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Wapsie Pines Tree Farm makes changes to keep customers safe

We are in the last two months of 2020, and it has been a year like no other! The pandemic has brought about many challenges for individuals, families and businesses. Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm, located three and one half miles west of Fairbank, has been undergoing enormous changes to make this year's Christmas tree season safe for everyone! Customers will receive the same friendly service as in the past, and Covid-19 guidelines will be followed to ensure everyone's safety!

"Building a larger warming shed for our customers has always been on my bucket list," owner Bob Moulds said. "With all the Covid restrictions needed this year to keep everyone safe, this was the time to build. We will use the older sheds for the roping, wreaths and miscellaneous items. The new shed will have an attached walk through with four different credit card/cash paying stations. Customers will have separate entrance and exit doors, and also the opportunity to pay through a walk up window if not comfortable coming inside to pay."

"We will still serve hot chocolate and cookies, but through a walk up window. This year will be different,

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Bob Moulds and son Brian shown outside the new warming shed at the Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm by Fairbank.

Meet the new Fairbank Police *Protecting and serving in small-town Iowa*



MIKE EVERDING
FAIRBANK POLICE PART-TIME ACTING CHIEF



MARK GUDENKAUF
PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FAIRBANK



DAKOTA DRISH
PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FAIRBANK

by **MIRA SCHMITT-CASH**
reporter@oelweindailyregister.com

FAIRBANK — The staff of the Fairbank Police Department has fully turned over since last June.

Mike Everding was formally approved to join the Fairbank Police part-time on June 8 by the City Council and appointed acting chief when the former chief, Klint Bentley, left for a nearby department.

All told, Everding and the other two part-time staff the City Council approved on Aug. 24 provide 50 hours a week of coverage for Fairbank. All three on the department each recently answered questions about their approaches.

Additionally, a standard operating procedure manual for the department was approved July 13 after the department worked with an attorney, Kevin Techau, and the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool.

MIKE EVERDING began full-time in law enforcement in 2005, the year he began serving as a Fayette County deputy and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. After serving for Fayette County he "went from land to water" and is working part-time seasonally with the Department of Natural Resources on the Mississippi River.

With some time on the department, Everding said his enforcement priorities are keeping Fairbank a safe community to raise a family in "with a balance of traffic enforcement and proactive patrol (and) maintaining the safety and security of our business and residents."

His most satisfying interactions, he said, are "when your contact with the public has a positive outcome without having to write a citation or take a person to jail (and) when you run into this person again and

you can tell that you have helped them."

He said he wants to move the department forward through the integration of additional technology, equipment, training, hardware and software with an aim for "efficient use of our resources in making financial decisions that positively benefit the department (and) the community."

Other priorities include "officer safety and keeping the public informed of our activities, events and happenings through education and social media."

Everding wanted to dispel a misconception about law enforcement "that we hide around the corner 'stalking' or waiting for you."

"I don't do that, and I know that none of my guys do that," Everding said. "If you get pulled over, there is a reason, and depending on the severity of the infraction, that in itself will determine the outcome. We try to be fair, consistent and professional. We do not have quotas to fill. There ARE certain times of the year when special projects occur which leads us to place a special emphasis on traffic enforcement."

Despite the COVID - 19 pandemic, officers are still patrolling, Everding said.

"We can wear masks, use hand sanitizer but all things considered, we still need to be out there," Everding said. "It has made us more conscious when we enter a home or conduct a traffic stop."

"As to the outcome of a violation, it depends on the severity of the violation," Everding said, and officer discretion. "Usually simple misdemeanors would be cited and released, however every contact can be different. We try to be fair and consistent in making this determination."

MARK GUDENKAUF was approved to join the

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Mike

By Mike Harter

I don't have a lot to report on this month. I know we have much information from City Hall in the paper though.

We have just added some more parking at West Bentley Park and did a little work at the intersection by the Food Center.

We are going to try to have a Fairbank Community Club meeting in November. We will not have food available at the meeting, but it will give us a chance to discuss a few items.

