler Filmore, who performs as "Filmore" rose to success in early 2018 with his breakthrough single "Slower," a summer jam that earned comparisons to the country-pop of Sam Hunt.

Born and raised in Wildwood, Missouri, Filmore was active in choirs and local groups before heading to the University of Missouri where he formed a band -also called Filmore -- that became popular on the regional college circuit; they recorded a pair of albums. He eventually migrated to Nashville around 2011 and made a go of it as a solo artist, writing songs from a country platform that added strong pop and electronic elements into the mix. Working under his surname, Filmore released a three-song EP in 2015, landing a hit with the track "Headlights," which appeared on his 2016 album Proof. With his profile



raised, he returned in 2017 with the smooth country-pop track "You Know You Wanna," followed in early 2018 by the breakout single "Slower," a banjo-led summer anthem with plenty of mainstream pop appeal that quickly notched millions of streams. Filmore's follow-up single, "Love That About You," took a similar approach and also fared well commercially. Additional singles arrived over the next year including "Heart's Having a Hard Time" and "Livin' Easy," all of which appeared on the 2020 full-length album "State I'm In."



This guy not only can sing, but has personality, too. That's why he's a featured artist for Oak & Eden

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Readlyn Grumpsters Market looking for vendors

Readlyn is looking for vendors who would be interested in taking part in the Grumpsters Chipped & Treasured Market on June 18th from 9:00 to 1:00pm during their Annual Grump Days Celebration.

They are looking for rustic, homemade items, unique items, etc!!! The fee is \$30.00 for a 10'x10' space

If interested, contact Lynn Ott at (319) 415-1620 or email to grumpstersmarket@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is May 31st.



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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

Black Hawk Waste has asked us to remind everyone that garbage pick up starts at 7:00 AM. They will generally start on the northeast side of town, especially if it is windy. Their goal is to get the garbage picked up before wind blows it all over.

We are still accepting donations for Flowers on Main. If you would like to contribute, you may contact City Hall.

We are tentatively planning to have a community meeting on Tuesday, June 21, to provide information about the Main Street Project. The project will be done during the 2023 construction season. I will confirm the date and location in next month's Islander.

At our Regular Meeting on April 25, a resolution hiring a part-time Police Department Investigator was approved. Andrew Isley, an investigator on the Independence police force, was hired. He will be able to work more hours on any one investigation, as this will be his only job in Fairbank.

School will soon be out for the summer. Little League activities have already started. Please keep a watchful eye out for kids on bikes and those walking. Stay Healthy and Stay Safe

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Whiskey (that's right, he has his own whiskey) on their Anthro Series as well as recently becoming an Artist Ambassador for the CMA Foundation. So, he's got some serious street cred.

With over 193 million on-demand streams, appearances on Today Show and Bobby Bones Show, the singer/songwriter has honed his electric and engaging live show by opening for artists such as Sam Hunt, Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood, Dan + Shay, Lauren Alaina, Brett Young, Chase Rice, Walker Hayes, and Pitbull; and has rocked performances at Stagecoach Festival, Watershed Festival, CMA Fest, and Country Thunder Music Festivals.

"The Midwest runs deep in my veins and is still a huge part of who I am," he says. "You can't really shake your roots in that aspect." So let's welcome him back

For information on tickets, go to: www.fairbank islanddays.com/product-page/filmore-presale-



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For information, call: Fairbank Library 319-635-2487 or Kathy Risse 319-635-2122



By Mary Bodensteiner

My, oh my. May is here and it will definitely be a bittersweet month! I will celebrate my 18th birthday, graduate, finish up my last high school activities, and celebrate all of my friends' graduation parties, as well as my own. Hopefully, with a new month, we will enjoy some much needed nice weather. All that April rain better bring lots and lots of beautiful May flowers!

For our track season's sake, let's keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to finish what's left of the season without any more cancellations..

It's crazy to think that there are only a handful of days left until my senior year is over. If you didn't already know, I have been homeschooled my entire life. However, I have been dual enrolled at Wapsie while being active in extracurricular activities since elementary. I have been blessed with many friendships and amazing experiences throughout my years here. I will miss all the people and activities that I truly love, but I won't lie and say I'm not ready to move on from high school and get to Ames!

Before I end my time as Miss Fairbank, I'm looking forward to seeing you all a few more times at Music in the Park starting up again on May 4th. I'm so excited to enjoy

our beautiful town outdoors with all of you listening to some good music! I hope you all will come out again, or if you weren't able to make it to any last year, that you will consider stopping by to see what it's all

My track team and I won our first meet in a very, very long time back in April. You could say it's been a successful year so far!



Emily Erhardt Bauer to perform at Music in the Park on **June 1st**

Come on out Wednesday, June 1 from 6-8 pm for Music in the Park at Riverside Park in Fairbank. The featured artist will be Emily

(Erhardt) Bauer. Emily was born and raised in Fairbank. She is currently living in Omaha, NE and working as a board-certified

music therapist.

Along with her full-time therapist position, Emily has been performing since 2017 in various pubs, wineries, and bars in Fairbank, Omaha and Denver, CO. She is currently one of the resident musicians at Cellar 44 in Omaha. Emily will be sharing a mixture of folk, country and pop music and is very excited to be back in Fairbank to perform in her

hometown.

Emily is the daughter of Tim and Roxanne (Woods) Erhardt of Fairbank.



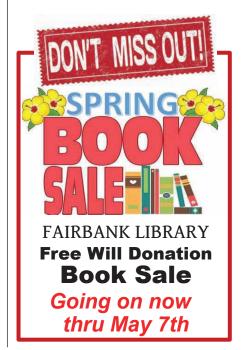
NCYC Mother's Day Breakfast this Sunday

Don't forget to honor your mothers on their special day by attending the NCYC Mother's Day Breakfast this Sunday, May 8th at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Serving will be from 8:00

A free-will donation will get you scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, ham, and cinnamon rolls.

This is an annual event sponsored by the Fairbank Immaculate Conception Youth. All proceeds will go towards helping with expenses for their trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November of 2023 in Indianapolis.





DON'T FORGET..... Monday, May 9th is City-Wide Clean Up Day



Have your items at the curb by 7am

Hall before 5pm on Friday, May 6. Be sure to check the notice on page 13 to see a list of items that will be accepted.

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Warrior Way & More April 2022

Last month I had mentioned that Spring of 2022 was surely on its way to Wapsie Valley. As I write the April article, I look out at two inches of snow on the ground. Two track meets were canceled this week because of cold temperatures and golfers are itching to get on local golf courses. The 10-day forecast has a high of 50 degrees with most days in the 40s. We know warmer temperatures are coming, but I wish for a sooner versus later arrival time period.

The Iowa Department of Education has released graduation and drop-out results for all Iowa school districts. I am very proud to report that WVCSD has a 2020 and 2021 graduation rate of 100%. Also, the dropout rate report for October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, is at 0 for Wapsie Valley. I believe this is a great accomplishment for our students and staff who strive to have "Guar-

anteed Learning for Every Student" as our main mission. This information can be found at the following link: https://educateiowa.gov/graduation-rates-and-dropout-rates

We have many big events coming up this spring with Prom 2022 being celebrated on April 30th. Local organizers of this event have chosen to use the Centre in Waverly for the promenade and dance. Post prom events will take place at the W on Wartburg Col-

lege campus.

The Class of 2022 will have their graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 15th. We are planning on an elementary summer school offering again this summer. Invitations will be sent in late April/early May to those students who qualify for this summer programming. We are planning on fewer students because of staffing numbers this summer.

WVCSD will also offer a summer breakfast/lunch meal program similar to the past. A survey will be sent to district families in early May to help determine our local needs. This is a weekly distribution of paper sack breakfast and lunch for a five-day period at a time. All meals will be picked up by district families at either Readlyn or Fairbank Elementary buildings. Currently, this federal-funded program ends on June 30, 2022. All ages 18 and under qualify for this program.

