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City to fix intersection in Fairbank

At the Sept. 14th Council Meeting, the City agreed to level the dips on East Main Street and Fourth Street North. The road work was awarded based on a \$1,500 written quote from Kluesner Construction of Farley dated August. 14th.

The project involves power sweeping, cleaning, and furnishing and placing asphalt to level the areas. In response to city staff comments, Kluesner Construction noted on the quote, "I think this will work better than milling along the edges. Milling will create a larger area for water to pond and (make it) more difficult to remove the snow."

City approves sharing police equipment

The Fairbank City Council approved a sharing agreement for some police equipment "in the event Fairbank hired any police officers who are employed with Independence ... as authorized by Independence's Chief of

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There are many changes this year at the Wapsie Valley Junior/Senior High School, including this modern new look at the front main entrance. Once inside, you will quickly notice a new face on the trophy case and a stylish black and gold lounge area to the left. But it doesn't stop there. Once you step into the gymnasium, you will notice all kinds of updates. So if you haven't already done so, make a point to go out and see all the changes ... and watch the Wapsie Valley Warrior athletes in action. They are all having a great season!

THEY'RE MAKING FAIRBANK LOOK GREAT AGAIN!



Ted Vorwald recruited new help for the Fall decorations you see around the town. Ted and Bob Bellis have done the decorating for years, and this year they had extra hands thanks to Mike Pint and Joe & Dianne Rubino. A big thank you to Doug and Janice Martins, and Neal Beck for donating the corn shocks and pumpkins.....and of course Ted Vorwald for organizing!



TRICK OR TREAT

Fairbank will be having trick-or-treating for anyone who wants to take part. Hours will be 4:00 - 6:00 on Saturday, Oct. 31st

NOTE:

Streets will be closed at the following intersections to provide a safe area for the kids to walk:

- ~ Collins Rd. & Christians Trail
- ~ Sixth St. & Front St.
- ~ Sixth St. & Forest St.

A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike



By Mike Harter

The City has added two parttime Police Officers to our Police force. Mark Gudenkauf who currently works full time for the Independence Police Department and Drew Drish who works full time for the DNR as a Conservation Officer. Along with Police Chief Mike Everding, we plan to cover approximately 50 hours of on duty police per week. We are happy to welcome Mark and Drew to our Police Department.

When my family moved to Fairbank in 1991, other than people working with the school, one of the first people to make me feel welcome was Pat Miller. It didn't take long to become friends. Over the years, we officiated many events together including College Football, Junior High and High School football, and Junior High and High School basketball. I was honored to be able to use one of Pat's penalty flags at the football game I officiated in Riceville on September 25. There were some long road trips to get to games, but it was always fun having Pat along because of his great sense of humor. I cannot imagine how many hours I spent sitting on the bench in his store solving world problems, or talking about something more important like baseball. We played in golf tournaments together, including one this past summer. We were there to have fun and enjoy the camaraderie between friends! About two years ago, we were the first two Friday morning breakfast customers for Costas and from that meeting many others came in to join us. The community of Fairbank has lost a business man and friend. One who will always be remembered by his humor and love of life! Rest in peace my friend, I will truly miss you!



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THANK YOU

Special thank you to Jenna & Neil Beck
for the bright pumpkins, and to Doug &
Janice Martin for the corn stalks that
you donated for the decorations on
Main Street.



Beck Greenhouses and Martin Farms
have helped us out for a number
of years to brighten up
downtown Main Street.

We truly appreciate
your support!

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Police" with verbal reference to Mark Gudenkauf, a part-time officer it hired last month who also works part-time for the Independence Police Department.

Independence passed a 28e sharing agreement and Fairbank City Attorney Heather Pendergast altered the wording on the version before the council.

The City doesn't intend for the agreement to apply to firearms. The officer is actually using Fairbank's gun and taser. The officer has been furnished with uniforms and none of the equipment will have the word Independence displayed on it while being used by Fairbank. The agreement is termed to last a year and to renew automatically. It does not state significant monetary exchange, but leaves it open, noting "for \$1 and other good and valuable consideration" and says Fairbank will repair or replace equipment damaged or destroyed by Independence officers while serving Fairbank. The agreement will not involve sharing of personnel such as if Independence needs help. The council adopted the item-sharing agreement unanimously.

Fairbank updating floodplain ordinance

Staff of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources looked over the city of Fairbank floodplain ordinance

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Birth Announcement

Pastor Jacob Swenson and his wife, Faith would like to announce the birth of their son, Gideon Joshua. Gideon was born at 11:07 PM, September 1, 2020 at MercyOne Hospital in Waterloo. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Gideon was washed into the waters of Holy Baptism on September 13, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness as Pastor and Faith welcomes this new bundle of joy!



Gideon Joshua Swenson

and recommended amendments for the city to be compliant with the national flood insurance program and an ordinance update requirement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. City Clerk Brittany Fuller told City Council she will input the suggestions into the 12-page ordinance for DNR review before the council takes the needed readings and votes to adopt the amended ordinance by Dec. 31st.

A flood map bearing a 2020 copyright crediting USDA and Maxar Technologies is available on a geographic information system (computer) overlay of Google Maps at ifis.iowafloodcenter.org/ifis/maps, under data. The GIS flood map shows Costa's Sports Bar and Grill borders the 0.2% annual chance (500-year) floodplain. The 500-year floodplain also borders on the parking lots of Don's Truck Sales and Immaculate Conception Church and up behind Woods Funeral Home, from locations marked on the map. How it varies from past maps was unclear.

"I was interested in why they said in the floodplain you only had to have one foot above the 500 year flood," Councilman Ted Vorwald said. "That's cutting it pretty close, could we change that if we wanted to? That's probably standard."

"If you guys have any suggestions, otherwise just letting you know what is happening," Fuller said. "This will all get put into our ordinance and you'll see that probably at the next meeting and we'll go from there."



Tuesday, November 3, 2020



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A Note from our Fairbank Island Queen

by Melody Kayser

Hello readers,

I am sorry for the inconsistency of these writings. As many of you know, I am attending the University of Iowa State, and I am currently open option for my Major.

It has definitely been a strange transition to college especially with a pandemic going on. It was a little overwhelming in the beginning, between trying to navigate the online class format and just finding my place at ISU.

After being on campus for over a month now, I can confidently say that I love ISU and made the right decision. I am confident that next semester I will be changing my major to Graphic Design, and I can't wait to start on that journey.

I joined Kappa Delta Sorority and I have met some of the most incredible people. I also have a job at the meat lab, and I have recently taken up hammocking around campus while the weather is still nice.

ISU has been a huge adjustment, and I do miss home, but I am constantly reminded of the amazing support system the Wapsie community has every day. As I am writing this, I am currently going through a bump in the road, as I have been sick with Covid-19 and have been in isolation for about two weeks. Many people have reached out with support, and I want to thank each and every one of you. I can't wait to get back on campus and enjoy all ISU has to offer.



I am wishing the class of 2021 good luck this year! I know that this isn't what you thought your senior year would be, but cherish your time together, and make it count. To my fellow 2020 class-

mates keep pursuing your passions, and never take things for granted. I know each and everyone of us is capable of great things. Just a friendly reminder to stay safe and healthy this year!

October is Manufacturing Month!