Hopefully, we will be able to return to the old normal soon. Enjoy the month of Thanksgiving.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

Deadline for the next issue of the Islander is November 23rd



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New Wapsie Pines Tree Farm warming shed.

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but we're doing all we can to keep our workers and customers safe," Moulds added.

Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm, Fairbank will open Black Friday, November 27th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and every weekend thereafter through December 13th, weekdays 1 – 5 p.m. There are six beautiful varieties of trees that include the

Scotch, White and Red Pines, Concolor, Canaan and Fraser Firs, and a selection of pre-cut Fraser Firs. Each tree is individually tagged and sized with the price for your convenience. The selection of fresh wreaths, roping, swags, door arches, mailbox covers, crosses, and bough bundles will also be available. Maps of the tree farm and saws are provided, plus there will be helpers to help carry your tree.

Bob Moulds ended by saying, "We are anxious to see our former customers and friends and look forward to meeting new ones. Your safety will be our first concern, but your family will still be able to have a fun and memorable experience as you find the perfect tree and holiday trimmings!"

You can also follow Wapsie Pine Christmas Tree Farm on Facebook!

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Fairbank Police part-time on Aug. 24.

He works full-time for the Independence Police Department, where he has served continuously for over 17 years.

He has also taught truck-driving at Hawkeye Community College.

"Since COVID came, there've been a lot less people there for the truck-driving, so I was looking for something more steady," Gudenkauf said.

lege and an honor that I am proud to assist the Fairbank Police Department in," he said.

He wanted to dispel a misconception he has heard over the past several years that law enforcement officers "have a quota" to fill.

"I have never experienced any kind of quota or pressure from any law enforcement leader that I have worked for or with," Drish said. "I find law enforcement to be a noble

profession. The law enforcement officers that I have had the privilege of working with, routinely demonstrate personal qualities that many people admire (such as honesty, generosity, courage, et cetera) and consistently do our best at exercising appropriate discretion at all times while working for the people in our communities in a professional and consistent manner."

He enjoys policing for the opportunity to help people. "That's what we all want, right?"

Addressing a common myth, he says law enforcement is "nothing like it is on TV. Lots of times officers get a bad rap."

He works to dispel that myth: "Any interaction, I try to be polite and fair to people."

DAKOTA DRISH was approved to join the Fairbank Police part-time on Aug. 24.

He has been in law enforcement since 2012 and shares his time with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Drish enjoys working with the community.

"Providing public safety and education to the citizens of Fairbank is a privi-

Parkview Resident Spotlight!

Ivadel Luloff

Ivadel was born March 11, 1922 near Masonville, IA
She has one sister and one brother (deceased).
She married her late husband Lyle in 1940,
and they had two children, Rosemary and Gary (deceased).

Ivadel held positions at Microswitch and Gator, to which she retired from after 22.5 years in 1992. She also was a housewife and loved to garden.

She has 5 grandkids, 13 great-grandkids and 3 great-great grandkids!

When asked her favorite food, she laughed and said, "I like them all, but if I had to choose one, it would probably be mashed potatoes and gravy!"

Her favorite vacation was to Ireland "the flowers were beautiful, and they had wonderful music."

Ivadel has lived at Parkview for almost 3 years and has been a great addition to our Parkview Family.

Ivadel's life motto - "Enjoy your family!"



The Buchanan County Salvation Army donated school supplies to the Fairbank Elementary. Pictured is Lori Dietzenbach with Tara Sullivan.



Also, Fairbank Mayor, Mike Harter, and his wife donated backpacks and school supplies to Wapsie Valley Schools. We are appreciative of all of their generosity!



Mrs. Kleitsch's 3rd Graders earned a Pajama Day for following the Warrior Way!



The Fairbank Elementary PTO supplied Frisbee Golf targets to the Fairbank Elementary playground. We are so appreciative of all of the hard work the PTO does in order to benefit our students!

WV Fairbank Elementary's Physical Fitness Award Winners

All 4th through 6th grade students take the following five tests twice each school year, once in the fall and then again in the spring: Pull-ups (upper body strength), Sit-ups (core strength), Shuttle Run (quickness and agility), Sit and Reach (flexibility), and the Mile Run (cardiovascular health).

