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New fire truck for the Fairbank Fire Department



Since 1985, the Fairbank Fire Department has been responding to fire emergencies around the area with a 1985 Ford F800 fire tanker. Purchased new by the fire department, the truck has served its community and surrounding departments well through all types of situations. In particular, this tanker was the most reliable tanker in the county during cold weather. Due to heated generated by an on board pump mounted on the rear of the apparatus, all fittings, valves, and water lines were kept above freezing temperatures. This allowed for them to remain operational even on the coldest days of winter.

Through the years, the truck has shown some wear from responding to emergencies, raising concerns of the reliability of the chassis and

safety of personnel operating it. The truck lacked adequate seat belts for firefighters and housed a transmission that only a handful members could proficiently operate. So in 2019 a committee was formed to look at replacing the truck with an updated model. The committee found that because the truck had a very unique and hard to find tanker body that housed a pump, the body should remain in service. Finding a new truck chassis to mount underneath of the original body was decided to be the best feasible option by the committee.

A brand new 2019 Ford F750 was purchased locally through Don's Truck Sales and has been placed in service since March of 2020. Quality Truck Rebuilders painted the truck to match the flawless 1985

tanker body that would remain as the primary tanker for the fire department. Featuring airbags in the cab, air brakes to increase the stopping power of the truck, and an automatic transmission, the new truck is safer for firefighters and more dependable in times of critical need.

The members of the Fairbank Fire Department are happy to say that the \$92,000 truck project came solely from funds donated to the department. They would like to thank everyone for their support at fundraisers and the memorials directed to them by late individuals. A mission was made to ensure that the money spent on the project was spent at local businesses to help return the support back to the community.

MAKE SURE FAIRBANK IS COUNTED!

Fairbank is knocking it out of the park as far as the Census goes having a 71.5% response rate. This is a great response rate, but time is running

short for submitting your census. The Census is set to wrap up September 30th. Right now, census workers are going door to door in Buchanan County trying to reach all residents. Residents can still file the census online by going to <https://my2020census.gov/>.

Why should you file your census? Being counted in the census is vital for your community and your county. State and Federal program dollars are allocated to communities based on population. If you are not counted your community will lose out on significant financial support. According to a George Washington University study, each person that is not counted in the 2020 census means that community will NOT receive \$28,884 in Federal support per person over a 10-year period and \$1230 per person in Iowa Road Use Funds over a 10-year period.

For more information and links to the US Census form you can also visit the Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC) Website at www.growbuchanan.com/2020census/ or contact BCEDC Executive Director and director@growbuchanan.com or call 319-334-7497.

Source George Washington University Study https://gwipp.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs2181/f/downloads/IPP-1819-3%20CountingforDollars_IA.pdf



| Census Response Rate* | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Communities | % Rate 8/10 | % Rate 8/24 | % of Increase |
| Aurora | 57.1 | 57.1 | 0% |
| Brandon | 54.5 | 54.5 | 0% |
| Fairbank | 71 | 71.5 | 1% |
| Hazleton | 53.8 | 53.8 | 0% |
| Independence | 72.3 | 72.9 | 1% |
| Jesup | 76.1 | 76.6 | 1% |
| Lamont | 63.8 | 64.8 | 2% |
| Quasqueton | 69 | 69.4 | 1% |
| Rowley | 79.7 | 79.7 | 0% |
| Stanley | 66 | 66 | 0% |
| Winthrop | 71.5 | 71.8 | 0% |
| Buchanan County | 70.1 | 70.5 | 1% |
| Iowa | 69 | 69.2 | 0% |
| Nation | 63.3 | 64.2 | 1% |
| * U.S. Census Bureau - August 24, 2020 | | | |

A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

This month I would like to introduce Mike Everding, our new police officer and acting Chief of Police. Mike has experience as a deputy for Fayette County, and most recently, working for the Department of Natural Resources. At this time, Mike is our only officer. That will change soon. We have interviewed some other officers and hope to be adding to our force at the City Council Meeting on August 24. One of the things we are having our Police Department do is to be in the Wapsie Valley Elementary School on a weekly basis. During those visits, the Police Officer will meet with different classes and get to know the kids. Once a month, they will have a pizza lunch with students who have earned recognition in the Warrior Way program.

In future months, I plan to introduce the rest of the people who work for the City of Fairbank. They are all people who are dedicated to providing GREAT service to our City.

I also want to compliment the Aquatic Center staff who made the summer much better in Fairbank. Not only did they do a great job of planning for the opening, but they were able to keep the pool open the entire summer. A big thank you to the many people who worked at the pool as supervisors and life guards. Their jobs were different this year and, they adjusted and worked hard to make it all work. A job well done!

Until next month, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE ISLANDER IS SEPTEMBER 29



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Wapsie Valley AG Students Fillet Greenhouse Fish

BY MARY BODENSTEINER,

Chapter Reporter

This past school year, the greenhouse at the Wapsie Valley High School, was home, once again, to roughly 15 tilapia. The Wapsie Valley FFA utilizes its aquaponic system to raise commercial fish while replenishing vegetable produce from the fish manure. The students and our AG teacher, Mr. Forsyth, raise and feed the fish throughout the year and collect tomatoes, strawberries, lettuce, and green beans for our students to eat.



Tyce Hagenow (left) and Austin Hesse (right) being taught by Mike Duffy (middle)

At the end of the school year, with district permission, we were then able to have students and staff members come in one morning and harvest the fish by hand and collect fillets. These cuts from the tilapia will be fried fresh and enjoyed by our members. We are planning to purchase more fish this school year for the greenhouse. This hands-on opportunity for our students teaches them the many different purposes of fish including meat and nourishment for growing vegetables.



Austin Hesse (left) and Tyce Hagenow (right)

Living on the Edge

By Pat Pint

The other night, I came home from work, slung my purse on a chair, quickly changed clothes, washed my hands and started supper.

A minute later, my daughter, Missy, called and asked, "How was your day?"

I let out a dramatic sigh.

"Busy day at the office?" she wondered.

I curtly replied, "Yep."

"What happened? Phones blow up? Internet go down?" she asked gently in a vain effort to calm me down.

"I'm exhausted," I replied. "The office day was relatively easy, but the commute to and from work wears me out," I admitted.

Missy laughed. "On your huge 11 mile journey each way? Car break down, or did you walk?"

[To be honest, my commute consists of no traffic lights, and two stop signs. Sometimes I encounter a school bus, meet about six cars, a stray deer and in the spring and fall, some farm implements.]

"I multi-tasked today," I admitted. The dental hygienist showed me a rubber tipped gum massager. "It's

so easy to use," she said, "even while driving, you can insert this tip on your gum line, and in ten minutes, have your whole mouth done."

At the library, the woman pointed out a selection of audio books. "You can listen to it while you travel, and in no time at all, you'll be through 'War and Peace'."