By Lisa Kremer

Executive Director Buchanan County Economic Development Commission

October is upon us and that means it is Manufacturing Month! Manufacturing Month provides an opportunity for local and national manufacturers alike to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our communities and what they, our local manufacturers, provide for Buchanan County.

"Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) wants to help Buchanan County Manufacturers celebrate the month the best we can during COVID-19 restrictions," said BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer. "COVID-19 has created a new landscape, but even dealing with the restrictions

and difficulties that COVID-19 has presented, BCEDC has created several opportunities to celebrate Manufacturing in Buchanan County. We will be offering Manufacturing Tours and Webinars this month as well as a link to the Hawkeye Community College, Grow Cedar Valley's FREE 10th Annual Cedar Valley Manufacturing Conference. All events can be accessed at www.growbuchanan.com website."

Geater Machining and Manufacturing and QC Plastics are providing two in person tours of their facilities. Geater Machining and Manufacturing is the largest manufacturer in Buchanan County and was established in 1962. Buchanan County and was established in

1962. Geater serves the aerospace, electronics, and high-tech industries. Geater has branched out to include a student outreach program to help educate students throughout Buchanan County about manufacturing and the possibilities that are available in advanced manufacturing. Tours will be held at Geater on Wednesday, October 14th at 9 AM and on Wednesday, October 28th at 4 PM. To sign up for tours go to www.growbuchanan.com/tours-2/

QC Plastics began in 1972 with the goal of providing both a superior customer experience and create quality products. In 2016 new owners David and Samantha Hardy continued that commitment. QC Plastics did an amazing job of 'pivot-

ing' when COVID-19 hit by producing face shields and other items along with their other products. Tours will be held at QC Plastics on Wednesday, October 14th at 10 AM and Wednesday, October 28th at 3 PM. To sign up for tours go to www.growbuchanan.com/tours-2/

Tours are limited in numbers so sign up soon! You must sign up at www.growbuchanan.com/tours-2/ to attend tours. All tours will follow social distancing guidelines and mask will be required and both locations also require close toed shoes. Geater requires a license to tour. For questions or any additional information contact BCEDC Executive Director Lisa Kremer at director@growbuchanan.com or call 319-334-7497.



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Warrior Way & More



September 2020

The Wapsie Valley Community School District is off to a great start for the 2020-21 school year. Even though it is a "unique" school year with a pandemic occurring around us, the ultimate goal is still the same. The WVCSD Mission Statement - Guaranteed Learning for All Students - still applies as much as ever. There have been countless hours of collaborative efforts the past four months engaging the 15 member Building Leadership Team in developing the Return to Learn Plans required by the Iowa Department of Education. These plans can be found at the Wapsie Valley CSD website at wapsievalleyschools.com. There are four different plans developed to guide the district in different scenarios. The four plans are an On-Site Plan, a Hybrid Plan, a Required On-line Plan, and a Remote Learning Plan for our four Amish rural buildings. At the present time, the majority of students are utilizing the On-Site Plan and 25-30 students have chosen the long-term Hybrid Plan, where all of their instruction is offered in an on-line virtual format.

I would like to welcome several new staff members to the Wapsie Valley family. The new staff members are as follows; Jennifer Gross(FCS-HS), Jennifer Harter(Special Ed-HS), Alicia Hesse(Special Education-Elem), Abigail Jones(Vocal Music-HS), Katelyn Nitz(Guidance Counselor-HS), Emily Redden(Instrumental Music-5-12), Heather Robinson(6th grade), Jennifer Waschek(Math/Science-HS), TJ Murphy(Principal-JH/HS), Elizabeth Kempf(Instructional Associate), Amanda Morris(Instructional Associate), Jody Schneider(Instructional Associate), Melissa Hingtgen(Food Service), and James Kuhrt(Bus Driver). I would also like to mention and thank our 2019-20 retirees

from Wapsie Valley for their service years to our school district. Our retirees are as follows; Marty McKowen(37 years), Lori Thurm(32 years), Julie Kuker(24 years), Kathy Shook(17 years), and Laurie Phelan(8 years).

Last October an Image Committee was formed at the JH/HS building to focus on upgrades to the building and facilities. This group helped to focus on what and how to improve the climate and culture of a Wapsie Valley Warrior. The improvements to the building and grounds are as follows: resurfaced gym floor with new floor colors and design, gym signage to promote the Warrior Way, new conference pennants for each district member, new wall mats with school logo (financed in part by the Wapsie Valley Booster Club), trophy case improvements with lighting and resurfacing on main case, new student furnishings in commons area with wall signage to promote the Warrior Way, new district staff framed staff pictures at every district building, new west entrance signage, new press boxes at the baseball and softball fields, replacement of numerous damaged cement driveways or sidewalks, and chip-sealing of the west parking lot. Also, there were many improvements by coaching staff and volunteers at the baseball facility.

So as you can tell district staff and contractors have been very busy in preparation for this school year in setting a climate and culture that all can be proud of. Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and school district as a whole. I plan to keep this Warrior Way & More correspondence going at the start of each month. I am truly proud to be a Wapsie Valley Warrior!

*Dave Larson -
Wapsie Valley CSD - Superintendent*

Living on the Edge

By Pat Pint

I called my former coworker and old friend Ellen last week. "What have you been up to?" "I wondered. She replied, "This time of year, I used to do fall housekeeping. I would wash every window, clean out every closet. But since I retired, I'm over it."

"Over it?" I questioned.

Ellen snickered, "Yep, working smarter not harder. Company coming? Invite them in the evening. I spray Pledge in the room so it smells as though I've dusted. Candles work well also."

She continued, "My kids think I have too much clutter. I call it collectibles. How do I discard the vase Megan made in third grade? The shelf Sam built in shop class? Gabe's cards he made for Mother's Day? I enjoy them."

"What about old toys, report cards, 4H trophies, science fair projects, even birthday cards?" I asked.

"Over the years, I've pared down the memorabilia. Once I made a scrapbook for each of them with what I considered as highlites, but they probably discarded it, too."

She sighed, "I imagined they would want their 'stuff' as grownups, but they don't."

"You want them to want them," I concluded.

"Exactly. So every year or so, I take a sentimental journey. I sift through their totes, and discard a few items, but mostly I enjoy reminiscing. I celebrate their childhood and early adulthood. Some items I've simply taken pictures of, and donate to charity. They probably throw it away, but I can't seem to do that."

Ellen said, "When my parents died, I was tickled to see the letters and notes they saved. I now have time to sort and enjoy parts of my parents history."

"Think your kids will someday feel the same way?" I questioned.

Ellen laughed, "I doubt it."

"Perhaps they'll feel a little twinge of guilt when they drop them off at the dumpster," I speculated.

"I hope so. Guilt is a many splendored thing."

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Mill Dam at Fairbank

by: Robert Shields

In doing research for last month's story on mills in the four township areas around Fairbank, it peeked my curiosity on how mill dams were constructed in the 1850 - 1860 era. The Historical Society has a number of photos of the mill dam in Fairbank.