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe

Mr. Larson



Wapsie Valley High School Blood Drive

June 8, 2022

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 107 2nd St. N. Fairbank, IA 50629

By donating at this drive, you are helping Wapsie Valley students earn scholarships.

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WVCSD announces new Elementary/Rural Principal The Wapsie Valley Com-

The Wapsie Valley Community School District is excited to announce that Alyson Forsyth will be the new Readlyn Elementary and Rural Principal for the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Forsyth taught for 14 years in the Waterloo CSD as a TitleOne/Reading Recovery teacher. She joined WVCSD as a Title One/Special Education teacher for two years before



Chris and Alyson Forsyth and their children Gwen, Jack and Madeline.

becoming a Lead Teacher/Instructional Coach for the past three years. Alyson graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in elementary education and received her Master of Arts degree in Education from Viterbo University. Currently, Mrs. Forsyth is obtaining an administrative license through the Iowa Principal Leadership Academy.

Alyson attended Fairbank Elementary and graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1999. She currently resides in rural Readlyn with her husband Chris and three children, Gwen, Jack, and Madeline. Her parents, Jack and Connie Rechkemmer, live in Fairbank. Her in-laws, Rick and Barb Forsyth live in rural Readlyn.

Mrs. Forsyth states her educational philosophy as; "I am a student-focused leader with my passion for creating strong support systems for staff in working together to strengthen the whole child (socially, emotionally, and academically). I am honored to continue serving the Wapsie Valley community and look forward to continuing to grow my established relationships with staff, students, and families over the past five years at Readlyn Elementary and Rural Schools." We welcome Alyson Forsyth to the Wapsie Family and our administrative team!



We are extremely blessed to have THE BEST instructional associates at Wapsie Valley! They go way above the call of duty to advocate for, nurture, and build relationships with our students. Front row: Hannah Rulapaugh, Jamie Diers, Elizabeth Kempf, Kristen Dvorak, Kaley Close, Sierra DeLance, Brianna Haulk, Teresa Duffy, Heather Sullivan. Back row: Grace Cutsforth, Lynda Cutsforth, Jess Lampe, Brett Studebaker, Katelyn Gann, Shea Kerns, Lori Jergens, Heidi Moessner, Abby Sullivan.







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FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 1-31, 2022 Report

Ambulance Calls: 10 Carbon Monoxide Calls: 1

Car Accidents: 1
Fire Calls: 2
Faulty Alarm: 1



EMS Training Hours: Approximately 26 **Fire Training Hours**: Approximately 50

- EMS Training was adult respiratory emergencies
- Fire Training was Self Contained Breathing Apparatus competency course with three skill stations

Membership: Nothing to report

Annual membership banquet held on March 26th. Ted Vorwald was recognized for 55 years of service and Ryan Westemeier was recognized for 10 years of service. Janice Martins was named EMT of the year and Cody Kleitsch was named Firefighter of the year.

Brad Gordon, Chief Fairbank Fire Department

2022 BUCHANAN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Who are we looking for?

- Females ages 16-21 on or by August 13, 2022
- Member of Buchanan County, either by school, home address, or 4H/FFA group
- Charismatic, enthusiastic, and influential role model who represents the values of Buchanan County and leaves a positive impact on those around them Send Cover letter and resume by June 20, 2022
- Cover letter about who you are and why you want to become the Buchanan County Fair Queen
- Resume detailing involvement in Buchanan County including school, extra-curricular activities, church, volunteer experiences, etc.

Judging Day: Sunday, June 26th, 2022

- Farmers State Bank, Jesup, IA at 2pm
- Arrive in business professional attire, bring a formal dress
 - Formal sit-down meal
 - Service opportunity
- 10-minute individual interview, 30-minute group interview

Email:

Mailing Address:

City:

• Professional photography

Get to know other girls from around the county and enjoy a fun afternoon!

Awards

- Coronation at the Buchanan County Fair on Thursay, July 7th
- Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship
- Queen will be asked to be present during the whole week of the fair
- Queen will represent Buchanan County at the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition
 - 1st runner up will receive a \$250 scholarship Other Activities
 - 4th of July Independence Day Parade
 - Pie baking for the pie auction at the fair
 - Little princess social meet and greet
 - Iowa State Fair Queen meet and greet

Amber Decker

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Buchanan County Fair Queen Coordinator

City of Fairbank Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

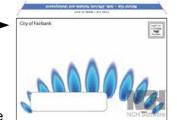
The City of Fairbank, in cooperation with state and federal agencies, is working to make the natural gas pipeline system serving its customers as safe as possible by sharing safety information with those individuals who live or work near pipelines. Key components of the education are one-call notification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

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

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

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

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



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

EFFECTIVENESS MEASUREMENT (METHOD & FINDINGS)

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

Stakeholder Audience	Responses	Total Mailed	Margin of Error
Affected Public	12	549	28.00%
Emergency Official	0	4	-
Excavator	1	6	98.00%
Farmer	1	17	98.00%
Public Official	3	3	0.00%
School	0	3	-
Total	17	582	23.44%

*Note:

Margin of error is calculated using a standard method for statistical purpose:

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

 Should you desire to further evaluate your effectiveness measurement data, a complete data file is provided on your documentation CD; located under Effectiveness Measurement/2019 Effectiveness Measurement Report.

Thank You....We appreciate your cooperation!

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2022 Craft	& Merchan	idise Vend	or Application

from 11AM – late, food vendors sho Saturday, and by 1	day, June 3rd, 2022 from 5:00 and Sunday, June 5th, 2022 f uld be ready to open by 5:00 1 AM on Sunday. Please mark ill require. Contact Karen Nelsc	from 11 AM – 4PM. All non- OPM on Friday, 11 AM on the number of (12 foot x 12
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Oelwein Celebr	ations Renewed, Inc., P.O. Bo	ox 44, Oelwein, IA 50662.
Vendor Name:		
Contact Phone:		
Contact Person:		

State:

Equipment you will bring (lengths/widths- trailer(s), trucks/cars, tents/pop-ups,

ZIP:

Pre-registration is required and must be postmarked no later than May 13th.

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Each vendor space is 12 feet by 12 feet. Vendor specified parking will be available. Vendors are required to mark for sale items clearly and are responsible for keeping their area clean. All non-essential vehicles should be moved to vendor parking areas at least one hour before event begins. RV hookup is not available near set-up area, but you may pay your own camping fee for choosing to stay on the West side of the park through Oelwein Parks and Recreation.

Electricity is included with the Vendor Fee and is also first come, first serve. There will be 120v and a limited number of 220V outlets available. 100 foot heavy duty electrical cords are recommended & only one per appliance is required where amperage is 10 or higher. Power strips should not be used. Any vendor using power in an unsafe manner will be asked to unplug from power source.

List your needs by numbers of outlets: 120v _____ 220v ____

For any questions, please contact Karen Nelson at (641) 529-1071 or visit www.oelweincelebration.org, or email us at celebrateoelwein@gmail.com. No exceptions to the policy are permitted. All conditions must be understood and met by the vendor.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: (must be signed) In consideration of the Oelwein Celebrations Renewed, Inc. Committee accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Oelwein, the Oelwein Celebrations Renewed, Inc., and the Oelwein Celebrations Renewed, Inc. Committee their agents, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the Oelwein Celebrations Renewed, Inc. and or their authorized agents to use any photographs, videotapes, recordings or any other record on this event for any legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by all rules set out by Oelwein Celebrations Renewed, Inc.

Signature:	
	Date:

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Buchanan County Job Fair tonight in Independence

Come find your next job in Buchanan County! Join 14 businesses at the Buchanan County Job Fair on May 4th at Heartland Acres from 3:30 to 6:30. There are jobs for every interest including general labor, skilled labor, and professional positions in a wide variety of fields. Positions are starting at \$15 an hour as a minimum with many positions starting at a higher rate.