My hairdresser, Mandy, demonstrated a way to mouse my short hair. "This is so easy, you can even 'primp' while driving."

The nurse at the doctor's office was walking me through the attributes of isometrics. "These are effective and simple exercises. In fact, while you're driving, you can tone up your legs and thighs."

"By cell phone, I can call my sister, Susan, in the privacy and solitude of my car."

A co-worker was describing her handy instant breakfast. "A banana is the perfect car food. It's not messy and vitamin rich. The peel is biodegradable, so toss it in a corn field, and you're not polluting the environment," she explained.

For my birthday, my brother gave me a thermal coffee cup with a snug lid. "Ideal for your cup holder. You'll have a hot beverage all the way to

work and then some."

Dad taught me to turn off the radio, and pray in my car. "So, en route, I think of my family, friends and co-workers and ask the angels to protect them. It's portable and quiet."

Missy asked, "What was the problem today?"

"For the first five miles, I massaged my gums and listened to a few pages of my book. The other six miles, I said prayers for each of my family members, sipped coffee and ate the banana. I totally forgot the exercises, and didn't return a phone call."

"On the way home, my cell phone rang, I dumped my purse out to find it, upset the last of the now cold coffee and nearly ran a stop sign. I might have cursed a little bit, which probably negated my earlier prayers. On a happier note, I found my small container of mousse, and listened to another page of 'War and Peace'."

Missy snickered. "Mom, I have a perfect solution. Find a job further away from home. That way, you'll get everything done."

I like the way she thinks. If I find a few more stop signs, I could do my nails.

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By Robert Shields

Before we dip our toes into mill ponds and dams in the Fairbank area, I need to acknowledge and thank Janet Meaney. Janet has always been one of the most knowledgeable people in the area and is always willing to share her information. She has researched and created databases on everyone in the Fairbank Cemetery as well as the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, plus, almost every cemetery in Buchanan County and many in Fayette and Bremer and Black Hawk counties as well. She has also done work on churches, schools, and mills. Janet has also done extensive genealogical research in the Littleton and Otterville area.

I would also like to remind everyone if you decide to do some historical exploring, please remember if you go onto private property to ask permission before you start, and if you find anything interesting, leave it alone and notify the property owner. Do not take it home. Always clean up your trash when you head home.

On the 1875 Andreas map of Fayette County and on the 1879 plat map of Oran Township, there was a mill pond on the Little Wapsie River north of Fairbank in the northeast corner of section 28. This mill is located just west of the intersection of Hwy V 68 and 30th Street today, on land owned in 1879 by Ezra Albert White. The mill was located on the east side of the Little Wapsie just

MILL PONDS IN THE 4 COUNTY AREA

south of the present bridge along with a blacksmith shop east of the mill. At this time, the property is owned by Dwayne Ott.

The "1878 History of Fayette County Iowa", tells that, "P. W. Hough, (Peter Walker Hough) built a saw mill on Section 28 in 1856". Mr. Hough was described as a farmer and preacher who also enjoyed a good joke. One day in November of 1887, at the age of 88, he showed up in front of the Fairbank View office with a fine sleek "general purpose" cow harnessed to his buggy, bragging of his latest example of agricultural progress.

Ezra A. White was born in Canada in 1835, he was married to Mary Louise Miller in Buchanan County on 25 December, 1857. On the 1870 Census Ezra, Mary and 5 children were living on the mill property in Oran Township. His occupation in 1870 is shown as miller. Ezra must have operated the mill until shortly after 1885. On the 1880 and 1885 census, his occupation is listed as farmer and miller. On the 1900 census the family was living in Platte county Nebraska. Ezra's occupation at this time is hardware merchant. He died, 8 October, 1906.

In Lester Township, in Section 4, there was another mill on the Big Wapsipinicon River and a small village that existed under several different names over the years. The grist mill was located on the north side of the modern Hwy 281 bridge over the Wapsipinicon, and the village was mostly on the south side of the highway on the east side of the river. A saw mill was located on the west side of the river across from the grist mill. This location on the Wapsie was popular because it had a rock bottom and was ideal as a natural river crossing. On the 1855 "Township Map of the State of Iowa" published by Henn. Williams & Co, Fairfield Iowa, shows Sturges Rapids P. O. (Post Office) at the same location as the future mill. Published in the 4 April, 1850, Burlington Hawk Eye

newspaper was an advertisement for letting of contracts for Postal Mail Routes in Iowa, it states, "Route 4696, From Quasqueton at 8 a m, once a week, Friday; By Independence; To Sturges Rapids in Black Hawk County, by 6 p m, 25 miles; and Black Hawk County shows the village name as Wapsie Mills and was later shortened to Wapsie Mill in most newspaper stories about the area. The village prospered until the late 1890s.

In the 25 March, 1934, Waterloo Daily Courier, "Keller and Hunter's sawmill was the town's first business, having been erected shortly after Jake Keller settled there in 1855. A grist mill was built by Charles Robinson and F. J. Everett early in the 1860's. Both mills took their power from the river". The village "boasted the two mills, a blacksmith shop, two combination stores and saloons, a shoemaker's shop and several dwellings". Like most small towns, when the railroad bypassed Wapsie Mills in favor of a direct path from Fairbank to Dunkerton. Shortly after, the village slowly fell into decay. The names Frog Pond and later Frog Town became popular with locals for the area where the thriving village once stood.

Today roughly 40 yards north of the Hwy 281 bridge some of the pilings from the dam can be seen just below the water when the river is low. There are also three rows of four pilings each from the old wooden bridge, visible just north of the new bridge.

If you have ever wondered what it was like inside a grist mill, a great family day trip would be to visit the Wapsipinicon Mill in Independence! In June of 1867, millwright Samuel Sherwood accepted the contract to build the Wapsipinicon Mill, one of the largest grist mills in Iowa. The 5-story structure is 122 feet long, by 62 feet wide and was used at first as a flouring mill. The Mill is open 6 days a week, noon until 4pm (closed on Mondays). There is no charge to visit.



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Wapsie 14U Baseball team finishes season with 5th place at state

By Amber Decker

WILL WE PLAY BASEBALL THIS SUMMER? That was the question on each Wapsie 14U baseball players' mind as they sat by and watched COVID-19 halt so many other activities this year.

Their question was answered when the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) decided in May to go on with the season, with plenty of special precautions for players and fans to abide by.

Most players on this year's team were from Fairbank or Readlyn and have been playing together in the USSSA AA league for the last three years. Coaching all three years were Brent Sauerbrei and Jim Schoer, with Taylan Sauerbrei stepping in to assist this year. The roster included seventh graders Chase Ackerman and Kanen Decker,

and eighth graders Derek Hilsenbeck, Manny Huebner, Tucker Ladeburg, Drew Sauerbrei, Traeton Sauerbrei, and Jacob Schoer. Also on the roster were Grant Henderson and Noah Henderson (Sumner), Joe Smeltzer (Denver), and Brayden Schmitz (Minneapolis, MN). While #WEAREFAMILY is a Wapsie motto, it really proved true on this team as 5 of the players and 2 coaches are related to each other!