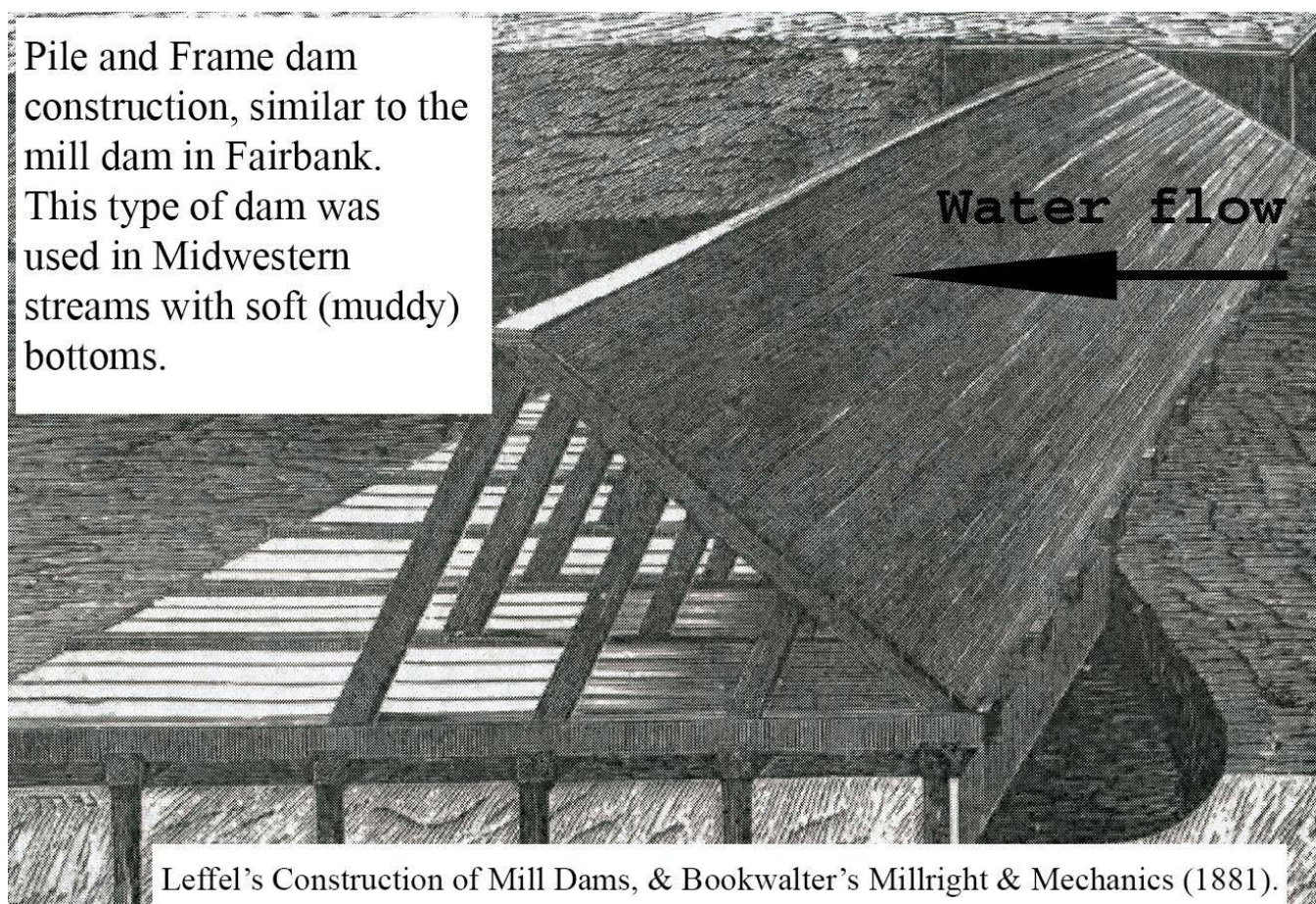
The dam appears to be made out of logs, wooden planks, and rocks. I have enlarged sections of the dam from photos taken at various

times, 1900 to 1912. From newspaper articles, the dam was damaged and repaired a number of times before August 13, 1913, when the Fairbank Milling Company opened the gates and commenced tearing out the wooden dam to replace it with concrete. I didn't find confirmation that a concrete dam was built in 1913. In a January 1917 article, the dam started leaking and the Mill stopped operations for a time. In March the Fairbank Milling Co. installed a 24 horse power electric motor and commenced operation using electricity to power the mill. The construction of a new concrete dam was finished by the first of December 1917.

The following is pure conjecture on my part as there are no diagrams of the Fairbank dam's construction: The construction of Fairbank dam appears to be a combination of construction methods used at the time. The section on the far west side of the dam appears to be "Crib Dam" construction. A trench was dug into the bank and a frame-work, much like a log cabin's walls, was then built of interlocking timbers. The "Crib" was then filled with rocks and sand. The crib provided a solid anchor for the main dam to be constructed. Photos show that there was a similar

type of crib like construction that extended 6 to 8 feet at the base of the downstream side of the dam for

Pile and Frame dam construction, similar to the mill dam in Fairbank. This type of dam was used in Midwestern streams with soft (muddy) bottoms.



Leffel's Construction of Mill Dams, & Bookwalter's Millright & Mechanics (1881).

its full length. The rock filled crib was then covered with logs.

One photo shows a fisherman walking along this "base crib". This may have extended completely under the entire dam to provide a foundation for the framework of the dam itself. Fairbank's mill dam appears to be of the "Pile and Frame" construction method. From Leffel's Construction of Mill Dams, & Bookwalter's Millright & Mechanics (1881).

The first step in building the dam would be to drive or bury a series of large upright timbers or pilings into the river bottom to form the front support of the dam, using "timber and frame" construction methods similar to those used to build barns.

The next step was to build multiple "bents" (similar to a trussed rafter used today). Using roughly 16 foot long timbers, 10 inches square, laid on the river bottom or a prepared base on the upstream side of the dam and fastened to the pilings. Another timber is extended from the upstream end of the base timber to the top of the upright piling forming an incline shape with the sharp point facing upstream. Support braces are then wedged between the upper and lower timbers. All timbers were fastened using a "dove-key" driven into each side. This is repeated for each upright. Some dams were filled with rocks but I haven't found evidence of that in the Fairbank dam.

Next rows of sawn planks are laid horizontally on the top of the bents to prevent side to side movement and to seal the top of the dam. Then another layer of planks were then fastened vertically on top of the first layer of planks to provide less resistance to water flow and add strength. The upstream portion of the incline was then backfilled to the level of the river bottom. Fairbank's dam, on the downstream side had a combi-

nation of small tree trunks or planks angled vertically from the top of the dam to roughly a foot back from the front of the rock filled crib at the base. I would guess these "face logs" only function was to divert log, branches, and ice from hanging up on the crib area at the front base of the dam as they had large gaps between the logs and wouldn't provide any straight.

Leffel's Construction of Mill Dams, book stressed that the biggest danger to mill dams in the Midwest was the muskrats. Muskrats found mill pounds inviting and would burrow into the banks near the dam causing the banks to give way, and offered advice to protect the banks.

In 1940, the west side of the dam washed out. By the 4th of July 1941 it was rebuilt. "At a total cost of \$5,572, the town has repaired the dam on the Wapsie River, which flows through the heart of the town, and built a suspension bridge over to an island which in turn has been made into a beautiful park.