Buchanan County Economic Development along with the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce and the Jesup Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to provide this county wide Job Fair to highlight the great positions available right here in Buchanan County. Partners include Hawkeye Community College, Iowa Workforce Development and Sedona Staffing. Those businesses participating so far include: B&D Services, Blue Buffalo/General Mills, Buchanan County Health Center, Geater Machining and Manufacturing, Innovative Ag Services, Independence Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Iowa Engineered Processes, Kwik Star, Larson Construction, Mental Health Institute, Prairie Hills, Veridian Credit Union, Wapsie Valley Creamery, and Weiland and Sons Lumber Company.

Jobs available include: Direct Support Professional, Production Operator, Maintenance Technician, Registered Nurse, Resident Treatment Worker, Licensed Practical Nurse, CNC Machinist, Skilled Productions Technician, Press Brake Operator, Summer Internship Opportunities for Students, Grain Operator, Transportation Driver, Custom Applicator, Location Manager, HVAC Tech, Plumbing Service Installer, Customer Food Service Coworker, Assistant Food Service Leader, General Laborer, CDL Drivers, Carpenters, Welders, Fabricators, Resident Assistant, Life Enrichment Coordinator, Teller Service Representative, Contact Center Representative, Accountant, Electrician, Forklift Operator, Lumber Stacker and Lumber Grader.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore opportunities available right here in Buchanan County. For questions, contact Lisa Kremer, Executive Director of Buchanan County Economic Development at 319-334-7497 or email director@growbuchanan.com.

This years event will have 8 stops

Little Island Daycare Announcements!

If you've driven by the daycare recently, you've noticed we have broken ground! We are excited to get the addition started. Watch our Facebook page for future plans and updates.

A huge Thank You to everyone who attended and helped out with the ATV ride and for their donations! We are very fortunate to be in this great community and have all the wonderful support.

Some upcoming events:

May 26th - Totally Rolled Ice Cream will be at the ball diamonds selling ice cream from 3pm-7pm. Come out and support the daycare, get some ice cream and let the kids run off some steam at the park! July 30th - Four person golf tournament at the Jesup Golf and Country Club. Golf, silent auction, food, drinks and tons of fun! We had a great turn out last year and hope this year is even better! Watch for more details to come. If you are interested in donating to the silent auction, please contact the daycare at 319-635-2391.

UIU announces October, December 2021 graduates Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa recently announced the names of its October and De-

Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa recently announced the names of its October and December 2021 graduates, followed by the degreee earned and respective honors. The list included the following students who were former Wapsie Valley High School graduates:

October 2021 Graduate

READLYN: Destiny Michael: Bachelor of Science in Human Services.

December 2021 Graduate

FAIRBANK: Sidney Schnor: Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science in All Business.

UIU 2022 honors and awards

Upper Iowa University has announced its 2022 honors and awards recipients. Former Wapsie Valley graduates and their respective grant, award and/or scholarship were:

Kaci Beesecker: Lloyd Plegenkuhle Memorial Scholarship, Stevens Family Scholarship.

Anna Richards: Bruce I. Campbell Endowed Scholarship, Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Scott and Bobbi Lebin Endowed Scholarship, William F. and LaVonne I. Gutches Student Scholarship.

Joshua Schares: Northeast Iowa Charitable Foundation Scholarship. Samantha Schnor: Iowa Society of CPAs Outstanding Accounting Major Award

Wapsie Road Trip Event!



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By: Louise Fein

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In Loving Memory

Dorothy Steggall

"The Summer Getaway"

from Charlie & Cleo Joerger

'A Family Affair"

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Reading!

.....from Larry & Laura LaMasters

Mike Everding

"A Safe House"

.....from Larry & Laura LaMasters

Jerry Plaster

"The Family"

.....from Larry & Laura LaMasters

Her Guarded Heart"

.....from Charlie & Cleo Joerger

Douglas McConnelee

Grandpa & Jake"

.....from Amos & Angela Berg Family

Jim Kastli

Black Ops"

.....from Larry & Laura LaMasters

My Life as an Oak Tree"

.....from Tera Sperfslage

"This is My Dad"

.....from Tera Sperfslage

The Beauty of Dusk"

.....from Randy & Jodi Woods Family 'A Change of Circumstance"

......from Jerry & Carolyn Bayness

Beyond the Mapped Stars"

.....from Bill & Beth Dixon

The Breaker"

.....from Gary Fink







June 9th - Summer Reading Kickoff **Fontana**

June 16th - Bird House

June 8

DISTRICT

June 23rd - Closed for Fairbank Days June 30th – Author Kristen Halverson

All Programs start at 1:00 pm

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Kash Close 3 Year Old



Malinda McConnelee





Saylor Miller 2 and Under

Congrats to our Prize Winners from National Library Week!

Door Prize **Brenda Flores** Jelly Bean Contest **Karen Tiedt**



Issac Kleitsch 8 and Under



4 Year Old



4 Year Old



Carizma Sander 12 and Under

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Wapsie Valley FFA travels to State Convention

By Kali Lampe

It was a fun-filled last couple days with over 30 of our members competing and participating in the 94th Iowa FFA State Convention! Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported our chapter along the way. Results of State Events Below:

Ambassador Program \$1,000 Challenge Award

<u>Biotechnology</u> (Silver Rating) - Kylee Bartz, Deven
DeGroote, Emilee Blasberg, Marina Biermann.

<u>Chapter Exhibit</u> (Gold Rating): Matilda Miller, Caitlyn Rechkemmer, Madyson Richards.

<u>Chapter Reporter's Scrapbook</u> (Silver Rating): Kali Lampe.

Delegates: Kali Lampe, Lily Schwickerath.

Extemporaneous Speaking (Bronze Rating): Ava Van-Daele.

<u>Farm Business Management</u> (Bronze Rating): Sydney Matthias, Brok Grober, Austin Hesse, Cannon Joerger

<u>Iowa Degree Recipients:</u> Keegon Brown, Brok Grober, Tyce Hagenow, Clayton Hershey, Austin Hesse, Anthony Jacque, Cannon Joerger, Sydney Matthias, Cole Snyder, Elle Voy.

<u>POA Committee Chairperson:</u> Ellie Neil <u>Nominating Committee:</u> Nick Grober

<u>Poultry Judging</u> (Silver Rating): Lily Schwickerath, Reese Peine, Dayton Jergens, Madyson Richards.

Supreme National Chapter Award (Top 25)
State Choir: Addisyn McElhose

State Proficiencies

<u>Dairy Production Entrepreneurship</u> (1st Place Overall): Noah Richards

<u>Diversified Agriculture Placement (Silver)</u>: Ava Van-Daele

Beef Production Entrepreneurship (Silver): Ellie Neil <u>Team Ag Sales</u> (Silver Rating): Maesi Wahl, Delaney Youngblut, Brock Kleitsch, Brody Kleitsch.

WHO Public Relations Award: Kali Lampe.

Thank you to our helpers below:

Chaperones: Brenda Bodensteiner, Brenda Kleitsch, Jess Lampe; Bus Driver: Gregg Eschweiler; Doese Photography and Kenny Wenger.



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"Class Ring - Returned"

by Betty Brandt Passick

Don Brandt was a sophomore when Wapsie Valley High School opened in the fall of 1960. The school was built in the middle of a cornfield between the Oran, Readlyn, and Fairbank communities. He was among those in the second class to graduate WVHS in 1962.

"I purchased a class ring for about \$20. That was a lot of money back then," Don said. As it would turn out, he wouldn't have the ring for very long. About the same time he purchased a 1962 Chevrolet Corvair convertible, dark maroon with white interior, from Bentley Chevrolet in Fairbank. He had begun working for owner Gordon Bentley as a parttime handy man on weekends after school, soon after his parents, Wilbert and Doretta Brandt, moved

their family from a farm southwest of town into the two-story house across from the Baptist church in the fall of 1956.

Don learned a lot about car engines working at Bentley's and ultimately became part of the pit crew that supported Bill Zwanziger, who drove car #35 sponsored by Bentley Chevrolet. After that, pretty much every Sunday Don - along with Darwin Fink, Emmett Durham, and the Miller boys - Ron, Tom, and Charlie - was at the stock car races in Waterloo at Tunis Raceway. But Zwanziger raced at other venues, too, and generally made the next day's newspaper for winning the most features and for setting speed records.