Tournaments for the AA league Wapsie participated in were held in either Cedar Rapids or Des Moines each weekend between the beginning of June and the beginning of August. Wapsie is one of only a few teams that aren't considered super teams (where players have to try out and it costs to be on the team). They are very proud to be local, homegrown ball players! Teams travel from

all over the state to play in these tournaments, with some of the competition coming from Dallas Center-Grimes, Davenport, Southeast Polk, and Iowa City. One of their competitors was all the way from Andover, MN.

Wapsie went 12-8 on the year, with three of their five losses coming from teams in the more advanced AAA and Major divisions. In their 12 wins, they outscored their opponents 9.8 to 3.9. They also took home the gold at two tournaments this summer. The team finished their season at the state tournament in Des Moines August 7-9, with 5th place in the Gold bracket of the Elite Division for AA teams.

The future of Wapsie baseball looks very bright if the performance of these boys is any indicator!



Fairbank City Wide Clean Up Day

Monday, Sept. 14th

Have your items at the curb by 7:00 AM

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NOTE: There will be a metal bin located behind City Shop the week before cleanup day for metal items. If you can't take there, it will be picked up at the curb as well, but will be left and picked up last.

Make sure to keep your regular garbage & recycling containers separated from these items.

PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE!



Maps will be available at some of the local businesses!

Fairbank City-Wide Garage Sales

Saturday, Sept. 12th
starting at 8:00 a.m.

If you are planning on having a garage sale, be sure to sign up at the Fairbank Library no later than Monday, Sept. 7th at 5:00 p.m. to be included on the maps.

FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

July 1st-31st Report

Ambulance Calls: 7

Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0

Car Accident w/ Injuries: 1

Fire Calls: 0

EMS Training Hours: Approx. 30

Fire Training Hours: 40



- Fire training was forcible entry, ladder operations, and breaching walls at the red house on Grove St. that is slated for destruction. This was excellent training.

- EMS training was on the importance of Firefighter rehab.

- SCBA's were tested and all passed their annual inspection with no deficiencies noted.

- The Fire Department picnic was held at the aquatic center and was well attended.

- Janice Martins was voted into full membership.

Submitted by: Brad Gordon, Fire Chief
8/10/20

Wapsie Valley FFA holds Annual Banquet Virtually

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter has not missed the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our outstanding chapter members, alumni, and supporters at our annual banquet for 43 years.

This year, as the usual large get together of members, parents, and guests was not able to happen, the banquet was held virtually so that our members and chapter supporters could receive the recognition they deserve. Awards were announced, and the new officer team was properly installed. The banquet was recorded on Sunday, August 9th by the 2019-20 officers and the video is now on all of our social media platforms. It can be found on our Facebook page

(Wapsie Valley FFA), Twitter (@WapsieValley-FFA) and on Instagram (@wapsieffa).

This year, our members competed in many different events at the Sub-District and District levels. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to compete at the State level. Congratulations to all who went above and beyond this year to represent the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter! We truly want to offer our gratitude to all of our supporters who have helped make this FFA chapter successful throughout the years.

Listed below are the special recognitions and awards received this year.

SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION

Ethan Oltrogge: Extemporaneous Speaking - 2nd Gold

Sloane Banger: Job Interview - 1st Gold

Brady Benning: Ag Sales - 2nd Gold

Tyce Hagenow: Ag Broadcasting - Bronze

Reily Richards: Public Speaking - 2nd Gold

Austin Hesse: Creed Speaking - 3rd Gold

Kennadi Neil, Anna Richards, and Hannah Miller: Program of Activities - 1st Gold

Clayton Hershey, Cannon Joerger, Brok Grober, Elle Voy, Treasa Wilcox, Sydney Matthias, Jayden Wagner: Conduct of Meetings - Bronze

Chapter Quiz: Mary Bodensteiner - Silver, Nick Grober



2019-20 Officer Team: (Left to Right) Kennadi Neil, Kaylee Kleitsch, Nick Grober, Hannah Miller, Reily Richards, and Anna Richards

- 1st Gold, Kaylee Kleitsch -

2nd Gold

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Brady Benning: Ag Sales - Gold

Anna Richards, Hannah Miller, and Kennadi Neil: Program of Activities - 1st Gold

Sloane Banger: Job Interview - 2nd Gold

Ethan Oltrogge: Extemporaneous Speaking - 1st Gold

Nick Grober, Ryan Schares, Bridget Seeman, Ellie Neil, Mary Bodensteiner, Courtney

Schmitz, Elle Voy, Kaylee Kleitsch: Experience the Action - 1st Gold

Austin Hesse: Creed Speaking - Bronze

Reily Richards: Public Speaking - 3rd Gold

Kaylee Kleitsch: District Officer Candidate

Courtney Schmitz and Nick Grober: Delegates

Hannah Miller: Secretary's Book - Gold

Nick Grober: Treasurer's Book - Silver

Kaylee Kleitsch: Reporter's Book - 2nd Gold

STATE

Reily Richards: State Officer Candidate

PROFICIENCIES

DISTRICTS

Nick Grober: Dairy production placement - Bronze

Kyle Voy: Diversified Crop Production - Gold Advance

Dori Waschkat: Poultry Production - Silver

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Parkview Resident Spotlight!

Jim Kaufman

Jim's birthday is September 22nd

He was born in LaPorte City, Iowa

He has 2 children, Jim & Jane,
and 3 stepchildren, Kim, Kris and Erika

Jim served in the Army, was a Barber and worked in construction. He loved buying farmland and at one time owned 1,700 acres. He has always enjoyed animals, playing cards and he used to love to dance. Both Jim & Glenda enjoy spending time with family and friends. They love being outside, in the woods, going for rides, having bonfires, and staying busy!

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Wapsie Valley Community School District Announces New 7-12 Principal for 2020-2021 Academic School Year

Wapsie Valley Community School District is happy to announce that TJ Murphy has verbally accepted the position of the 7-12 principal. Mr. Murphy comes to us from the Benton CSD as a 7-12 science teacher and data team coach for the past fourteen years. He has coached several sports teams and is currently the head wrestling coach.

Mr. Murphy was raised in the Manchester area, graduating from West Delaware High School, and his wife, Beth graduated from Jesup Community School District. Both graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Mr. Murphy received his PK-12 Principalship Graduate Degree from the University of Northern Iowa.

His family has accompanied him to the Wapsie area this summer. Beth works for Aegeon Asset Management and their three children, Bailey (age 10), Clare (age 8) and Ray (age 6) all enjoy the great outdoors, basketball, softball, volleyball, baking, painting, camping, hunting, fishing and of course, wrestling! As you can tell, this is one busy family.