Our goal is to have all students score at the 50% level or better in all five tests. This level is considered to be an average score when compared to other students across the country. If a student scores at the 85% percent level or higher in all five tests they are considered a Physical Fitness Winner for that testing period. As a whole group, both the Fairbank and the Readlyn Elementary students did a great job on the tests. We will continue to work hard in P.E. and hopefully see improved scores in the spring.



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The Wapsie Valley 2nd Graders had to design and construct a bird feeder that would attract a certain type of bird and consider how to keep the feeder safe from cats. Here are some of their designs!



To end Spirit Week, the WV football players, cheerleaders, and band attended each elementary and put on a pep rally. This year our pep rallies were held outside. The younger students love it when the jr. sr. high school students visit them and include them in special activities!



Asa Kelley named to All-State Chorus

Asa Kelley of Wapsie Valley High School has attained the highest individual honor available to Iowa high school musicians by being selected as a member of the 2020 All-State Chorus. Asa is the son of Shane and Sherry Kelley of Fairbank and is a vocal student of Miss Abbie Jones.

The 2020 Festival concert would have celebrated the 74th anniversary of the prestigious event. District Auditions for the 268-piece All-State Band, 211-piece All-State Orchestra, and 601-member All-State Chorus were held virtually October 22-24, 2020, at LeMars, Hampton, Independence, Atlantic, Indianola and Washington.

While the 2020 All-State Music Festival Concert has been canceled due to health and safety concerns caused by the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, that in no way diminishes the accomplishment of the young musicians designated as members of the 2020 All-State Band, Choir or Orchestra. Congratulations Asa!



One of the dress-up days for Homecoming's Spirit Week was dress as your favorite book character.





By: Robert Shields

We have touched on Franklin J. Everett settling in the Fairbank area in the second issue and will recap his accomplishments, then jump ahead to introduce his family. Mr. F. J. Everett opened a general store which he operated for many years until the time of his death. Mr. Everett owned over 1200 acres of land in Buchanan, Fayette, Bremer, and Black Hawk counties. Franklin, along with Bacon, operated the first saw mill in the locality. Franklin held the offices of Justice of the Peace, School Director, and was a part owner of the Wapsie Mill, grist-mill in Black Hawk County.

On December 10, 1854, Franklin Everett was united in marriage with Sarah L. Baldwin. Sarah was born in Pontiac, Michigan on the 28 of May, 1829, to Benedict and Permelia (Potter) Baldwin. Franklin and Sarah's marriage was one of the first to be celebrated in Buchanan County. After the birth of their first child Clarence, Sarah returned to her home in Michigan and resided there for a time. Franklin later followed her to the wolverine state, a son Francis was born during the time in Michigan. The family returned to the Fairbank area in 1858.

F. J. Everett died in Fairbank on Tuesday, the 25th of

Franklin Josiah Everett family

October, 1898. The following is taken from his obituary.

Franklin Josiah Everett died suddenly Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, of heart disease, aged seventy years. He was sitting in his store when the final summons came, and fell to the floor, dying instantly. Mr. Everett had been a sufferer from heart trouble for years, but the attacks had not been frequent or serious. Tuesday morning a fire broke out in his store, and for a time it seemed that his property would be destroyed, but was gotten under control. During this excitement Mr. Everett seemed to be the coolest one in the crowd, and it was greatly through his presence of mind was the reason the fire was checked. His friends feared a relapse of the excitement of the fire and prevailed upon him to remain at his home most of the day and rest. Toward evening he felt so well that he went to the store, where he sat talking over the occurrences of the day with his son Clarence and daughter Sallie, when without the slightest warning he fell from the chair and expired. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but he was past all aid, and his lifeless form was carried back to the home which he had left but a short time before.

Sarah died a year later, 11 December 1899, also of heart failure, at their home in Fairbank. Both are buried in the Fairbank Cemetery.