In his free time, Don could be found beneath the hood of his own car working on the engine. The Corvair came out in

1960 with a rear-mounted, aircooled engine. "Cars back then you could climb inside to work on the engine. For a young guy, it was all about making adjustments to gain speed and performance," he said.

Don recalled he was always careful to take off his class ring and place it on the engine mount so it wouldn't get scratched or coated with grease. On one such day, he now believes, that was probably the last time he saw it. Eventually, he realized the ring was missing but had no idea where he might have put it.

"At some point I jokingly started to accuse my younger brother Lauren of taking it and giving it to some girlfriend he had just met. Lauren was drafted into in the U.S. Army after graduating high school in 1964, and thereafter seemed to have a new girlfriend every time I heard from him," Don added, still making him grin.

In time, Don traded his Corvair for another car. And he swapped Bentley's to work for John Deere Company in Waterloo. In 1964, he married his sweetheart, Glenda Yeager. Over the next decade, four babies arrived. He became a volunteer for the Fairbank Fire Department... "When you're raising a family, who thinks about a long-lost class ring?" Don noted.

Then, on Sunday, February 26, Don's youngest daughter, Molly Rochford, saw a Facebook posting of a class ring photo, asking if anyone knew its owner. Molly said, "It looked like the initials "D. B." on the face, along with "WVHS" and "62." She called her Dad.

Don's first thoughts were: "It's been nearly five decades... How is it even possible that someone has found my ring?" At first, the



Don Brandt gets his class ring back.

"finder," during the phone call, said he'd mail the ring to Don but then the two decided they should meet instead.

The man told Don he had purchased the '62 Corvair from a dealership in Cedar Rapids many years ago. He soon found the ring on the engine mount, but, thinking nothing more about it, put the ring in his wife's jewelry box in their home. And there it had remained all these years - until recently, when the man's niece came across the ring and asked for permission to try to find its owner. She was the one who had posted the photo of the ring on Facebook.

Don said, "We met the couple who were from Sheryl, Iowa,

and they handed over the ring. They are really nice people. He had retired from John Deere-Dubuque a year after I retired, so we had John Deere in common, too."

While he was happy to have the ring back, Don quipped to the couple, "You know what I'd really like...is to have my car back."

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@ comcast.net.



Don visits with the couple from Sybley, Iowa who returned the class ring that he had lost nearly 50 years ago.

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Birth Announcement Aurora Kaejean Rausch

Ryan and Alexis Rausch of Fairbank, Iowa announce the birth of their third daughter, Aurora Kaejean Rausch, on February 2nd, 2022 at 4:41pm. She weighed 7 lbs. 15.6 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Aurora was welcomed into the world by her big sisters Madilynn, Elliana and her puppy Rylee. Paternal grandparents include Alan and Kathy Rausch and great-grandma Marlene Kudrna. Maternal grandparents include Lori Ross, Chris and Della Larsen and great-grandparents Deborah Dean and Art Osterholt.





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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11 English Standard Version) We hear these words, in both the Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches, during the Easter Season and we give thanks for the peace they bring. Because Jesus did lay down His life and then took it up again, sin, death, and the devil are defeated. By His grace, through faith, we receive His victory and take comfort that we, Christ's sheep, are safe.

Jesus spoke this way because the shepherd-sheep imagery is common in Scripture. To give one example: in Psalm 100 it says, "Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." Jesus' language might also make us think of another prominent shepherd in the Bible - the young man who became king - David. Beyond being king, we know how the Lord gave David victory over the giant Goliath with nothing but a sling and stone.

David's victory over Goliath was a big one, but it pales in the shadow of what Jesus has accomplished. Whereas David fought with sling and stone, there were no weapons in Jesus' battle. Instead, as He said, "The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." This is what He did on the cross. Jesus passively suffered the punishment that we ourselves had merited for our sins. Apart from His death, we would have been "on the hook" for our sins and held captive to eternal death. But, as our Good Shepherd, Jesus had compassion and laid down His life so that we might have life and have it abundantly. (Jn. 10:10)

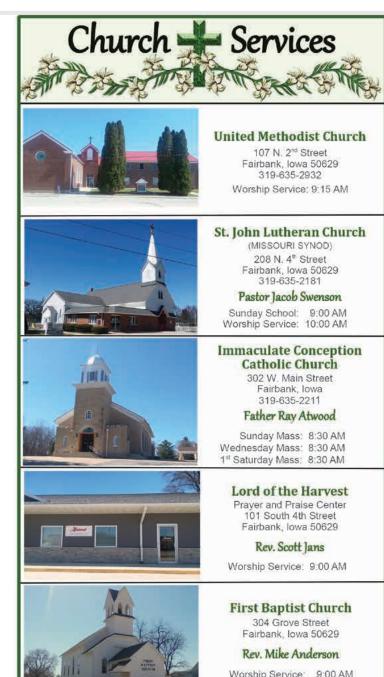
Jesus is also the Good Shepherd because He gives this to us freely. It was love that caused Him to be conceived by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary. Love is what caused Him to lay down His life for us and, out of love, He now offers to us the peace that He secured. Nothing in life comes cheap, nor can anything of this world grant a true and lasting peace. The forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life in Christ, however, is both. Jesus Christ laid down His life on the cross for you, so that you might be rescued from your sin and live eternally in heaven. Let this be a comfort for us all in this Easter Season, so that we look forward to His return with joy.

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Emily Little and her children Oliver and Ellie



Alexis Rausch and her girls Elliana, Madilynn and Aurora





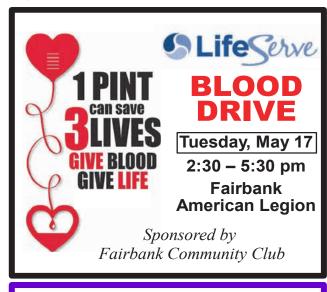


to the Fairbank and Readlyn PTO's for sponsoring Wendy Tibbott to come in and do crafts with our students! We appreciate her sharing her talents with us and for our PTO's for offering enriching opportunities for our students!





The second graders in Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Hesse's classes have been working hard on an animal project. Each student chose an animal, researched it, and wrote a report on it. These students are Alivia Weepie and Samantha Becker (in black).





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Deadline for the June Fairbank Islander is Tuesday, May 24.

FAIRBANK **ISLANDER** MAY 4, 2022 - A15

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
The Fairbank City Council met REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2022. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Clerk.

Mayor Harter conducted a moment of silence in honor of Police Chief Mike Everding. He passed away on March 19, 2022 and had been with the City since June 8, 2020.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes:

June 8, 2020.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.
There were no public comments during the public comment section.
R. Woods/Coffin to approve the minutes of the March 14th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.
Discussion was held on the ICAP Insurance Renewal. The premium paid last year was \$45,815.00 and this year it increased to \$50,902.00. Williams/R. Woods to approve the ICAP Insurance Renewal for 2022 at \$50,902.00. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.
The public safety committee had been in the process of looking for more part-time officers and over the past week had interviewed a couple more candidates. They interviewed Dakota Drish, a past police department employee, and thought that he would be a benefit to the department again. Coffin/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2022-12 – Resolution Hiring Part-Time Police Officer. Dakota Drish was hired at \$23.00 per hour and will start on March 28, 2022. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.
Mitchell Franck, an officer with the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, was interviewed as well. Mitchell was presented to the council by the police committee to hire. R. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2022-

13 – Resolution Hiring Part-Time Police Officer. Mitchell Franck was hired at \$23.00 per hour and will also start on March 28, 2022. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Tristan Dilley, an officer with the City of Independence, was also interviewed. Tristan was presented to the council by the police committee to hire. Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2022-14 – Resolution Hiring Part-Time Police Officer. Tristan Dilley was also hired to start on March 28th at \$23.00 per hour. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

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The police committee gave the recommendation to appoint Dakota Drish as the Chief of Police due to his knowledge of the department and his willingness to jump in and help after the passing of Police Chief Everding. Coffin/Williams to approve Resolution 2022-15 – Resolution Appointing Chief of Police. With this appointment, Dakota will now make \$26.00 an hour. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Two bids, one from Randy's Lawn Care & Snow Removal at \$350.00 per mowing and one from Turf and Landscape at \$395.00 per mowing, were received for the seasonal cemetery mowing for 2022. R. Woods/ Coffin to have Randy's Lawn Care & Snow Removal mow the cemetery for the 2022 season and then possibly the next 2 years since they bid all of them at \$350.00 per mowing for the next 3 years. The cemetery mowing will be evaluated after this season since it is the first time for them mowing it. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Ron Miller was present for the radio communications tower discussion. Buchanan County is willing to give us the tower that is located down by the sewer lagoon free of charge. Attorney Prendergast noted that it sounded like a great opportunity for the city but wanted to see the agreement first and know more about what all it will entail with maintenance. It will be on future agendas for discussion and possible approval.