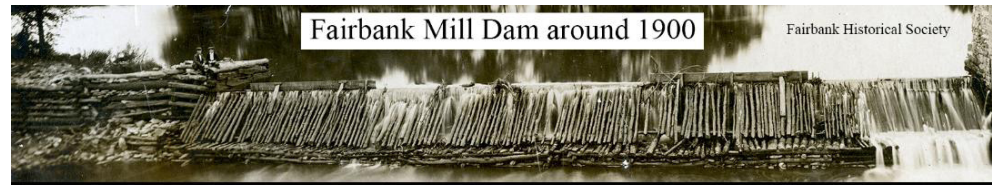
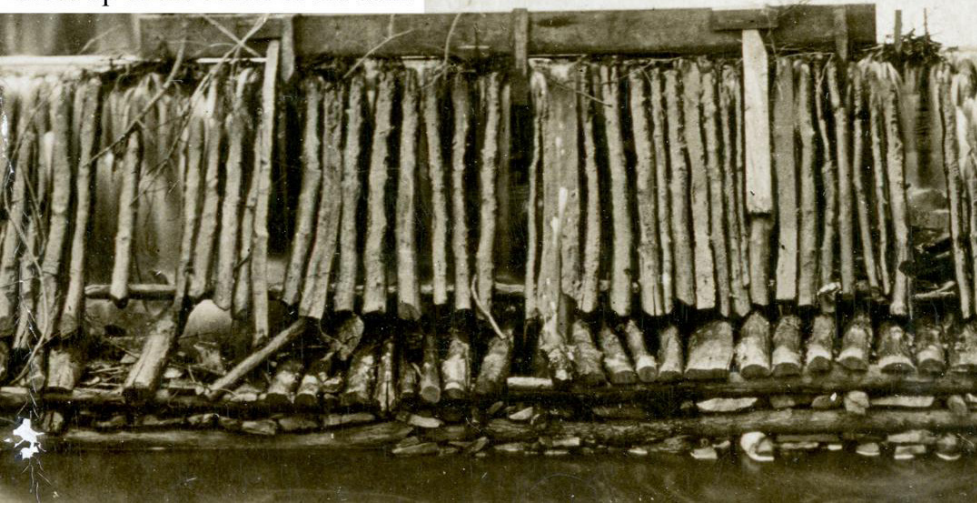
Repairs on the dam were commenced last October under the direction of Welden Brothers of Iowa Falls and cost \$3,000.

A two-acre plot of land almost directly in the center of the river, and lands on the banks of the river, are being developed into the new beautiful park.

The foot bridge to the island was built at a cost of \$772, and a park commission consisting of Rev. J. H. Heilman, J. H. Williams and F. F. Cowlshaw, had been appointed. This commission has been very active with the assistance of merchants and fellow citizens.

Fireplaces have been built, and benches and tables erected, all of the natural beauty of the island preserved, small trees have been planted." Bulletin Journal, 19 June, 1941

Close up of the center of the dam.



Close up of the west side of the dam.





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Wapsie Valley Football team



The Wapsie Valley 2020 Football Team is having a very good season this year. As of this writing they are ranked 6th in Class A with 4 wins and 1 loss and there are 2 games remaining in regular season play. FRONT ROW: Cheerleaders Aliya Brandt, Hailey Eitzenhefer, Kenidie Franzen, Olivia Oldfather, Sunny Kemps, Emma Cutsforth, Courtney Schmitz, Alyx Dison, Ella Weepie, Ashlyn Hyde, Elly Schares and Chloe Kleinheksel. 2ND ROW: Ben Riordan, Brody Stark, Tyler Ott, Ethan Oltrogge, Garrett Barnes, Dalla Wittenburg, Tylen Hirsch, Blayde Bellis, Kobe Risse, Jordan Rubner, Isaiah Morris, Luke Rochford, Collin O'Donne;; and Ayden Cummings. 3RD ROW: Andrew Westphal, Jaxson Kuhlman, Keegon Brown, Dawson Schmit, Hunter Ackerman, Ryan Schares, Holton Robinson, Brady Sauerbrei, Gavin Leistikow, Parker Landsgard and Gunner Meyer. 4TH ROW: Brady Weepie, Kane Schmitz, Mason Harter, Casey O'Donnell, Brok Grober, Isaiah Price, Austin Hesse, Anthony Jacque, Elle Voy, Braden Knight, Hunter Kane, Cannon Joerger, Bryce Zimmerman. 5TH ROW: Jackson Adair, Derek Hilsenbeck, Jacob Schoer, Noah Richards, Brock Kleitsch, Jack Jans, Brody Kleitsch, Braden Strottman, Manny Huebner, Tanner Curley, Drew Sauerbrei, Tucker Ladeburg and Ian Buzynski. 6TH ROW: Amy Meyers, Ethan Kleitsch, Austin Matthias, Duane Foster, Head Coach Tony Foster, Cody Jones, Joey Rigdon, Stone Kane, Maesi Wahl. Not pictured: Trevor Sauerbrei.

Wapsie Valley Cross Country



The Wapsie Valley 2020 Cross Country Team are representing us well this season also. FRONT ROW: Liza Riordan, Mary Bodensteiner, Macey Schmit, Sydnie Martin, Ava VanDaele, Dakota East and Lily Schwicklerath. BACK ROW: Coach Justin Davie, Ronnie Wilcox, Cole Gram, Garret Gram, Josiah Rulapaugh, Daniel Platte and Jen Waschkat.

Wapsie Valley Volleyball



At the time of this writing they are currently ranked 2nd in Class 1A. Congratulations girls! FRONT ROW: Kate Risse, Emma Jones, Brylee Bellis, Brooklyn Etringer and Kallie Franzen. MIDDLE ROW: Paige Burgart, Hannan Knight, Grace Imbrogno, Adri Platte, Reagan Barnes and Becca Platte. BACK ROW: Coach Heather Robinson, Katie Rundquist, Lydia Imbrogno, Kalvyn Rosengarten, Anna Curley, Sydney Matthias, Brittney Lenth, Asst. Coach Austin Shepherd.



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Leading Up To The Presidential Election of 1924

by Betty Brandt Passick

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Gangster in Our Midst (2017) tells the neglected true Iowa story about the Italian American man, Louie La Cava, who came to the small Midwestern community of Oxbow (similar to Fairbank) in the 1920s—where he lived off and on for the next sixty years.

Most people who have read the historical novel don't know the interesting story behind the fictional character 'Michael Hughes,' who was based on the real Michael Hughes who served as Chicago police chief during the years of Alphonse Capone's meteoric rise to mafia kingpin.

Michael Hughes, too, was a rising star in the Chicago police ranks since joining the force in 1896. He made detective in 1918, then found himself at the notoriously corrupt 22nd street station, playing a prominent role in the most notorious cases, and where he first learned how the political/criminal axis turned. In 1920 he won an award for being the city's top crime-fighter, and the following year was named Chief of Detectives.

In 1924, Capone was still part of the ruthless Johnny Torrio gang, vying for control of illegal manufacture, distribution, and sale of beer and booze in Chicago.

As the November '24 election approached, bodies began dropping throughout Cook County—but noth-

ing like in the sleepy little suburb of Cicero. Capone himself would regale the story to his friends of the day he was eating lunch at the Hawthorne Hotel—the site of the Capone headquarters—when the windows, covered by bullet-proof shutters, took a thousand rounds during a drive-by. Capone survived unharmed.

On November 10, 1924, Deon O'Banion, who controlled Chicago's north side, was assassinated at his State Street flower shop headquarters. One gargantuan funeral spray came with a card signed "from Al."