We are thrilled that the Murphy family has chosen Wapsie Valley as their new home. Mr. Murphy has a contract that started on July 1, 2020, but he will be in the district to be involved in transitional plans and any further district hiring needs. When you meet the Murphys in the future, please introduce yourself and give them a huge "Wapsie



Welcome". TJ was very impressed that we live by the motto, "We Are Family", and he is excited to be a part of that family! We are excited about the Murphy family's new journey in joining the Wapsie Valley Family!



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

Nuts and dark chocolate are some of our favorite snacks. Here are two treats, Pecan Pie Bars and Chewy Brownie Cookies, that are sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Pecan Pie Bars

1 pkg. yellow cake mix (reserve 2/3 cup for filling)
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 egg, slightly beaten

Combine cake mix, butter and egg. Press into greased 9"x13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes until lightly browned.

Filling:

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| 2/3 cup cake mix | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1/2 cup brown sugar | 3 eggs |
| 1 1/2 cups dark corn syrup | 1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped |

Prepare the filling by slightly beating the eggs, add the 2/3 cup cake mix, brown sugar, corn syrup and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Stir in pecans. Pour filling over baked crust. Return to oven and bake for 30-35 minutes until filling is set. Cool. Cut into bars.

Chewy Brownie Cookies

Makes 3-4 dozen

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| 2/3 cup butter-flavored Crisco | 1 1/2 cups flour |
| 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar | 1/4 tsp. soda |
| 1 tbsp. water | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 1/2 cup baking cocoa |
| 2 eggs | 2 cups dark chocolate mini chips |

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine shortening, brown sugar, water, and vanilla until well blended. Add the eggs, one at a time, blending well. Mix flour, cocoa, soda and salt to creamed mixture at low speed, just until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips.

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Retirement

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After fall farming this year, Bill will be getting his realtor license. So if you're looking to buy or sell after the first of the year, give Bill a call.



Wapsie Valley FFA member captures a title at State Fair Horse Show

Megan Lahmann, of Tripoli and a Wapsie Valley FFA student, was named reserve champion for Pony Breeds at the FFA Horse Show at the 2020 Fair Special Edition Livestock Show.

A total of 83 exhibitors from 52 Iowa FFA Chapters showed 128 horses in the show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines on Aug. 6-8.

Special Thank You
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POLICE REPORT



LABOR DAY,
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Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer and we celebrate with barbecues and road trips. But be aware as you hit the highways that the Labor Day holiday weekend is one of the deadliest times of the year in terms of drunk-driving fatalities. During the 2018 Labor Day holiday period (Aug. 31 – Sept. 4), there were 439 traffic fatalities nationwide. Forty-three percent of those fatalities involved drivers who had been drinking and more than one-third (38%) of the fatalities involved drivers who were over the legal limit. Ultimately, drinking and driving is a choice, and it is a choice that puts all road users at risk.

It is imperative we all do our part to end drunk and drugged driving. Remember that it is never okay to drink/drug and drive. Even if you plan to have only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or use a ride service to get home safely. If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement. Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. These are small tasks that can make a BIG difference to save lives.

Last year, in Iowa, there were six fatalities over the three-day Labor Day weekend. Three of these fatalities involved a drunk driver. To help keep people safe on our roadways and put an end to drunk driving, extra law enforcement will be out, both locally and nationally, in support of the 2020 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. From August 21 through September 7, 2020, officers will be out there keeping our roads safe by removing impaired drivers and addressing other serious traffic violations.

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God's grace and peace be unto you through Christ, the Lord!

"You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked...But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us...made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved." (Ephesians 2 English Standard Version).

Last month we ended with the question of what sin even is, Biblically-speaking. Sometimes, we might use this word when someone prefers "the wrong" Iowa college team. In the Biblical sense, though, a sin is something worse, much worse. The word that the Holy Spirit used through St. Paul above for sin means to depart from a standard of righteousness, to "miss the mark," such as when shooting an arrow and hitting the hay instead of the target. To sin means to breach and be in violation of a set standard. But, what standard and who set it?

Many of us are familiar with the Ten Commandments. The Commandments are the set of rules (standards) given by God from Mount Sinai after He led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. The Commandments are God's standard of what is right and wrong, good and evil actions. They were not made up by God at Sinai, however. Christians believe that God wrote them in human hearts at Creation. That is why in nearly every society murder is wrong, for example. To sin is to miss the mark set by God, to choose our own path above all things, to even set ourselves into His place. Viewed as such, you can see that sin is no small issue.

Sin is what separates us from God. Every sin furthers our separation from Him and from each other. As a deterrent against sin, God punishes it. He punishes sin with death. The Holy Spirit says, "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6). This punishment applies to every sin. With each sin we bring this wrath of God upon ourselves; but that hasn't always stopped us. Or, even if we have been mindful of His judgement, we've already incurred such a large debt of sin that there's nothing to be done. The hole is too big and the ship's going down. That is, apart from Christ.

Sin is why Jesus took on our same human flesh. He came to save us poor sinners from death by dying Himself, and then rising again. In His life Jesus did what we have failed to do: He kept the Commandments perfectly. He lived without sinning. The reason He died (Himself being without sin) is so that our debt before God might be paid. And so, it is. Jesus saved us from death and an eternity in hell by living, dying, and rising for you and me. Jesus died for your and my sins. He secured for us forgiveness before our God and Father. But how do we receive that forgiveness, how do we become rescued from sin and death? We'll start next month with this word: faith.

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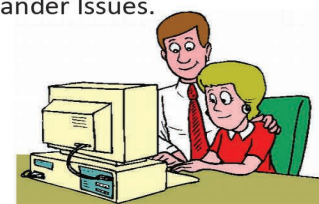
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COLLEEN MARY MATTHIAS

Apr. 21, 1955 – Aug. 23, 2020

SUMNER, IA - Colleen Matthias, age 65, of rural Sumner, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2020 at her home. She was born April 21, 1955 in Waterloo the daughter of Aloysius and Patricia (Cavanaugh) Duffy.

Colleen grew up in rural Fairbank and graduated from Wapsie Valley Community Schools with the Class of 1973. She married Darold Matthias on August 17, 1974 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank.

After graduation she pursued her goal to become a Registered Nurse by first attending Hawkeye Community College and then the University of Northern Iowa. Colleen was a RN at Covenant Hospital for many years and was also a Flight Nurse during her career at Covenant. After working at Covenant she worked at Allen Hospital as an Emergency Room nurse.

She was a longtime member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Oran First Responders. Colleen was a caring, loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, nurse and volunteer. She was always willing and able to give her time and love to anyone in need. She will be missed by so many who knew her and those that she touched during her time in this world.