Two quotes were received for the needed removal of the tree located by the bridge for the upcoming Main

Street Project. Even Family Tree Service at \$5,200.00 and Maurer Tree Service LLC at \$3,800.00. Coffin/R. Woods to approve Mauer Tree Service LLC to remove the tree. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Arnola Siggelkow wrote a letter to the council asking for permission to plant at tree in Riverside Park as a gift. The public works will work with Shawn Davis on location when it comes time to plant the tree. Williams/T. Woods to approve the purchase of a non-fruit bearing tree for Riverside Park. The council thanked Arnola for this gift. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Again, there had been no interested parties come forward in the recreation position for the summer season of 2022. Nothing came out of the Facebook post looking for an individual. The council will do more asking around and it will be discussed at future meetings.

The council discussed more on the commercial options with OnMedia. They still need to talk to the Fairbank Development Corporation and will be on the next meeting agenda.

Williams/Coffin to approve the city-wide clean-up day for May 9th, 2022. Please have all items to the curb by 7 AM. Stickers for appliances are available to purchase at City Hall until 5 PM on Friday May 6th. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Maggie Burger with Speer Financial was contacted about the financing options that the city could have for the upcoming Main Street Project. She will need more concrete estimates on costs before digging too deeply. She did mention the possibility of funds being available through SRF that could qualify for a loan forgiveness. Jon Biederman will work on dividing out the costs for Water and Sewer for the SRF portion. She will keep the council informed as new information arises.

Williams/Coffin to approve sending out RFP's (request for proposals) to perform the required annual exam for FY 2022. Proposals for an annual exam and a full audit will be requested. This will be voted on at the

meeting on April 25th. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Coffin to approve Brittany Fuller and Michelle Laube's attendance at the IMFOA Spring Conference on April 21st and 22nd 2022 in Des Moines. The City Hall office will be closed during that time. The clerks will be available via City Hall phone now that they are able to access the phone system remotely. Please leave them a message during that time and they will get back to you as training allows. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Ben Delagardelle reported that a tree branch needed removed that morning and Mauer Tree Service LLC was able to come and do it right away. He also reported that there had been a couple power outages the past couple of weeks, and they were able to figure out the issues and get everyone back on as soon as possible. Ben explained that the current gas electrofusion machine cannot be repaired anymore, and the council agreed that a new one was needed due to that reason. Police Chief Drish stated that he had been working on getting things caught up and figured out due to the passing of Mike Everding. He also said that the new hire, Mitchell Franck, could benefit from an agreement with the city since he would need to get all new equipment due to the sheriff's office not allowing him to use his current work equipment. He mentioned a possible agreement for hours worked. An agreement will be typed up for the council to review at the next meeting. Mayor Harter said that there was a lunch and learn being held in Independence on April 14th on teamwork if anyone was interested in attending.

Williams/T. Woods to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Ayes: Four. Nay: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

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Williams/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Chad VanDaele was present during the public comment section seeking verbal approval from the Mayor and Council on a new business venture he would like to bring to town which would be in the back section of his building where VanDaele Insurance is. He wants to open a place where healthy shakes and meal replacement options are made and able to purchase. He still has a lot to put together and plan to see if it is possible and is also applying for a grant through Buchanan County. The Council and Mayor were all in favor of this idea and Mayor Harter stated that he would write a letter of support in favor of this new business in Fairbank to help him and his chances with being awarded the grant money. Christopher Woods was present and asked about how a person could get Children at Play signs installed. The city currently has three signs for purchasing if anyone would want one in their yard. The cost is around \$52.00, depending on lumber costs, plus installation costs and the sign would need to be on its own post and follow the correct measurement for eye level from the ground.

R. Woods/Coffin to approve the minutes of the March 28th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of March were: General, \$12,582.03; Special Revenue, \$26,617.5; TIF, \$1,1812.94; Capital Projects, \$12.71, Permanent Funds, \$6.67; Proprietary, \$207,685.97; Capital, \$33,761.00; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance o

to Fourth Street for the Fairbank Days Celebration during the days of June 22 through June 26, 2022. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

An agreement was written up regarding reimbursing Mitchell Franck for law enforcement equipment costs. He needed to purchase all new equipment since he was not able to use the equipment that he wears for his county job. The city agreed to pay him up to \$1,500.00 to obtain the necessary pieces of equipment in exchange for 1,500 hours worked. Anything less than 1,500 hours worked he would need to reimburse the city. Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2022-16 – Resolution Approving the City of Fairbank Entering into an Agreement with Mitchell Franck for the Reimbursement of Law Enforcement Equipment Costs. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Chief Drish asked for the ability to purchase a software called BOT. He said all the current employees currently utilize the software at their other current jobs and it would be beneficial to the department. It allows them to access information that the department would need. R. Woods/Coffin to approve the purchase of the BOT software at \$100.00 a month and to start with a 12-month purchase. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Chief Drish also wanted to discuss with the council the idea of hiring a part-time investigator for the department to utilize. There had been some bigger cases they have been working and the investigator could help them with them. Andrew Isley, an Investigator hired full-time with the City of Independence, would only work on an as needed basis if approved by the council. Williams/T. Woods to move forward with a resolution to hire Andrew Isley at the meeting on April 25th. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Coffin to approve the seal coating and asphalt repair quote from Prairie Road Builders, Inc. The total work should be around \$40,000.00 and included 15 areas in town and they are hoping to start around the 25th of April. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The virus protection for the sonic wall at the sewer plant was discussed because it is needing renewed.

R. Woods/Williams to renew for 3 years for a total of \$4,782.

Nays: None.

Quotes were obtained by public works to paint the toolbox from the 2008 truck so that it would match the new 2022 F250 pick-up. One from Quality Truck Rebuilders Inc. for \$4,786.10 and one from Corkery Paint & Repair, LLC for \$3,201.83. Williams/Coffin to go with the bid from Corkery Paint & Repair LLC. The box would be taken there tomorrow. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

None.

A water management program through Carrico out of Oelwein was presented to the council for the pool season of 2022. Ben stated that he thought it would be great and that the agreement was for all the chemicals needed and included operator training anytime he would need it. Currently the city had been using ACCO for the pool chemicals and they would need a 60-day notice to cancel the agreement. Erickson/T. Woods to approve sending a 60-day cancellation letter to ACCO and to approve the water management program with Carrico for the season of 2022. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Jason Kayser, the pool board president,

Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Jason Kayser, the pool board president, phoned into the meeting to let the council know of a big expense that is coming up next year. The plaster will all need to be redone and is estimated at about \$65,000.00. He stated is estimated at about 565,000.00. He stated that they are doing what they can to get by for this season. He said they are fully staffed this year and is looking forward to a great season. A quote for a new BECSys5 water chemistry Controller for the pool was received from Cartes. The season of the property the state was forced. rico. The one currently being used was from the old pool. Coffin/R. Woods to approve the purchase of the new piece of equipment from Carrico for \$4,500.65 plus installation costs. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A resignation letter was received from the

Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A resignation letter was received from the City Hall and Library cleaning personnel, Roxanne Wenner. She wished to no longer be on the payroll but would still like to clean at both places as a contractual service. Her last day on city payroll would be April 11th. T. Woods/ Coffin to accept the resignation from Roxanne Wenner for the cleaning personnel position with the city. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The cleaning services needed at City Hall were discussed. Williams/R. Woods to approve the city clerk to hire cleaning services as needed. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Erickson to approve the liquor license renewal for Casey's Marketing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The rentals requested from D & S Portables, Inc. for this summer were discussed. Williams/Erickson to place the bathroom facilities in West Bentley Park and Riverside Park. Those will be delivered by May 2nd. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

None.