To their union were born ten children;

Clarence "Clan" Bacon Everett, was born in the village of Fairbank, 5 September 1855, one of the first white children born in the township. He received his early education at the Fairbank Public School, and attended Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa. At the age of 16, he joined a government survey party in the surveying of the border lines of the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and the boundary between the United States and Mexico. He returned to Fairbank and assisted his father in the mercantile business for a short time and then was employed by the Burlington Railroad as a locomotive engineer. He later returned to Fairbank and went into the hardware business with his brother Newton. In 1900, he started as a bookkeeper at the Fairbank

State Bank, and later in 1910 he was elected to the post of bank president, which he filled till the time of his death on, 12 November 1926. On 8 April, 1880. Clan was unassuming in his daily life. He always wore his straw hat in the bank. In the summer on muddy days would walk to the bank barefooted. Clan was also one of the better marksmen in the area. Clarence was united in marriage with Achsa A. French, Achsa was born on 5 August, 1859 in Lester Township, Black Hawk County daughter of Ezra and Melissa (Siple) French. To them were born five children, Edwin E. Everett, Independence; Bessie E. Kautz, Seymour Missouri, C. Herbert Everett, Grand Junction Colorado; Harry Lawrence Everett, Le Pas Manitoba; and Mildred E. Gorman, Fairbank.

Francis Grosvenor Everett was born 1 May 1857 in Janesville, Michigan. At one year of age the family moved back to Fairbank. In 1882, he was united in marriage with Edith Patterson, daughter of Frederick and Lydia (Baldwin) Patterson. To them was born one daughter Nell Bothwell. Francis was a promoter of a number of business enterprises in Fairbank, mostly relating to the mercantile business. Francis retired in 1901, and died Sunday, 12 November, 1907, at his home.

Newton B. Everett was born in Fairbank in 1865. He attended school in Fairbank and was engaged in the mercantile and hardware business. On 23 April, 1887, Newton married Mary A. Curran, near Kier, Buchanan County. Mary and Newton had 5 children; Leon N. Everett, Franklin Everett, Mable Nibecker, of Los Angeles, and Evelyn Collins, Madison, Wisconsin. In 1916, he moved to Los Angeles, California and died 19 April 1934, at his home.

Mary Lydia Everett was born at home in Fairbank on 18 May, 1866, and died 18 June, 1955, in Fayette. She received her education at the Fairbank Public School, and the Iowa State Teachers College, in Cedar Falls. On 2 June, 1893, she married Franklin J. Davis in Fairbank, then moved to Santa Rosa, California, where the family lived till 1908 when they moved to Fayette, Iowa, where Franklin was a pharmacist. After Franklin's death on 7 September, 1928, their only child Paul took over the pharmacy in Fayette.

Charles L. Everett was born in 1870 at Fairbank, and received his early education at the local school. After teaching school in the neighboring districts, he entered the Law Department of the State University in Iowa City. Upon graduation he moved to Independence and partnered with Warren F. Miller for about a year. In March 1895, C. L. Everett started the law firm of Ransier and Everett with C. E. Ransier. The Ransier and Everett law firm was well known and respected throughout the state. Charles died 20 May 1903, in St. John's Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota from Lockjaw, after an accident in Glinden, Minnesota some 2 weeks before. His body was brought to Fairbank for burial in the Fairbank Cemetery. Charles never married.

Sally E. Everett was born 22 July, 1874. Sally married William (Willie) Hart Ross, in 1901, they lived in Oelwein for a time after the marriage. They had no children. William died on 28 March 1953, in Los Angeles California. Sally died in Lakewood, California where they had made their home since 1928. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Oelwein.

Hattie P. Everett, was born in Fairbank, 31 July, 1959, and died 14 January, 1864, in Fairbank.

John Everett, was born 6 March, 1864, in Fairbank, and died 14 December, 1865, at home in Fairbank.

Emma and Eva Everett were born 22 March, 1871. Emma died 2 April, 1871, and Eva died 24 April, 1880. Both are buried in the Fairbank Cemetery.