Colleen is survived by her husband Darold; her son Lucas and his wife Cortney; her daughter Bridget and her fiancé Nathan Shook; three grandchildren, Alyssa, Lauren and Caden; one sister Kathy Volker; two brothers-in-law, Milo Matthias and Frances Weber; and three sisters-in-law, Sherry Duffy, Bonnie Duffy and Dixie (Gary) Seegers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Carrie Matthias; three brothers, Patrick Duffy, Dennis Duffy and Galen Duffy; and one sister Sherry Weber.

Visitation was held August 28, 2020 at Woods Funeral Home and private family graveside services were held August 29, 2020 at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, all in Fairbank.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.



MAXINE IOLA VANDAELE

Sept. 12, 1923 – Aug. 12, 2020

FAIRBANK - Maxine Vandaele, 96, of Fairbank, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020 at MercyOne Senior Care in Oelwein. Maxine Iola Vandaele was born in Cedar Rapids on Sept. 12, 1923 to parents Wesley and Beatrice (Gable) Gardner. She graduated from Arlington High School with the class of 1940. She then attended Upper Iowa University in Fayette, studying Business.

On August 17, 1947 Maxine was united in marriage with Robert Vandaele at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. She had been employed with Wardell Chevrolet in Oelwein and was a homemaker and farmer. She was a member of the Fairbank United Methodist Church, where she was very active in many church groups.

Left to celebrate Maxine's life is her son, Jerry (Lynn) VanDaele of Fairbank; her grandchildren: Dr. Doug VanDaele of Iowa City, Aaron VanDaele of Fairbank and Eric VanDaele of Fairbank; her great-grandchildren: Ryan, Grace and Sophia VanDaele of Iowa City; her sister-in-law Becky VanDaele of Independence; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings: Don Gardner, Marie (Marvin) Strand and Mary (Robert) Nelson; her in-laws: Art (Angie) VanDaele, Julius (Bettie) VanDaele, Helen (Keith) Koile, Rene VanDaele and Alice VanDaele.

Funeral services were held Aug. 19 at Geilenfeld-Buehner Funeral Home in Oelwein, with Pastor Linda Miller officiating. Interment was in Fairbank Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family.



CAROLE CATHERINE LEVENDUSKY

Dec. 25, 1940 – Aug. 21, 2020

DUBUQUE, IA - Carole Levendusky, age 79 of Dubuque, formerly of Fairbank, passed away August 21, 2020 at her home. She was born December 25, 1940 in Waterloo the daughter of Joe and Sue (Quinn) Kemp.

Carole attended and graduated from I.C. Catholic School in Fairbank. She married Clair Levendusky on November 14, 1959 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Carole and Clair raised their family in Fairbank and were longtime members of I.C. Catholic Church. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother.

Carole is survived by her three daughters; Laura (Barney) Niner, Barb (Mark) Babiak and Jodi (Rich) Brunning; two sons, Charlie (Janell) Levendusky and Jeff (Terri) Levendusky; eight grandchildren, Kayla (Nathan) Scheer, William (Fiona) Niner, Alex (Mallory) Niner, Joshua (Lauren) Levendusky, Brian (Taylor) Levendusky, Troy (Mariah) Levendusky, Jake (Jenna) Levendusky and Jordyn Levendusky; two great-grandchildren, Palmer and Henry Scheer; five sisters, Mary Jo (Dean) Hartley, Kathy (Don) Corcoran, Pat Kayser, Roberta (Dick) Mason, Annett Kemp (Larry); two brothers, Ed Kemp and Peter Kemp (Jan); and one sister-in-law Lee Ann Kemp; and one brother-in-law Lawrence Levendusky; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother Mike Kemp; and a sister Liz Kemp; along with many brothers and sisters-in-law.

Funeral Mass was held August 26, 2020 with visitation one hour before at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Interment was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family.



ANGELINE MARY VANDAELE

Nov. 6, 1924 – Aug. 11, 2020

FAIRBANK - Angie VanDaele passed away Tuesday August 11, 2020 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo at the age of 95.

She was born Nov. 6, 1924 in rural Fairbank, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Meier) Buzynski. Angie attended and graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Fairbank. She married Arthur VanDaele on June 16, 1948 at I.C. Catholic Church in Fairbank. Angie and Art lived in rural Fairbank where they raised their two daughters and farmed the land together until Art's passing in 1997. She was a hardworking and loving farmwife, mother and grandmother.

Angie was a lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where she volunteered for many activities such as the annual fall dinners and countless funeral dinners. She is survived by her two daughters - Judy Boehme of Fairbank and Debra (Ed) Bormann of Oelwein; four grandchildren - Michelle (Shawn) Mullihan, Jessica (Nick) Miller, Lewis (Chris) Boehme, Jason (Jamie) Albrecht and Brad Hunziker (Jennifer's husband); 20 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law - Becky VanDaele and Manetta Buzynski.

Angie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son-in-law - Tom Boehme, and one granddaughter - Jennifer Hunziker.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Aug. 18, with visitation for one hour before the service at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairbank. Due to the restrictions regarding the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, all of those in attendance were required to maintain social distance and wear face coverings.

Interment followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Fairbank. Woods Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

She was an amazing woman, wife, mom, grandma and great-grandma. She lived 95 years in mostly wonderful health She was hands on 100%. She was not just a farmers wife, she was a farmer. She has left a legacy of hard work, love and family.

It's sad to say goodbye, but a happy day to celebrate a life well lived. In the next few days reflect on all the good things that made her special.



GLORIA ANNE SCHROPP

Apr. 19, 1949 – Aug. 3, 2020

PARNELL, IA. - Gloria Schropp was born April 19, 1949 in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of Paul and Evie (Schmitz) Overheu. She died on Monday, August 3, 2020 at Compass Memorial Hospital in Marengo at the age of 71 years after a 26 year battle with cancer.

Gloria graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1968. On July 29, 1972 she was united in marriage to Steven Schropp at Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank.

She worked 35 years at Amana Refrigeration and later became a licensed realtor. Gloria was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Parnell, where she taught catechism for several years. She was also a member of the St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society, the National Association of Realtors, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Thumbs Up Club. She enjoyed traveling, cruises, wintering at the beach in Florida, reading, watching cooking shows, friendly cooking competitions with Andy, shopping trips with Jill and baking with her grandchildren and teaching them the value of a measuring cup and scraping the bowl clean. Her famous quote was "Always make sure the freezer door is shut."

Gloria is survived by her husband Steve of Parnell; a son Andrew (Jessica) Schropp of Williamsburg; a daughter Jill (Brandon) Peterson of Urbandale; five grandchildren, Lilia (Chad) Ludovissy, Morgan Gloria Schropp, Drew Schropp, Reagan Peterson and Brock Peterson; a great-grandson Ayden; two sisters, Paula Schares of Oran and Karen Oberheu-Silver of Cedar Rapids; and a brother-in-law John Wroten of Fairbank.

She was preceded by her parents; a sister Kathie Wroten; and two brothers-in-law Gerald Von Ahsen and Darryl Schares.