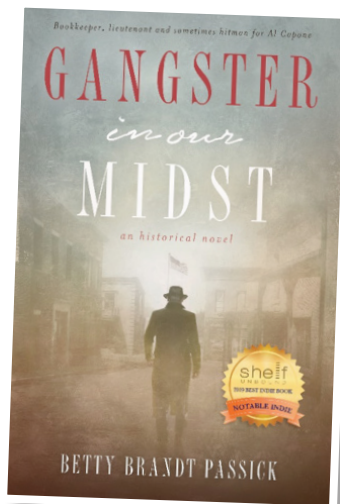
Soon after the O'Banion murder Michael Hughes was transferred to Irving Park and named Chicago's new police chief.

The Chicago Tribune published numerous articles about Hughes and his personal battles with Capone, including those of Hughes getting under the Southside racketeer's skin by not allowing Capone into the Cicero to visit his wife and son at the family home.

Newspaper stories also captured the drama playing out in the Chicago Police Department.

In reality, Michael Hughes' career would end in political controversy, after Mayor William Emmett Dever (s. 1923-1927) learned Hughes had attended a political banquet for O'Banion prior to the election, and wanted to know what Hughes was doing at that banquet. The strained relationship between Dever and Hughes continued for months. Hughes finally resigned, finishing his career as police commissioner in 1928, long before Capone was indicted for tax evasion in 1931.

I was thrilled my research uncovered the story of Michael Hughes, at a time when I was looking for a character to feed gangster activity in Chicago to Marshal Sweeney Delaney (whose character was based on



Bill Hahn



Louie La Cava



Capt. Hughes

Fairbank's real town marshal, Charles William "Bill" Hahn, s. 1916-1949).

Here's where I introduced Hughes into the story:

Sweeney's first contact with Captain Michael Hughes, appointed police commissioner following the gang murder of mobster Dion O'Banion, came in '27, shortly after he read a newspaper account where Hughes stated his plan to 'drive Capone out of Chicago and Cook County.' That still hadn't come to fruition. Nonetheless, Sweeney thought it a gutsy edict at a time when allegedly half of those sworn to uphold and preserve law and order throughout metropolitan Chicago were getting graft payments from Capone. His first call to the captain had been to probe for information about the mystery man [Louie La Cava] who'd showed up in Oxbow, a guy with peculiar mannerisms and steely way about him. Sweeney and the captain had been in touch ever since.

In the novel, Michael Hughes and Marshal Delaney remained good friends right up to the end. Hughes even drove up from Chicago to attend Sweeney's funeral in 1962 (the year Bill Hahn died), and to offer his condolences to Sweeney's eldest daughter, Vanessa

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advantage to be better equipped to serve the community.

The Fairbank Fire Department also purchased a Dewalt battery operated saw. This saw is similar to our k-12 gas saw we use for venting roofs, cutting metal, and concrete.

"The advantage to the new saw is much lighter weight, smaller size which means less stress and fatigue on our fire-fighters, and it gives us the ability to use it in a smaller area such as a structural collapse" said Assistant Chief West. This unit was purchased at Modern Building Products in Fairbank as we strive to shop local whenever and wherever possible.

These purchases would not have been possible without the continued support of our great community and donations we receive. On behalf of the Fairbank Fire Department we want to thank each and every one of you who continue to support us. Significant funding for this equipment was also provided by the generous support of the Bonnie Meany Estate.



Heavy-lifting air bag system at a cost of \$10,2000



Far left: Cabinet on the rescue that contains the majority of rescue equipment



Left: Cabinet on the rescue that contains the power saws

Wapsie Valley FFA Member Donates Market Heifer to Food Pantry

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

Currently in the United States, demand for meat is not being met because there is a massive shortage of beef. In response to this need, Wapsie Valley FFA member, Sydney Matthias, recently participated in the BEEF UP Iowa Program where she provided her market heifer for the His Hands Food Pantry. The meat donated will feed over 80 families locally across Bremer and Buchanan Counties.

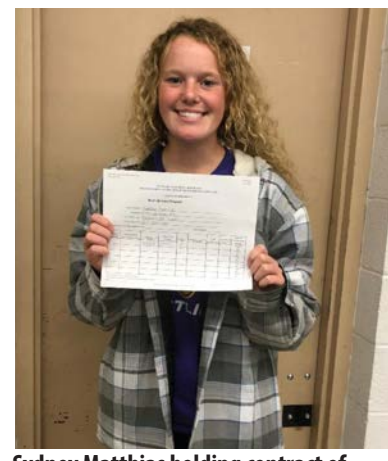
This program is run by the Iowa Beef Producers, who started the BEEF UP Iowa Program, as well as Iowa State University where the meat is processed. The FFA member chooses the food pantry where the packaged meat will be sent once the animal is harvested.

Sydney is a sophomore at Wapsie Valley High School and had this to say about her generous donation, "I feel super honored to be a part of something so impactful and just being able to give back to my community after all of the support I've gotten."

Sydney showed her market heifer at the Bremer County Fair, as well as at the Iowa State Fair during the 4H and FFA Exhibitor Show this past summer.



Sydney Matthias shows her market heifer at the Iowa State Fair.



Sydney Matthias holding contract of her market heifer that is going to Iowa State.



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I want to start this month a little differently by first saying thank you to all of you who, whether members at St. John's or not, have been praying for or otherwise supporting my family in these last months. In answer to your prayers and ours the Lord granted a safe delivery to our son, Gideon Joshua, on September 1st. He was reborn through the washing of Holy Baptism on the 13th and, by the time you read this, is a happy and healthy month-old baby boy. Thanks be to God!

In our time together last, we talked about one of the more (or the) serious topics in learning the Christian faith: sin. Put simply, sin is what separates us from God, from eternal life, and what condemns us to hell. Sin is both the condition we are born into through our descent from Adam and Eve; and sin is every thought, word, or deed against the Commandments of God. By our sin we harm others and ourselves, we bring upon ourselves the judgement of God. God cannot be truly righteous without at the same time punishing sin.

The thing about God, though, is that He is both just and merciful. He sent His Son into the flesh to save us from sin by bearing it in Himself on the tree (1 Peter 2). By His death, Jesus paid for all our sins and made it so that we might be reconciled to the Father, restored to a right relationship with Him, and heirs of eternal life. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and returned to us eternal life by His resurrection. He does not give these things from there, though, but through faith. Through faith in Jesus we receive the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in heaven.

Faith, in the words of Scripture, is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11) When you believe that Jesus died as payment for your sins and rose again so that you might live, you have exactly that. There is no work you need to do to earn these things, Christ already did it all (Heb. 10:10) Saints Paul and Silas preached this: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31) Next month we'll talk about where faith comes from, how we are brought to faith in Jesus.

Grace be with you all,
Pastor Jacob Swenson
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairbank

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(whose character is based on Bill's eldest daughter, Verlie).

Hughes comforts Vanessa by telling her... "He and Sweeney had worked together on police matters, and Sweeney was an honorable law official and man."

In reality, Verlie (Hahn) Trower said her father regularly received police bulletins, though they probably came from Sheriff Harry Willey (s. 1924-1930) in Independence.