*Information taken from
History of Buchanan County 1914,
and obituaries from various newspapers.*

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October 2020

The Wapsie Valley Community School District students, staff, and families have adjusted to the Return to Learn Plans required by the Iowa Department of Education at the start of the 2020-21 school year. Most of our students and families have decided to utilize the On-Site Plan to meet face-to-face with our staff at our seven different building sites.

Approximately twenty-five students have decided to utilize the Hybrid Learning Plan with long term remote learning (one semester) as an option. This curriculum plan choice is operated and administered through an outside curriculum provider called Edgenuity through an agreement with Wapsie Valley CSD.

We, as a district staff, work with our students and families when short-term illnesses or quarantine situations arise within the student population. We continue to see low student absenteeism rates within the Wapsie Valley CSD. We have worked through one positive COVID-19 case within our student body that involved quarantine situations for other students. We continue to be vigilant with the safety measures and protocols that were implemented at the start of this school year.

Recently updated guidance from the Governor Reynold's office on the use of mask wearing or facial coverings protects individuals from being quarantined in a close contact situation with a positive case. You can find a weekly COVID-19 update on our school website (wapsievalleyschools.com) in a section called the Nurse's Corner. This can be found under the COVID & Health tab on the main page of the website.

The academic school year has started with some early assessment screenings to help our staff and administration make some educational decisions on student progress and how best to support individual student needs. We, as a district, have moved the fall parent-teacher conferences ahead to early October to facilitate earlier conversations with parents if student data show needs for intervention or acceleration work.

The WVCSD athletic teams have competed at high levels this fall sports season. The cross country, football, and volleyball teams have all seen outstanding performances on the field and courts. Our Fine Arts Department is being innovative in the approaches for showcasing our instrumental and chorus students. Performances are being planned this fall to utilize outside venues for small and large groups.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wapsie Valley Schools in whatever means possible.

Stay Warrior Strong,

Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD - Superintendent

What's Happening

Community Events

- Nov. 4th** . . . Library Board Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Nov. 9th** . . . City Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Nov. 11th** . . VETERAN'S DAY
- Nov. 11th** . . Last day to order meat/cheese from FFA
- Nov. 4th** . . . Library Board Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Nov. 15th** . . . Rededication of organ at St. John's Lutheran, 10am
- Nov. 16th** . . 1st day of Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser at the Library. Drop off donations by 11/13/20
- Nov. 19th** . . "Thirsty Thursday" at the American Legion starting at 4:00 pm
- Nov. 23rd** . . City Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Nov. 24th** . . Historical Society Meeting
- Nov. 26th** . . THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 27th** . . Santa's Aronia Extravaganza, 10am – 4pm, 3 mi. north of Wapsie Valley H.S.
- Nov. 27th** . . Wapsie Pines Tree Farm opening day

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Students and Staff at WVCSD participate in Theme Day Friday! Pictured are elementary students and staff supporting Hat Day.



Staff and students wore red, white, and blue to honor Patriot Day on September 11.



“Albert H. Bentley-Gordon G. Neil – Century Farms”

Interview with Diane (Milius) Neil

By Betty Brandt Passick

According to his obituary, as a young child Albert H. Bentley (1860-1938) came to Iowa from the state of New York with his parents, Austin G. Bentley (1817-1886) and Juliann ‘Julia’ S. (Bennett) Bentley (1823-1890), making the trip in a covered wagon drawn by a team of oxen. His parents purchased land 2 miles west of Fairbank and 1 1/2 miles north (currently 2640 Yukon Avenue) in Franklin Township, Bremer County on February 1, 1901. Five children were born to the couple: Leland (1843-1916), Roxy (1848-1850), Mary Ellen (Nichols) (1852-1922), David (1855-1922), and Albert.

Albert remained on the farm through manhood, and on January 29, 1881 he married Mary Jolley (1863-1933) in Tripoli. Five children were born to the couple: Cora (1883-1970), Burton (1884-1978), Robert (1895-1970), Mabel (Keifer) (1902-1985), and Earl E. (1888-1973).

Upon the death of Albert’s mother in 1890, Albert took over the farm, where he and Mary remained until 1908, when they retired and moved into Fairbank.