ROSEMARY WILKINSON

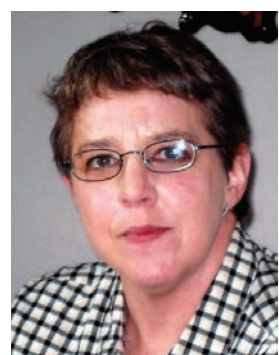
Mar. 23, 1960 – Aug. 5, 2020

FAIRBANK - Rosemary A. Wilkinson, 60 years old, died at her home in Fairbank, IA on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. She was born on March 23, 1960, in Independence, Iowa, the daughter of Robert Lee and Darlene Grace (Harn) Wilkinson. She graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank with the Class of 1978. Ms. Wilkinson was a Mary Kay cosmetics counselor. She enjoyed nature and being outdoors and painting.

Ms. Wilkinson is survived by 2 sons - Michael (Monique) Wilkinson of Independence and Joshua (Sadie Hansen) Wilkinson of Missoula, Montana; 4 sisters - Dorothy Fowler and Donna Pollock, both of Fairbank, and Ronda (Randy) Ives and Tricia (Mark) Bair, both of Grinnell Iowa; 2 brothers - Robert Wilkinson of Independence and Raymond Wilkinson of Evansdale, Iowa; and a special friend, John Wroten.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No services are planned at this time. White Funeral Home of Independence is in charge of arrangements.



137 Years – and counting: *Interview with Joseph G. 'Joey' Miller*

by Betty Brandt Passick

Thirty years after the village of Fairbank was laid out in the north part of the township, Louis 'L.T.' Miller (1859-1943) established Miller Blacksmith on Main Street.

L.T. was born in Freeport, Ill and came to Iowa with his parents as a small boy, according to his obituary. After reaching manhood, he learned the trade of blacksmithing from Jacob Hummel in Waterloo, before opening his own shop in Fairbank next to the Wapsie River between the Old Mill and the Opera House (today, the site of Costa's Sports Bar & Grille). The exact date was March 17, 1883, St. Patrick's Day.

On October 6, 1883, L.T. married Augusta 'Gusta' Fredrick (1858-1922) in Waterloo. Nine children were born to the couple: Elizabeth, Charles J., Lewis J., Adam B., William H., Ellen, Frank M., Margaret, and

Clara.

According to Joey Miller (L.T.'s great grandson), "It's hard to say why L.T.'s parents left Illinois. Iowa had become a state in 1846 and was open to new settlement. They probably relocated for the same reason most people did: to carve out a better livelihood for themselves."

The Miller family has now operated businesses on Fairbank's Main Street for the past 137 years—and counting.

- Louis T. 'L.T.' Miller, Miller Blacksmith
- Frank M. Miller, Miller Hardware
- Joseph W. Miller, Joe Miller Plumbing and Heating
- Patrick Miller, Miller Plumbing and Heating

L.T. was probably one of the more colorful 1800s characters in the town, known for being a fierce blacksmith working in

his shop. Allie B. (Leehey) Cowlshaw once told me she feared him as a child, and once L.T. was kicked so hard by a horse he was shoeing that he bit the horse's leg in retaliation," Joey said.

Fortunately, the blacksmith shop wasn't among the businesses lost in the January 1901 fire which obliterated nine businesses in the first block of Main Street, according to an article in the Oelwein Register. The blacksmith shop moved to the south side of block #1 of East Main Street when two of L.T.'s sons, William H. Miller (1890-1979) and Frank M. Miller (1894-1970), took over the business. Fairbank old-timers likely remember the large horseshoe that hung above the blacksmith door.

In 1924, another of L.T.'s sons, Lewis J. Miller (1887-1961), bought the shop, and in 1930, began a partnership with Interna-

tional Harvester, then in 1940, he moved the business to Second and Main Street in the old Thomas Duffy building. W.E. 'Brud' Miller (1914-1992), who had worked with his father (Lewis J. Miller) since round age fourteen, joined the business in 1947. In 1953, Lewis sold the business to Brud Miller and Dan A. Miller (1929-1993)—one of L.T.'s grandsons. Gordon Bentley purchased the property in 1963 when he purchased Bentley Chevrolet from his father, Earl Bentley.

In 1916, L.T. and son Frank purchased the Lehmkuhl-Fratzke Hardware store located west of the Fairbank State Bank—then located on the northwest corner of Second and Main Street—and opened Miller Hardware Co.

That same year Frank married Margaret 'Maggie' Nuebel (1892-1932) and 6 children were born to the couple: Paul, Joseph W., Mary, Margaret, Angeline, and Francis W. 'Frank' Jr. The family resided in a house on the south side of West Main Street. Margaret died in 1932, and Frank later married Gertrude (Gardner) Coffin (1895-1985), who had one son, Arnold B. Coffin.

Brothers Frank and Bill Miller dissolved the business in 1928; William started W.H. Miller Hardware two doors to the west, and Frank started Miller Plumbing and Heating at its current location, 117 E Main St. In 1946, Frank's son, Joseph W. Miller



Louis 'L.T.' Miller (1903)
Fairbank Camp No. 2913
Photo: Maurice Welsh,



Louis 'L.T.' Miller (1859-1943) and son William H. Miller (1890-1979)

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present at City Hall: R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Absent: Williams. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Officer; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

T. Woods/Vorwald to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

There were no public comments.

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

Councilman Williams arrived at 6:03 PM.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-20 – Resolution Naming Depositories. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The City of Fairbank has participated in the safety program that INRCOG has conducted in the past to provide classes for employees in order to maintain safe working conditions, minimizing accidents and reducing risks and losses. For the next year the plan consists of many

virtual training options due to COVID-19. T. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2020-21 – A Resolution of the City of Fairbank, Iowa Agreeing to Become a Member of the FY 2021 INRCOG Safety Program. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

It was suggested by the auditor to pass a written policy to help with the segregation of duties within the office. The council was presented with a policy sample. R. Woods/Williams to approve Resolution 2020-22 – Resolution Passing and Adopting Accounting overview and Segregation of Duties Policy. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Officer Everding arrived at 6:07 PM.

The Fairbank Police Department was on the agenda for discussion. Mayor Harter said that he had met with the police committee earlier and they were thinking of getting at least 1 to 2 more part-time officers hired to provide the hours of coverage wanted. Officer Everding brought up a couple of drawbacks for having multiple officers which would be police gear and only one police car. They are setting up an interview with a potential candidate for next week.

The Police Department is in the need for a Police Chief now that there is not one. Mayor Harter proposed appointing Officer Everding as Acting

Police Chief. Officer Everding stated that he would do it. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-23 – Resolution Appointing Acting Police Chief. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Extending the parking lot area at West Bentley Park was discussed. The road is too narrow to park along and it is being noticed that there is not enough room for parking with the kayakers and fishers using that park. Councilman Vorwald will work on getting some quotes for approval at the next council meeting.