Anyone who knew Verlie, knows her memory and recall were excellent--right up to her passing at age 102 in 2018. She recalled Bill Hahn telling the family over dinner one evening... "He'd received a police bulletin, to beware a man in the area was part of a big mob, a bad man; he'd robbed and shot someone."

Back then, no one knew the Italian man wearing the fedora behind the wheel of the shiny black Lincoln that crept to a halt outside the Coffin Café in early 1920--with local girl, Josephine Necker--at his side, was bookkeeper, lieutenant, and sometimes hitman for Capone.

Newspapers across America captured La Cava's involvement with Capone and the underworld.

In March 1931, during a trip to Pittsburgh, Federal Agent Clarence Converse caught up with La Cava and served him with a subpoena to testify as a star witness at Capone's trial. Then, in '39 he nabbed La Cava to testify

against Johnny Torrio at Torrio's tax evasion trial, where Louie had been named one of four defendants.

Verlie added, over the years she watched Louie La Cava come and go in Fairbank, and observed his "strut turn into swagger, that of a satisfied man."

He'd managed to escape a torpedo killing, or cement entombment at the bottom of the Chicago River, or prison.

Still, the house he built in Fairbank had a half-dozen deadbolts and locks on every door, and a set of double locks on every window.

There was a reason he did that.

Gangster in Our Midst won a 2019 Top 100 Notable Indie Book Award, and is available through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and Walmart in paperback and e-book. Watch for the audible version, available soon. A 2nd book in the series will be available in paperback winter 2020-2021.

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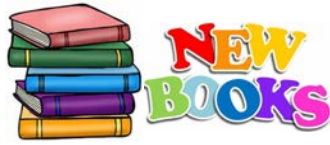
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Family: My family includes my husband, Amos, of 13 years; and our two children: Brock (age 10) and Braylee (age 5), along with our black and white collie, Maggie.

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, cooking, reading, and traveling. My favorite place I traveled to was Charleston South Carolina.

Favorite Season: Everything Fall, leaves, pumpkins, weather, and watching the Chicago Bears

Holiday: Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Favorite part of my Job: The Library patrons, children and being able to advocate for our community.

Currently Reading: *When the Lights Go Out* by Mary Kubica.

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CASEY CROW

Sept. 24, 1995 – September 3, 2020

WATERLOO – Casey D. Crow, 24, of Waterloo, beloved father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend, was taken suddenly from this earth on Sept. 3, 2020.

Casey Daniel Crow was born on September 24, 1995, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo to Marty Alan and Lisa Layne (Cutsforth) Crow. As addition number six, Casey was the baby brother in every sense of the word. He was beloved by his sisters who doted on him from the beginning.

Casey was passionate about his large family and was very close to many of them. Casey was a loving and devoted father to his son, Casper, who he enjoyed taking fishing and on different adventures. Casper was the light of Casey's life. Casey enjoyed nature and exploring different fishing spots with his beloved dog, Georgia. Casey was loved by many but also loved many. His kind nature and loyal heart made him easy to talk to and a great friend to have.

Casey attended Wapsie Valley and Expo High School. He went on to become a jack of all trades and enjoyed experiencing different hands-on jobs. Most recently, Casey was training to work for the USDA.

Casey is survived by his son, Casper Daniel Crow (Waterloo), his mother, Lisa Cutsforth (Waterloo), his father, Marty Crow (Parkersburg), four sisters, Katherine (Ben) Wilson (Grundy Center), Christine (Adam) Peterson (Waterloo), Jordan (Aimee) Biretz (Waterloo), Grace Ann Cutsforth (Fairbank), three brothers, Anthony Crow (Madison, WI), Christopher Crow (Madison, WI), Mason Crow (Parkersburg), his paternal grandmother, Jomaree Crow (Cedar Falls), his guardians, Dan and Lynda Cutsforth (Fairbank), and several beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and close friends.

Casey is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Glenn and Geraldine Cutsforth, his paternal grandfather, Michael Alan Crow, and 1 maternal aunt, Karla Widdel.

A viewing was held on Casey's 25th birthday, Thursday September 24, 2020 at Whites Funeral Home in Jesup, IA from 2-5 p.m. A celebration of life followed. White Funeral Home, Jesup, IA, is in charge of arrangements.



MELANIE RAE MENUHEY

November 21, 1957 ~ September 24, 2020

FAIRBANK: Melanie Menuhey, age 62 of Fairbank, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2020 at MercyOne Medical Center in Waterloo after a brief courageous battle with cancer.

She was born November 21, 1957 in Waterloo, the daughter of John "Jack" and Carlene (Duffner) Stock. Melanie attended and graduated from East Waterloo High School with the Class of 1976. She married Kerry Menuhey July 13, 1991 on the Island Park in Fairbank.

Melanie worked as a secretary for Windor in Evansdale until they closed for a total of 27 years, she then worked at United Farm Tools in Oelwein, Bruns Machinery in Cedar Falls and the Jesup Food Center. She most recently worked at Twin Cities Tannery in Waterloo for 10 years, until her health made it too difficult for her to work.

Melanie enjoyed reading, scrapbooking and camping at Frenchmen's Landing located on the Mississippi River, where she and Kerry had many special friends and memories. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially those four grandchildren.

Melanie is survived by her husband, Kerry of 29 years; two daughters, Megan (Corey) Bantz of Fairbank and Abi (Alex) Fortsch of West Des Moines; four grandchildren, Tanner Bantz, Joey Bantz, Braden Bantz, Charlotte Fortsch, and one on the way; her mother Carlene Stock; her sister Kim (Randy) Menuhey and her brother, Brent (Yvonne) Stock along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, John "Jack" Stock.

Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 28 at Woods Funeral Home. Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Kerry and Melanie's home.

Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.



PATRICK ARTHUR MILLER

January 2, 1959 ~ September 25, 2020

FAIRBANK: Pat Miller, 61, of Fairbank passed away peacefully on September 25 after a long fight with cancer.

He was born January 2, 1959 in Oelwein, the son of Joe and Lo-E (Rastatter) Miller. He married Lynn Pouk on October 17, 1992 in Streator, Illinois. Together Pat and Lynn had two children, Ryan and Brianne.

Pat graduated from Wapsie Valley High School with the Class of 1977. During and after graduating from school, he worked at the family business Miller Plumbing and Heating until his death. Pat was a lifetime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a longtime member of the Fairbank Knights of Columbus, and member of the Fairbank Community Club. He loved officiating, coaching and watching sports. He especially enjoyed the Chicago Cubs and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

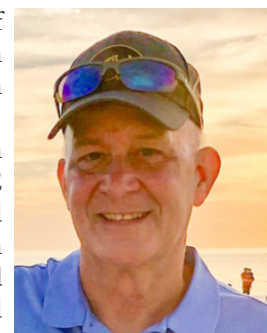
Pat always welcomed anyone that would stop by the store to say "hi", talk over the latest headlines regarding sports, or what was new in town. Most of all he enjoyed time spent with his family and friends who will all miss him so much. One last parting thought from Pat, "FMV".