Coffin/T. Woods to approve Nick Curley and Mike and Christy Gruetzmacher to share the duties of summer 2022 recreation program director. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The commercial options with OnMedia were discussed. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the concept of the commercial to be "We Love It Here". Sarah Langel with OnMedia will be notified. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The codification of the ordinances is getting closer to having a draft for the council to review. The last few updates from the police de-

partment were just submitted in. A draft could be ready by the next meeting. Financing the Main Street project was discussed. There was not much to update the council on except that the water and sewer portions of the project are planned to be broke out separately and paid for through a SRF loan due to future programs dealing with SRF funding that might allow money to be available for loan forgiveness's. The estimated city share of the total project is around \$2.5 million. Jon Biederman, the city engineer, will be at the next meeting and more information will be discussed with the council. The plan is to have a city public meeting at the legion on June 21st or the 30th to inform the public on what to expect with this project.

Since the passing of Mike Everding, a new appointment needed to be made to the Fayette County EMA and 911 boards. Mayor Harter appointed Ron Miller as the new Fayette County EMA and 911 board representative. Erickson/T. Woods to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

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SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies
\$183.68
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies
\$159.58
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services
\$1,814.90
BLACKSTRAP, INC., Road Salt
\$2,309.63
BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Sand
\$2,309.63
BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Sand
\$5,83.76
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric/Services
\$52,812.26
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies
\$230.47
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas
\$200.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation
COSTA'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL, Utility Deposit Refund
NICK CURLEY, LL Reimbursement
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement
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BRIAN ROSTMASTER, Utility Bills Postage 4/15/2022
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas
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CITY OF FAIRBANK RECREATION ASSOC., Training
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KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY, Ammo
KLOCKE'S EMERGENCY VEHICLES, Lights
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Address
MAURER TREE SRVICE, Services
MEDIACOM, Internet
MITCHELL FRANCK, Agreement Reimbursement
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies
NICK KUKER, Clothing Reimbursement
NSB/HSA- H S A Contributions
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services
RACOM CORPORATION, Equipment
ROBERTS, STEVENS, PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Supplies
NE SECURITY BANK, Returned Check
NE SECURITY BANK, ACH Service Charge
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 3/1/22
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 3/15/22
FRED SIGGELKOV, Annual Rent
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, March Sales Tax
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, March Excise Tax
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Drug Testing \$ 146.95 \$ 454.75 \$ 890.21 \$ 1,410.69 \$ 150.00 \$ 1,301.57 \$ 1,300.00 \$ 468.40 \$ 209.94 \$ 135.00 \$ 293.50 \$ 94.75 \$ 367.77 \$ 400.00 \$ 900.00 \$ 900.00 \$ 41.25 \$ 3,118.59 \$ 10.00 \$ 7.73 \$ 975.00 \$ 533.05 \$ 4,013.19 \$ 1,171.12

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WELLMARK, Premium
WERTJES UNIFORMS, Clothing Allowance
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Phone Line
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on April 7, 2022:
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies
ANGELA BERG, Reimbursement
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS, Supplies
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas
GROUT MUSEUM, Membership
ICAP, Annual Premium
\$
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 3/15/22
OVERDRIVE, INC., EBooks
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services/Laptop
VISA, Office Subscriptions

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Wapsie Valley CSD
Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022

1. President Sauerbrei called the Public Hearing on the 22-23 Budget and FY 22 Amendment to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call - All Ayes Motion carried
A. Directors: Auel, Sauerbrei, Wolfe, & Van Daele - Aiello (excused)
B. Superintendent Larson, Jayme Hurley, Lindsay Fox, TJ Murphy & Kim Arndt

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C. Others: Lois Heineman, Vaughn Gross, and 7 virtual attendees
2. Mrs. Arndt presented FY23 Budget & FY22 Amendment - Discussion
was held on proposed tax rate, SAVE dollars, bond payment, pre-payment
levy, and PPEL loan
3. Public comment: None
4. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to close the Public Hearing at
6:36 PM - Roll Call - All Ayes
5. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to adjourn the public hearing at
6:36 PM. Roll Call - All Ayes Motion carried 4-0
1. President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order
at 6:36 PM. No changes to the agenda
2. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0
3. Public Comment: Abby Jones presented information regarding band/
choir students attending a trip to Chicago on March 17- 20, 2023. Board
is ok with the trip. Mr. Gross would like to add a \$15 fee for FCCLA dues
requested by Jenni Gross to the 22-23 registration fees. He also discussed
a salary for Coaching the Robotic students.
4. Consent Items: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the
consent items including the bills being reviewed by Auel and one open
enrollment Olivia Jewell requests to open enroll her kindergarten daughter
to WV from Oelwein effective the 22-23 school year
5. Communication & Reports: Board: Nothing
Superintendent: Interviews for the Readlyn/Rural Principal position are
scheduled for the week of 4-25-22. The ERATE applications have been
submitted for the week of 4-25-22. The ERATE applications have been
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submitted for the exek of 4-25-22. The ERATE applications have been
submitted for the general properties of the meetings attended throughout the
district, students eligible for Special Education services, PD, Curriculum,
new IEP system, Teacher evaluations, and Assessments.
Mr. Hurley discussed PD, Leader In Me, PTO fundrai

Mr. Murphy discussed upcoming dates/events, PD, ISASP testing, Conditions for Learning survey, FFA, Mental health day, Activity updates, & Suspensions.

6. Personnel-Resignation: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the resignations of Amy Nosbisch, Speech/Play/Musical Coach, Danny Adams - Head Wrestling Coach, & Kaley Close - Instructional Associate as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Contracts: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the 22-23 Support staff (2.2% increase) contracts and David Dennler - Operations & Maintenance Manager - Base contract and David Dennler - Operations & Maintenance Manager - Base contract \$54,280.72 + Difference of single and family insurance - \$12,258.84 + Cell phone - \$300.00 = \$66,839.56 effective 7-1- 2022; Timothy (TJ) Murphy - 7-12 Principal - Base contract \$79,333.36 + Difference of single and family insurance - \$12,258.84 + Cell phone - \$300.00 = \$91,852.20 effective 7-1-2022; Jayme Hurley - Fairbank Principal - Base contract \$77,900 + Difference of single and family insurance - \$12,258.84 + Cell phone - \$300.00 = \$90,458.84 effective 7-1-2022 Lindsay Fox - Rural Principal - Base contract \$79,950 + Difference of single and family insurance - \$12,258.84 + Cell phone - \$300.00 = \$92,558.84 effective 7-1-2022; Kim Arndt - School Business Official - \$89,006.18 + Difference of single and family insurance - \$12,258.84 + Cell phone - \$300.00 = \$101,565.02 effective 7-1-2022; Tina Kaufman - HR - \$45,500 + 300 Cell phone = \$45,800. Also receives district paid single insurance; Ashley Happel - Addendum - BA+30 to MA - \$49,569 (base contract) + \$5,620 (TSS)=\$55,189 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

7. New Business: Moved by Auel Seconded by Wolfe to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, Dated February 10, 2016, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, Dated February 10, 2016, as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Wolfe,

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tion carried 4-0
Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve FY23 Budget with a tax rate of \$13.70020 & the Amended Budget for FY23 increasing Instruction, Total Support Services, and Non- Instructional Programs due to COVID19 expenditures as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the Budget Guarantee that will levy property tax for FY23 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa as presented. Motion carried 4-0
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Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the 2022 anticipated graduates as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the 22-23 registration fees adding a \$15 fee for FCCLA as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the updated 21-22 school calendar with the last day of school for students being May 20, dismissing at 11:30, and teacher's last day being May 23 as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Van Daele, Seconded to A.

Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Auel to approve the bid from Groth Services (\$29,355) to remove waste from septic tanks as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Services (\$29,355) to remove waste from septic tanks as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the 50/50 sharing agreement with Jesup for the Special Education Director/Administrator for the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Auel, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the sharing agreement between WV (60%) & Dunkerton (40%) for the Human Resources/Central Office Staff effective 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the sharing agreement between WV (80%) and Janesville (20%) for the Facility Operations & Maintenance Manager effective the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 4-0

carried 4-0
Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve an additional stipend of \$1,200 for Mike Duffy for Head Maintenance duties through June 30, 2022, as presented. Motion carried 4-0
Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the increase of Activity pay driving from \$12.65 to \$15 P/H effective immediately as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Board Talking Points - Set public hearing date for May 16, 2022, for additional bonus for all certified or classified staff not included in the state retention bonus payment - Auel discussed Cheer Coach's contract.

10. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 8:01 PM. Motion carried 4-0



319-415-2472

2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR FAIRBANK WATER SUPPLY

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. All of the water is purchased from IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC (WAVERLY.) Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)		Yes/No	
950 - Distribution Syste	m - Tested by City of	f Fairbank		Xaasa - Tarahan in ahaa ah	200	A CONTRACT
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.00 (ND - 1)	2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.118 (ND - 0.142)	2021	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.4 (1.6 - 3.9)	09/30/2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
01 - S/EP FROM WEL	L#1 tested byIA RE	GIONAL	UTILITIES ASSO	C (WAVERL	Y.)	ALL DESIGNATION OF THE PARTY OF
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	1.4	12/09/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	11.6	01/28/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	4.2 (4.0 - 4.2)	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
02 - S/EP FROM WELL	L#2 tested by IA RE	GIONAL	UTILITIES ASSO	C (WAVERL	Y.)	
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	9.85	03/02/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	4.4 (4.2 - 4.4)	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L picocuries per liter
- N/A Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL Single Sample Result

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. FAIRBANK WATER SUPPLYis responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the sandstone and dolomite of the Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer. The Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Cambrian-Ordovician well will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 319-635-2869.

This water supply obtains its water from the dolomite and limestone of the Silurian-Devonian aguifer. The Silurian-Devonian aguifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface. The Silurian-Devonian well will be highly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 319-635-

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Name
IA0990701	IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC (WAVERLY)

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact the City of Fairbank at 319-635-2869.



Shiloh and Wilson Farms greatly appreciate and thank you for your patience as we safely and slowly move our farm equipment this planting season.

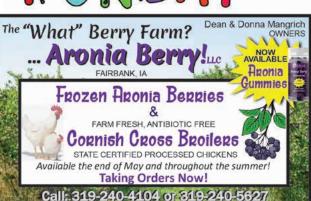
Gene, Janice, Gary, CJ, and Shannon Wilson

Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.



There were a few nice days when Fairbank 2nd & 3rd Grade students were able to stop at the playground "A Place To Play" in Cedar Falls after attending a play at the Gallagher Bluedorn for lunch and playtime.







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The merry month of May brings get-togethers for Mother's Day, Graduations and Memorial Day. It is fun planning and preparing foods for these events. Something tasty, but simple to make is the rule. This Fruit Pizza is a good example. It is tasty, colorful, and simple to make

FRUIT PIZZA

1 16 oz. pkg. refrigerated sugar cookies

8 oz. cream cheese

3/4 cup powdered sugar 1 tsp. almond flavoring

Asst. fruits such as strawberries, grapes, kiwi, bananas, raspberries, pineapple

tidbits and blueberries

Cut cookie dough into 1/8" slices and press on a lightly greased 12" pizza pan, pressing edges together being sure to have a raised rim of cookie dough around the edges. Pinch a few times. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 10-12 minutes. Cool.

Beat together the cream cheese, powdered sugar and flavoring until fluffy. Spread on

Wash and dry the fruits. Cut the strawberries in halves or slice them. Dip sliced bananas in lemon juice. Arrange fruit on top of filling in a creative colorful pattern or design. Circular rows seem to be the most popular.

Glazing is optional, but it adds a finishing touch.

1 cup pineapple juice 1/2 cup sugar 2 tbsp. cornstarch 2 tsp. lemon juice

Mix ingredients together. Over medium heat, bring ingredients to a rolling boil while stirring. Boil 1-2 minutes just until it starts to thicken. Remove from heat & cool. When cool, drizzle on fruit or use a pastry brush. Cover with saran wrap and refrigerate until

Scotcheroos have been popular for many years and the recipe has been in many cookbooks, but it seems every time they are served, someone says "these are delicious, I want the recipe." So here is my recipe.



SCOTCHEROOS

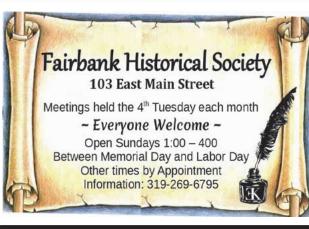
1 c. light corn syrup 6 c. rice krispies

1 c. white sugar 1½ c. peanut butter 1 c. semisweet choc. chips 1 c. butterscotch chips

Bring syrup and sugar to a rolling boil for 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat and add peanut butter, blending it thoroughly with cooked syrup mixture until peanut butter melts. Put the rice krispies in a bowl and pour syrup mixture over them, blending well. Firmly press mixture in a greased 9x13 pan.

Melt the chocolate chips and butterscotch chips together until smooth and spread over the top of the bars. Put in refrigerator until chocolate mixture is firm. Cut into squares. Scotcheroos keep well in an airtight container.

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JAMES PAUL KASTLI

July 28, 1939 ~ April 8, 2022

James "Jim" Paul Kastli, 82, of Fairbank, Iowa passed away on Friday, April 8, 2022. He was born July 28, 1939 in Oelwein, Iowa, which he joked was 100 years too late and 1,000 miles too far east as he would have



been a cowboy. He was the fourth child born to Ernest and Dorothy (Warnke) Kastli.

He was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Boyle on March 23, 1968 in Waterloo. Jim spent his working years with Local 125 as a plumber and pipefitter, which he retired from in 2009. He enjoyed watching NAS-CAR races, especially his favorite driver, Bill Elliott, and the RFD TV channel. Jim enjoyed hunting trips to Wyoming and Montana and loved the mountains. He was able to take two trips to Wyoming and Colorado with his grandchildren in his later years to experience them again.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; his wife Barbara; three brothers, Don, Alvin, and Georgie Kastli; and two sisters, Ila Phares and Violet Schmitz.

James is survived by his daughter, Kelly (William) Pond of Waukee; a son, Sean (Jennifer) Kastli of West Des Moines; two grandchildren (Addyson and Griffin); and a brother, Tom Kastli of Waterloo.

Funeral mass was held Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank, Iowa, with inurnment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Cards and memorials may be sent to Kelly Pond, 1193 SE Williams Court, Waukee, IA 50263

BURTON HENRY THIES

October 28, 1929 ~ April 20, 2022

READLYN: Burton Henry Thies, 92 of Readlyn, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Denver Sunset Home.

Burton was born on October 28, 1929, in rural Readlyn, the son of John and Maria (Schaal) Thies. He was stationed in Alaska while serving in the United States Army from 1951-1953. He was united in marriage to Ellen Weisbrodt on May 31, 1953, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly.

After their marriage, Burton and Ellen made their home in Readlyn for over 68 years. Burton built many barns, sheds, churches and homes in the area and also remodeled many of the same. In 1963, Burton and Ellen started Readlyn Farm Automation in Readlyn.

Burton served the community of Readlyn in many capacities over the years. He was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn; a lifetime member of the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661 of Readlyn; past member of the Readlyn Community Club and a member of the Readlyn Historical Society. He served as the Readlyn Telephone Company president and served as chief of the Readlyn Fire Department. He was voted Readlyn's Grump in 2004 and was honored in 2011, as the first recipient of the Readlyn Volunteer of the year award. Burton traveled to Washington, D.C. in 2014 on the Honor Flight. In December of 2021, Burton received the Quilt of Valor for his military service.