City-wide garage sales are scheduled for Saturday September 12th and the city-wide cleanup day is convenient for citizens if scheduled after the garage sales. Black Hawk Waste was called, and they have the Monday after available. Williams/T. Woods to set the date of the fall city-wide cleanup day for Monday September 14th. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter said that he would like to meet with the parks committee about walking and biking paths next week sometime and then have something for possible discussion at the next council meeting.

T. Woods/Erickson to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director, and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

There were no public comments.

Vorwald/R. Woods to approve the minutes of July 27th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

A discussion took place on the city's pending Public Right of Way Agreement with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC. The Council had concerns about the equipment being both aerial and underground. Public Works Director Dave spoke with Little Wapsie and confirmed all overhead wires would be buried underground.

A discussion took place one the city's pending Ground Lease Agreement with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC. Dollar amounts for a potential lease were discussed and it was unanimously thought that having internet at no cost to city buildings seemed to be favorable with a smaller dollar amount possibly due annually. It was also discussed that for the building to fit on the property it would need to be set as far east as possible to not be in the railway right of way. Also, more information needs to be researched on the zoning setbacks. If the zoning doesn't have any setbacks, the city would be able to run the building up to the property line and in the most favorable location.

Discussion and approval of the parking lot extension for West Bentley Park was tabled until next meeting. A couple of estimates are yet to be presented to the Council.

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

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| AMAZON, Supplies | \$29.78 |
| ATLANTIC BOTTLING CO., Concessions | \$81.01 |
| AUDITOR OF THE STATE, FY 20 Audit | \$13,167.47 |
| KLINT BENTLEY, Reimbursement | \$77.50 |
| BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services | \$5,814.90 |
| BMC AGGREGATES L.C., Roadstone | \$135.06 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO., INC., Supplies | \$451.00 |
| BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV, Dues | \$2,369.30 |
| BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric | \$81,396.12 |

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| CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies | \$940.36 |
| CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD, Gas | \$547.90 |
| CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas | \$2,629.15 |
| CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation | \$4,320.58 |
| BRYAN CLOSE, Utility Deposit Refund | \$200.00 |
| NICK CURLEY, EMR Training Reimbursement | \$69.95 |
| BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement | \$75.00 |
| DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services | \$186.88 |
| ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP, Services | \$1,709.61 |
| EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies | \$223.23 |
| EVEN QUALITY WORKS, Services | \$350.00 |
| FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Water | \$3.73 |
| CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities | \$5,964.76 |
| FARM WIN CO-OP, Gas | \$1,440.98 |
| FAYETTE COUNTY AGRIC SOCIETY, Sponsorship | \$500.00 |
| FEHR GRAHAM, Services | \$2,798.50 |
| IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, NPDES Fee | \$210.00 |
| INRCOG, Safety Dues | \$2,467.63 |
| IOWA ONE CALL, Locates | \$81.10 |
| IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water | \$9,486.55 |
| IPERS, Benefit | \$5,787.06 |
| DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement | \$75.00 |
| KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Services | \$425.50 |
| KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training | \$7.00 |
| KOONS GAS MEASUREMENT, Supplies | \$609.96 |
| MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet | \$152.21 |
| MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENT, Services | \$156.00 |
| MIDLAND TELECOM, INC., Services | \$295.00 |
| MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies | \$316.51 |
| MYERS-COX CO., Concessions | \$545.34 |
| NSB/HSA, Contributions | \$150.00 |
| NSB, HSA Payroll Deductions | \$290.00 |
| OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Minutes | \$155.32 |
| PRAIRIE ROAD BUILDERS, INC., Services | \$29,679.75 |
| QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services | \$237.80 |
| ROBERTS, STEVENS, PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees | \$875.00 |
| DAVID RYAN, Cell Phone Reimbursement | \$75.00 |
| SAM'S CLUB/GEICB, Supplies | \$966.44 |
| SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Supplies | \$14,083.82 |

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| NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 7/1/20 | \$10.00 |
| NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 7/15/20 | \$9.19 |
| NSB, Utility ACH Service | \$10.00 |
| STAN'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, Services | \$279.00 |
| STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies | \$119.68 |
| TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies | \$174.00 |
| TELEFLEX LLC, Supplies | \$379.50 |
| TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, July Sales Tax | \$3,401.46 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Excise Tax | \$1,297.01 |
| TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Services | \$790.00 |
| U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes | \$11,379.90 |
| U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas | \$1,955.34 |
| USA BLUEBOOK, Supplies | \$230.33 |
| UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies | \$104.96 |
| UTILITY SAFETY & DESIGN INC., Services | \$1,170.00 |
| VAN WERT, INC, Supplies | \$571.76 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones | \$166.73 |
| WELLMARK, Premium | \$5,686.46 |
| BRENT WIERCK, Labor | \$225.00 |
| WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services | \$696.80 |
| WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC., Services | \$650.00 |

The Library Board approved the following bills on September 2, 2020:

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| AMAZON, Supplies | \$20.27 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books | \$714.56 |
| CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities | \$189.73 |
| NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 7/15/20 | \$0.81 |
| PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Monthly services | \$40.00 |
| PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services | \$23.75 |
| RYAN ELECTRIC, Labor | \$337.05 |
| STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA, Subscription | \$405.95 |
| STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies | \$582.72 |

Public Works Director Dave received concerns about undergrowth of trees which is preventing a clear view for traffic at a few intersections. Public works will check other areas of town and send notices to those that are not in compliance with the ordinance.

T. Woods/Williams to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk

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(1918-2013), purchased the building and became employed in the firm.

In 1930, Bill Miller changed the business name to Miller Hardware and Repair and moved into the building that once housed a general store operated by Valentine Peter and Elizabeth Hahn and later a restaurant on the north side of Main Street. Bill sold hardwares, and did shoe and harness repairing. After his wife Elizabeth Gertrude (Welch) Miller's (1890-1952) death, Bill sold the hardware stock and moved the repair business to his basement. Joseph W. Miller purchased the building.

Joseph W. Miller was born in Fairbank, graduated Immaculate Conception High School in 1935, and Loras College in Dubuque in 1939. He served in the U.S. Army as a medic during World War II and in the Korean War.