Pat is survived by his wife; his two children; his three brothers, Joe (Jeanne) Miller, Greg (Shelli) Miller and John (Jo) Miller; his two sisters, Jane (Hal) Holder and Barb (Tim) Klopfenstein; his father-in-law, Ron Pouk; his brother-in-law, Brian (Diane) Pouk, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and mother-in-law, Robbie Pouk.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Sept. 29th at Woods Funeral Home, Fairbank.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Sept. 30th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank with burial at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

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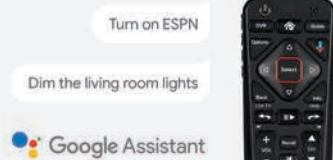
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What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

October is apple month and with over 2,500 varieties in the United States, the choices are many. Apples are high in fiber, contain no fat or sodium, and have only 80 to 100 calories each.

Gala is the most popular apple, followed by the Red Delicious. Macintosh, Braeburn, Granny Smith, and Gala are especially good for baking. For fresh applesauce, Cortland, Wealthy, and Golden Delicious apples cook up nice and mushy to eat fresh or use in cakes, bars, breads, or muffins. There are apples for baking, cooking, salads, snacking, apple cider, and apple bobbing – so consume “an apple a day to keep the doctor away”.

This apple crisp is delicious served warm with a dip of ice cream and a drizzle of caramel sauce. While the crisp is baking, why not make a hearty noodle casserole to bake at the same time? And presto, you have an appetite pleasing meal!

Apple Crisp

Bottom layer:

5-6 apples, peeled and sliced

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix dry ingredients, toss with apples and put in a greased 9"x9" baking pan.

Topping:

3/4 cup flour

3/4 cup old-fashioned oatmeal

3/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 tsp. baking powder

1 stick (1/2 cup) butter

Mix ingredients together until crumbly. Put on top of apple mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes – until bubbling and brown.

Hearty Noodle Casserole

1 lb. ground beef

1/2 cup diced onion

1 8-oz. bag wide-cut crinkle noodles

2 tbsp. barbecue sauce

1/2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup mushrooms (if using canned, drain)

1 12-oz. jar pasta sauce

1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese

Cook noodles until almost tender (al dente). Drain and season with salt and pepper. Brown ground beef with onion. Drain off any fat.

Mix sauces together and add to the noodles. Combine noodle mixture with mushrooms and ground beef.

Put into a greased casserole dish. Top with 1 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese on top. Bake another 15 minutes. Let stand five minutes before serving.

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Ambulance Calls: 8

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Car Accident w/ Injuries: 1

Fire Calls: 2

EMS Training Hours: Approx. 30

Fire Training Hours: 40



~ Fire training was pump operations and drafting from a static source. We used Engine 453 to supply water to Engine 457. A good learning experience for new as well as some seasoned members.

~ EMS training was trauma call response.

*Submitted by: Brad Gordon, Fire Chief
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 8/24/20

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present at City Hall: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-time Police Officer; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

During the public comment section Chris Woods was present on behalf of the Fairbank Development Corporation. He wanted to express their interest in purchasing the city property located at 405 Grove Street. The Development Corp had been tossing ideas around and they wanted to let the city know of their interest.

Councilwoman Erickson arrived at 6:02 PM.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the minutes of the August 10th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of July were: General, \$24,206.79; Special Revenue, \$28,972.51; TIF, \$64.27; Capital Projects, \$18.66; Permanent Funds, \$13.19; Proprietary, \$148,055.93; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of July were: General, \$82,622.77; Special Revenue, \$5,318.31; Proprietary, \$133,732.99; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on July 31, 2020 was \$4,028,129.67.

Williams/Erickson to open the public hearing on the agreement with Little Wapsie Communications regarding right-of-ways. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Attorney Prendergast stated that the aerial component was removed from the verbiage on the options of how to place the fiber optics. There were no other written or verbal comments received. R. Woods/T. Woods to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-24 – Resolution Approving Right-of-Way Agreement with Little Wapsie Communications and Entry into Contract Regarding the Same. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Williams to open the public hearing on entry into a lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion took place on whether the council was satisfied with the free internet to the six city locations and whether they wanted to add a money amount as well. The hut will be placed by the base of the water tower and the location complied with city zoning and railway right-of-ways. Attorney Prendergast requested an aerial image of where the hut was being placed to add as an attachment to the agreement. Public Works Director Dave said he would get that to her. Erickson/Vorwald to close the public hearing. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Vorwald/Erickson to enter into the fifty-year lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications in exchange for free services at the six city locations and a six hundred dollar (\$600.00) a year lease and to go ahead and approve Resolution 2020-25 – Resolution Approving Entry into Lease Agreement with Little Wapsie Communications and Entry into Contract Regarding the Same. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with information on upcoming and active BCEDC Programs and thank them for their contribution with a plaque. Their biggest obstacle over the past year had been COVID-19, but they are doing all that they can to help Buchanan county businesses.

Jared Kane was present to discuss the possibility of moving a utility pole located south of 301 N. Water St. He had been entertaining the idea of purchasing a lot to build on and the location of the utility pole is where a future driveway would be located. Councilman Vorwald stated that it is a very important pole with four different feeds on it. The council wanted Public Works Director Dave to get solid quotes and it will be discussed at future meetings.

Jon Biederman was asked to attend the meeting to give the council an update on the future Main St. project. The state has the project in their budget year FY2023 for their portion of Main St. and the sidewalks. He is going to work on finishing up an estimate and will meet with everyone again in the future.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the liquor license application for Costa's. There have not been any reported issues. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion took place on the house removal project at 405 Grove St. Public Works Director Dave said that the asbestos was coming out that week. A few bids on removal were discussed. Councilman Vorwald

stated that the Fairbank Fire Department is willing to burn it for the city after the asbestos is removed and the house is torn down. Williams/T. Woods for the city to dispose of the property through use of controlled burn and discussions with the Fairbank Development Corporation. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion took place on the parking lot extension at West Bentley Park. The council received a quote for concrete and one for asphalt. It was agreed upon that the asphalt would look better. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve Item #1 for \$3,964.00 from Kluesner Construction's proposal for a parking lot area along Water St. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The police department had been in the process of interviewing candidates to acquire a couple more part-time officers. Police Chief Everding said that Mark Gudenkauf would be an asset to the City of Fairbank's police department. Vorwald/Erickson to approve Resolution 2020-26 – Resolution Hiring Part-time Officer. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Police Chief Everding also stated that Dakota Drish was interviewed and comes to us highly recommended by him. Drish was present and stated that he lives in Stanley and works full time for the DNR in the Conservation and Recreation Division. Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-27 – Resolution Hiring Part-time Officer. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Governor Kim Reynolds allocated money for reimbursement to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency. If the City of Fairbank had expenses that fit into their categories for reimbursement eligibility, the council needed to pass a resolution stating that they approved applying for such possible reimbursement. T. Woods/R. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-28 – Resolution Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. The City Clerk will gather the expenses and see if there is a need to apply. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

During department reports, Police Chief Everding stated that he is back in town now and is going to continue working on the speeding complaints.