Burton is survived by his wife, Ellen Thies of Readlyn; a sister, Margaret Henning of Shell Rock; a brother-in-law, William Weisbrodt of Waverly; his nieces and nephews, Ken (Lorie) Henning; Audrey (Jerry) Elsamiller; Joanne Henning; Jody Thies and Mike Weisbrodt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, William in infancy; brothers, Wilbert and Erwin Thies; a sister, Charlotte in infancy; a nephew, Ricky Thies; two sisters-in-law, Genevieve Weisbrodt and Dorothy Thies; and a brother-in-law, Harold Henning

Funeral services were held April 25, 2022 St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Military Rites at the church were conducted by the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661 of Readlyn. Private burial of his cremains was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Community Lutheran School, Readlyn First Responders, or to the Waverly Health Center. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Readlyn assisted with arrangements.

DEAN RAY FRENCH

April 12, 1938 ~ April 3, 2022

Dean Ray French, age 83 of Dunkerton, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on April 3, 2022 after a long courageous battle with C.O.P.D. He was born April 12, 1938 in rural Clayton County, the son of LeeRoy and Florence (Baldwin) French.

Dean attended and graduated from Elkader High School with the Class of 1956. After high school Dean enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and proudly served his country for three years. On April 20, 1959 he met Karen Corbin and



on April 23, 1960 they were married. Dean worked at Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids for a number of years and enrolled at Upper Iowa University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. Dean worked at John Deere in Waterloo for over 20 years until he eventually retired in 1993.

Dean enjoyed carpenter work, he did a lot of remodeling of older homes. He also made military clocks, shadow boxes and pen sets that he sold worldwide. Dean was especially proud of his military service and the country he served. Most of all Dean loved his family, especially spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Karen; his daughter, Tammy Ray; his three sons, Tony Dean (Faye), Tracy F. and Terry Lee (Theresa); as well as nine grandchildren, Nick (Laura) Giberson, Matt (Dessire) French, Mike French, Taylor French, Tyson French, Tia (Justin) Hunter, Jade French, Lindsay French and Brittany (Rayyan) Taufiq; and 11 great-grandchildren, Alexa Giberson, Dallas Tissue, Asher Giberson, Aiden French, Emily McNamara, Otto and Deana French, Olive Hunter, Ashton and Oliver Taufiq; one sister, Arlene Lau; along with many nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by two daughters, Trixy Elaine and Trudy K.; as well as his parents and siblings, Floyd "Bud", Ralph, Kenny, his twin brother, Dale and one sister Claremae.

Dean's wishes were for his body to be cremated after a private family visitation. There was a public funeral held at 1:00 PM Monday, April 11, 2022 at the Baptist Church in Fairbank, Iowa with burial in the Elkader Cemetery with full military rites. Woods Funeral Home, Fairbank, assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation. Cards and memorials may be sent to Karen French, 9737 N. Canfield Road, Fairbank, Iowa 50629.

THOMAS L. CORCORAN

September 5, 1934 ~ April 10, 2022

Thomas L. "Tom" Corcoran, 87, of Fairbank, Iowa, died peacefully at home on April 10, 2022 with his family at his side.

Thomas Lawrence Corcoran was born on September 5, 1934, at the family home in Fairbank, Iowa, the son of Laurence Stephen & Helen Marie (Harrington) Corcoran. He received his education at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Fairbank, graduating in the class of 1953. He then honorably served stateside in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Tom was united in marriage to Lorraine Doris Heth on February 16, 1957, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank, Iowa. They made their home in Fairbank where they were blessed with seven children.



Tom worked at John Deere in Waterloo for 30 years, retiring in 1988. Tom and Lorraine also owned and operated a lawn and gar-

den center for thirteen years. Tom was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. He enjoyed farming, gardening, woodworking, joking, playing pool and cards. Tom and Lorraine enjoyed traveling, especially to Branson, Missouri. He will be remembered as a person who enjoyed visiting with everyone, he never met a stranger.

Tom is survived by his wife of 65 years: Lorraine Corcoran of Fairbank; five sons: Sons: Rick (Brenda) Corcoran of Fairbank, Craig (Susan) Corcoran of Olathe, KS, Terry (Janet) Corcoran of Shell Rock, Ronnie Corcoran (Julie Wolkenhauer) of Waterloo and Mitch Corcoran (Anne Becker) of Oelwein; two daughters: Doris (Tim) Macke of Fairbank and Brenda (Kenny) Cooperman of Houston, MO; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Richard; a great grandchild; aunts and

Mass of Christian Burial was held April 19, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank, with Rev. Ray Atwood and Deacon Jim Patera officiating. Interment was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Fairbank, with military graveside services by the Fairbank American Legion Fortsch-Duffy #552.

A Memorial Fund has been established for the Fairbank Fire Department, Cedar Valley Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be directed to: 702 Front Street, Fairbank, Iowa 50629.

TOMMY DEAN SWANSON

June 10, 1934 ~ April 9, 2022

DUNKERTON: Tommy Dean Swanson, "Tommy Boy", of Dunkerton, Iowa passed away peacefully on Saturday April 9, 2022 in his home. He was born on June 10, 1934 in Waterloo, Iowa to Clarence and Wava (Petrie)

Tommy was a graduate of Dunkerton High School. On July 20, 1955 he married Marilyn Baker, and the couple had four children together: Jack, Jill, Eric and Erin (Katie). Tommy was a retiree of John Deere, where he worked as a machine operator for several years.

Tommy was a jack of all trades with many hobbies. He was an avid outdoors-man, who trapped, hunted, fished and watched birds. Pulling a Northern from the Wapsie was the highlight of his day. He was a craftsmen with skills few could rival. You name it, he could make it! His creations included jewelry, knives, furniture, duck calls, fishing lures, and his most recent passion, trout flies. The list of what he could craft was truly endless. He was an opinionated man, who wasn't afraid to share it. Loving with a tough exterior. Truly one of a kind!

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; a son, Jack (Janet) Swanson; and two daughters: Jill (Larry) Rourke and Katie Smith; along with nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Eric Swanson.

Tommy loved to learn, and in the spirit of learning, donated his body to Des Moines University for anatomical and surgical study. The family did not have a visitation or funeral services. Woods Funeral Home in Fairbank assisted the family.

Cards and memorials can be sent to Marilyn Swanson, 202 W. Williams St., Dunkerton, IA 50626.





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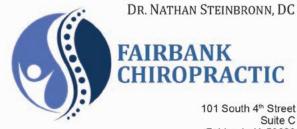
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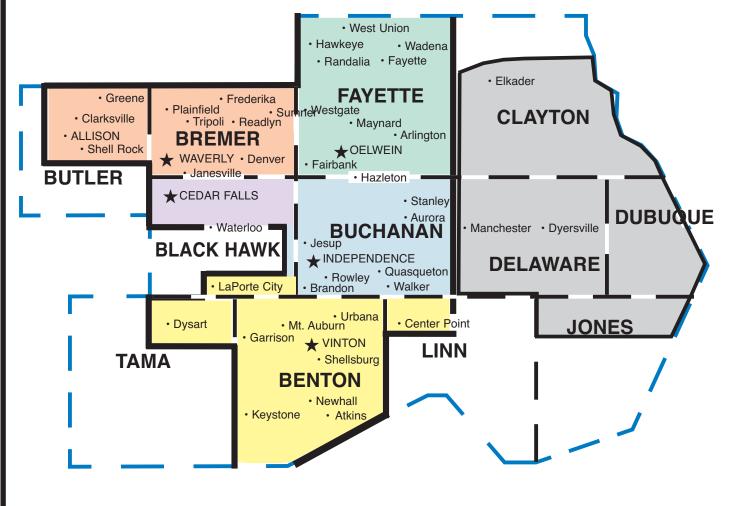


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