Joe and Lois Elizabeth 'Lo-E' Rastatter (1924-2018) had an interesting beginning, according to Joe. They met on a blind date on New Year's Eve in 1952 and were married four months later on May 2, 1953 at St. Columbkille's Church in Dubuque. They moved to Fairbank the following year and had six children in the next six years: Joseph G. 'Joey', Jane, Pat, Greg, Barb, and John. Their first home was on Forest Street. Soon bursting at the seams in that little dwelling, in 1969 they purchased the Jim Curley house on Grove Street, where they resided until 1994. Joe



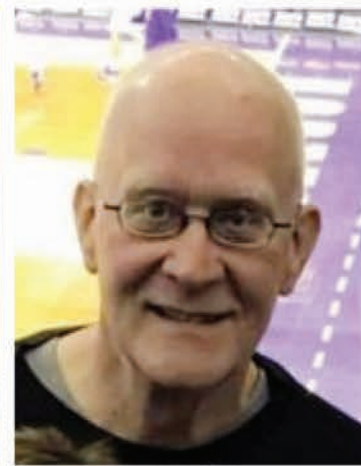
Frank M. Miller
(1894-1970)
Photo: Joseph 'Joey' Miller



Joseph M. Miller
(1918-2013)
Photo: Joseph 'Joey' Miller



Des Moines Register



Patrick Miller
Photo: Joseph 'Joey' Miller

also bought one-half interest in his father's business, and after Frank's retirement in 1964, Joe became sole proprietor.

In 1972, Joe and Lo-E's house caught fire. Everyone on the Fairbank fire department had a black phone in their house—another at the store, if he was a business owner. Joe was the first to take the call at Miller Plumbing and Heating to learn his own house was on fire. Fortunately, no one was at home at the time. The house had to be totally rebuilt, which took 4 months.

In 1976, Joe decided to level the old W.H. Miller Hardware building--along with the old Fred Monroe Insurance Agency building he'd purchased east of the store--and build a larger structure to house the hardware business, adding rental apartments on the top floor.

"Dad was always a hard worker, though he wasn't all that interested in making a profit," Joey recalled. "If someone was a widower and discovered a leaky faucet, Joe didn't

charge; he just never got around to sending an invoice. He enjoyed the effort of working rather than making a profit.

"And the interplay between Joe and Lo-E was interesting. For example, they never knew how the other voted or their stand on politics."

While Joe never sought notoriety, during the 2008 presidential campaign, the Des Moines Register did a piece on Ohio's "Joe the Plumber," what the guy believed about the candidates, that kind of thing. Then someone alerted the newspaper to Fairbank's "Joe the Plumber"—so the journalist did an article on Joe. His broad smile in the photo on the front page of the Register says it all: He kind-a liked all the notoriety.

Joe's work ethic was such that he never found the time to see a doctor, though his family urged him to go, especially during the last week of his life. His last day of work was July 1, 2013. He died a week later

on July 8th at age 94.

After Joe's death, ownership of the business reverted to Lo-E, who, along with son, Patrick, became responsible for day-to-day operations. Pat began working for his dad exclusively at age 19, then ran the family business after Joe's death in 2013. Pat and his wife Lynn (Pouck) Miller also bought Joe and Lo-E's home on Grove Street.

Pat (L.T.'s great grandson) continues to operate Miller Plumbing and Heating to this day.

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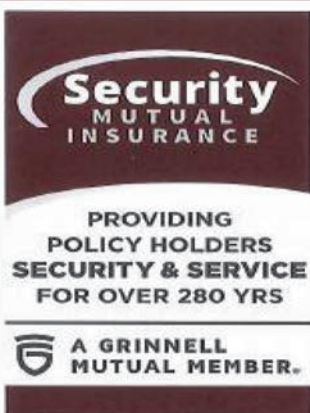
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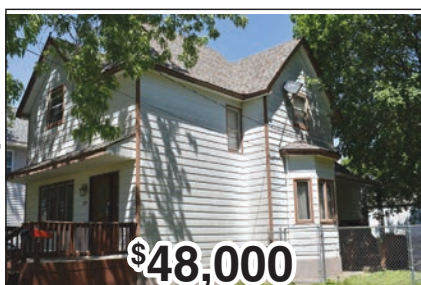
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720 1st Ave SW, Oelwein

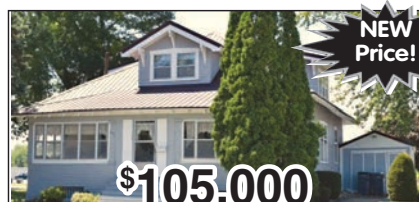
Dream House w/ Unique Character. 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths, formal dining, den w/ wood stove, att 2 car garage + det 1 car, wrap around concrete porch, deck all on 1 1/2 lots, gar loft, a turret, spindled spiral staircase, circle top windows. Needs TLC & repairs, priced \$48,000 for quick sale. Call Bonnie today.



\$48,000

129 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein

3-4 bedroom, 2 baths, main floor laundry, fenced yard, 1 car garage.



\$105,000

232 1st Ave. SE, Oelwein

5 bedroom stately character home.



\$89,900!

PRICED TO SELL

122 - 1st St NE, Oelwein

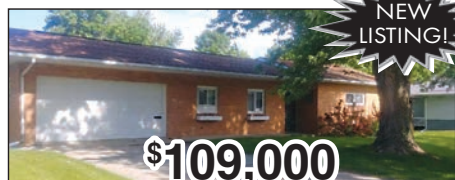
Character 2-story or Duplex, wood floors, columns, steel roof, 2 car gar.



\$59,500

433 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein

Large 2 Bdr. home with attached 2 car garage. Family/Rec Room with Patio Door, deck and wood stove.



\$109,000

424 7th Ave. SE, Oelwein

3 bedroom. 1.5 baths, 1,222 sq. ft., 2 car garage.

506 1st St. NE, Oelwein

MOVE IN READY!

Huge Kitchen w/skylight, g/s doors, Spacious Rooms, Bath w/whirlpool tub, Bar in basement, Appliances

HUGE Kitchen!



\$94,900



NEW CHANGES COMING!

206 - 5th St N, Fairbank

ALL BRICK RANCH, blt '77, 2+ att gar, 3 bd, 3.5 baths, Formals, f/p, huge LL fmlyrm, Huge LOT, 1,774 sqft up + 1,150 Fin LL

9909 R Ave. Maynard

Paved road - R Ave./C33 intersection, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, loaded w/updates, buildings, barn, new bldg., you can set it up for horses or cattle, 4.58 acres m/l.



\$215,000

506 Forest St., FairbankSOLD

24 7th St. N.W., OelweinSOLD

160 2nd St. S., MaynardSOLD

165 2nd St. N., MaynardSOLD

106 N. Washington St., FairbankSOLD

618 3rd Ave. SW, Oelwein.....PENDING

108 3rd St. N, Fairbank.....PENDING

203 Christopher Ct. S, Fairbank ...PENDING

206 2nd St. S., Fairbank.....PENDING

419 3rd Ave. NE, Oelwein.....PENDING

714 3rd Ave. SW, OelweinPENDING

608 6th Ave. NE, OelweinPENDING



\$150,000

406 Wisconsin St., Fairbank

2 huge lots fenced in!! Updated 2-story, 4 bedrooms up, so many new amenities!!

Stay Safe!



\$50,000

128 4TH AVE. SE., OELWEIN



\$38,000

215 3rd St. NW, Oelwein

2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, main floor laundry, central air!!

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