Vorwald/T. Woods to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 9/14/20

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 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, Vorwald, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Williams/R. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Councilman Vorwald stated that Cody Kleitsch put 3 straw bales up just West of Costa's for the start to a fall décor display and that he encouraged people to add to it. Deputy Clerk Laube will get it on the sign and the office will also work on getting it on the City's Facebook page. Items can be picked up sometime after Halloween.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the August 24th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Erickson/Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of August were: General, \$20,690.37; Special Revenue, \$21,906.10; TIF, \$74.79; Capital Projects, \$15.60; Permanent Funds, \$63.20; Proprietary, \$160,516.39; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of August were: General, \$57,642.92; Special Revenue, \$32,504.25; Proprietary, \$155,973.95; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on August 31, 2020 was \$3,985,275.01.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the liquor license applications for the Fairbank Food Center. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion took place on the proposal from Kluesner Construction about leveling the dips at the intersection of East Main Street and Fourth Street. Public Works Director Dave said that the state was ok with the city fixing the intersection and Councilman Vorwald stated that it was needed. R. Woods/T. Woods to approve the proposal from Kluesner Construction for \$1,500.00 to level the dips at the intersection. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Cities are required to submit an annual report to the Iowa DOT which shows all the street revenues and expenses for the city for the previous fiscal year. The council was presented with the report for FY 2020. Williams/T. Woods to approve Resolution 2020-29 – City Street Financial Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The City Clerk updated the council on a letter mailed from FEMA. The letter stated that the Buchanan County Flood Insurance Rate Maps had been finalized and will be effective December 30, 2020 and that this requires the City to update its Ordinance Chapter 160 – Floodplain Regulations. Updating and necessary amendments to the ordinance are required to ensure full compliance with the new regulations. The council will discuss ordinance changes and adopt prior to December 30, 2020. It will be on the agenda for future council meetings.

A floodplain development permit was submitted to the City from Sharon Huck on behalf of Little Wapsie Communications. They will be installing a 700' bore under the Little Wapsipinicon River from a hand hole near the lift station on Grove Street and ending at a hand hole near the corner of Iowa Street and Fairbank Street. This will enable them to get the fiber optic cable for high speed internet across the river to the other side of town. Vorwald/Erickson to approve the Floodplain Development Permit. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Fairbank police department training ammunition was tabled since nobody from the department was able to make the meeting.

Vorwald/Erickson to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Councilwoman Erickson commented on the cemetery mowing bill and that she didn't see a need for it being mowed the day that they mowed it. If anything, the weeds should have been taken care of but even that was not done.

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Maintenance	\$	152.59
ACCO, Supplies	\$	176.80
ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING, Asbestos Removal		\$14,200.00

KATELYN ALSTON, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$	69.01
B & K AUTOMOTIVE, Services	\$	383.16

KLINT BENTLEY, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$	5,814.90
BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS, Services	\$	365.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$	75,799.34
CARRICO AQUATIC PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$	316.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$	352.17
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Replenish Postage Fund	\$	21.20
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$	5,893.76
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$	1,128.93
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$	4,320.58
D & S PORTABLES, INC., Rental	\$	150.00
DAVIS LAWN SERVICE, Services	\$	734.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$	75.00
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$	306.32
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$	1,114.68
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$	17.15
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Postage Aug/Sept	\$	173.00
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Box Rent	\$	124.00
FAYETTE CO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, Dues	\$	485.44
FEHR GRAHAM, Services	\$	8,303.00
MICHAEL FLAHERTY, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
GRAINGER, INC., Supplies	\$	154.68
IOWA ONE CALL, Locates	\$	95.50
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$	11,174.92
IPERS, Aug Benefit	\$	4,725.32
IPERS, Sept Benefit	\$	5,128.86
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$	75.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$	945.00
DAVE & JULIE LARSON, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
MAYNARD SAVINGS BANK, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet	\$	289.44
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$	468.48
NSB/HAS, HSA Contributions	\$	300.00
NSB/HAS, Payroll Deductions	\$	435.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishing	\$	197.70
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, State Withholding	\$	4,680.00
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$	80.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$	47.50
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$	179.11
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$	1,062.50
DAVID RYAN, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$	75.00
SAM'S CLUB/GEOR, Concessions	\$	346.68
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Equipment	\$	683.55
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 8/3/20	\$	10.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 8/14/20 \$	\$	9.04
NSB, Returned Check Fee	\$	4.00
NSB, Returned Check	\$	121.64

ZACHARY SHARP, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$	46.18
STUART. C. IRBY CO., Supplies	\$	96.42
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen	\$	85.65
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP., Supplies	\$	3,488.36
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, August Sales Tax	\$	2,787.63
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Excise Tax	\$	1,279.19
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Mowing	\$	395.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$	11,923.73
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$	1,842.24
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Testing	\$	42.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$	162.83
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WATERLOO FIRE RESCUE, Mutual Aid	\$	300.00
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WERTJES UNIFORMS, Uniforms	\$	517.50
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BETSY WIERCK, Utility Deposit Refund	\$	200.00
BRENT WIERCK, Labor	\$	750.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$	560.86
WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC., Excavation	\$	240.00
The Library Board approved the following bills on September 2, 2020:		
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$	43.06
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$	876.06
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utilities	\$	171.52
FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER, Supplies	\$	1.79
FAIRBANK PLUMBING & HEATING, Labor	\$	1,304.61
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$	9.88
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$	40.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 8/14/20	\$	0.96
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$	68.33

Public Works Director Dave told the council about all of the electrical issues that had been going on since the big storm that hit Fairbank a week ago. Mayor Harter explained to the council that he had met with Haley Tiedt and that she is facilitating a new program at Wapsie Valley called CAPS. She was hoping to be able to have students work with the City on certain projects if possible. She will keep the council updated on the program. The Mayor also got an email about the cemetery, questioning who maintains the stones. The Mayor wanted to reiterate that the owners maintain after initial seeding and settling. A "Thank You" letter was received and read from Ob and Dyette Molstre. Trick-or-Treating will be discussed at the next meeting.

Erickson/Williams to adjourn at 6:56 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.


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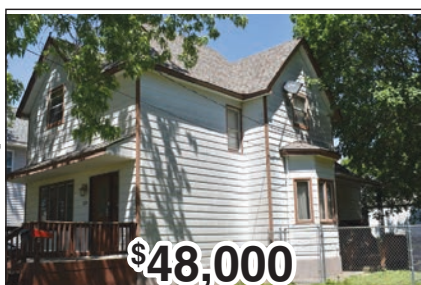
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433 3rd Ave. SE, Oelwein

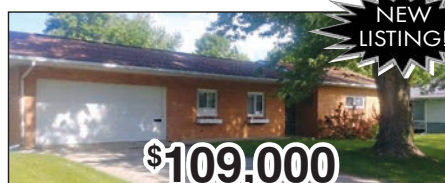
Large 2 Bdr. home with attached 2 car garage. Family/Rec Room with Patio Door, deck and wood stove.



\$144,900

212 S. Walnut St., Fairbank

1 Acre lot next to City Park
3 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths.
5-6 car spaces!



\$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



NEW LISTING!

NEW ACREAGE LISTING!! PAVED ROAD 10 MINUTES E of OELWEIN!

9104 K Ave., Fayette

Spacious 2 story brick home, 4 bedrooms up, formal living/dining room, main floor family room, 4 bedrooms, 3.4 baths, geothermal heat/AC, heated floors, trees, set up for horses.

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!!



\$50,000

128 4TH AVE. SE., OELWEIN



\$38,000

215 3rd St. NW, Oelwein

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

Stay Safe!

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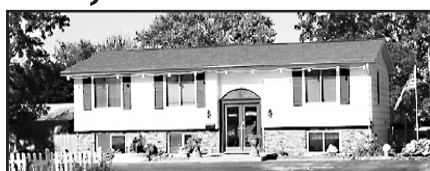
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