Albert’s obituary and the 1976 Fairbank Times Bicentennial Newspaper provide information about their retirement years:

The telephone exchange was started by John Shannon, who ran a bicycle shop between what is now Don’s Auto Sales and the river. His home was in the house which is now the Jerry Plaster residence. Mr. Shannon ran a line from his home to his shop. Soon other businesses began connecting to this line and this was the beginning of the Home Telephone Exchange, President, J.E. Shannon, and secretary, M.A. Shannon. It was operated by



the Shannons until sold in 1910 to Albert Bentley, who later sold it to [son] Bob Bentley.

At some point the business was relocated to the west side of the Brick Hotel building on Main Street (currently Floral Images). In 1928, Mr. Bentley sold Home Telephone Exchange to Associated Public Utilities Corp. Dial telephone came to Fairbank in 1953.

Mary (Jolley) Bentley died on February 14, 1933. Albert then married Nellie Fitzgerald at Fairbank. He died

on June 7, 1938 at his home after a long illness.

Cora Bentley (1883-1970) and George E. Neil (1873-1957) married and purchased the first farm north (a tenth of a mile) of the Albert Bentley homestead.

This history of the George Neil farm was published in the 1976 Fairbank Times Bicentennial Newspaper:

The original entry of this homesteaded farm was dated on April 25, 1855, the United States sold to Cyrus

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Community Supports Wapsie FFA Though Omelette Breakfast

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday, October 25th, to support the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter, as we held our bi-annual omelette breakfast. A special thank you to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Fairbank, for the use of their beautiful hall.

The members and parents put in a lot of hard work to make this event possible, and they had fun during the process. This breakfast is always a

great way to raise money for our FFA functions as well as to say thank you for the outstanding support we receive from the community.

Our members and parents wore masks and we provided the option of take-out omelettes this year, in light of the COVID-19 concerns. If you missed our fall breakfast on Sunday, we would love to have you join us at our spring omelette breakfast in Readlyn!



Sydney Matthias and Courtney Schmitz take a break from frosting cinnamon rolls to take a picture.



Our FFA advisor and parents show off their omelette making skills.

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~ EMS training was Question, Persuade & Refer how to communicate and work with suicidal people. Presented by Ryan Nesbit of Alive and Running Iowa.

~ Fire training was a tabletop demonstration at the Ethanol plant for their response to a grain dust explosion. They presented their onsite response plan and the shift supervisor shared the actions he would take prior to our arrival. We shared considerations and procedures that would take place upon our arrival. This was meaningful and beneficial collaboration.

~ Brody Adair has joined our department as an EMT. She is already certified with a different ambulance service.

~ We are hosting the Question, Persuade, Refer training at the fire station on October 27th @ 6:30 p.m. for members of the public interested in attending.

Submitted by: Brad Gordon, Fire Chief

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It is with great joy that we announce the time has come for its rededication. Through sacrificial giving, money was raised by the congregation of St. John's and members of the Fairbank community to see that this organ be fully refurbished and improved.

On Sunday November 15th, we will gather during the normal Sunday service (10:00) to rededicate this organ to God. There will be special music, as well, from an accomplished guest organist.

All are welcome to join us in-person or on our livestream at facebook.com/stjohnsandgracelp.

Fairbank Public Library Adds AtoZ Food America to Reference Collection

The Fairbank Public Library is pleased to announce that it has recently added AtoZ Food America to its online reference offerings. This exciting new resource contains more than 2,000 state, regional, and ethnic recipes—including food culture articles—as well as historical and reference articles including an ingredients section.

AtoZ Food America is the largest food database of its kind focused solely on diverse American cuisine. "American cookbooks are very popular at the library, but in the past, we've never been able to offer a comprehensive product that also includes American food culture, so we're very excited to provide this database for our patrons," says Angela Berg, director at Fairbank Public Library.

According to the library, anyone can access AtoZ Food America using the library's computers, or from anywhere in the world from the library's portal at www.fairbank-ia.org/library/ with their library card. AtoZ Food America also enables users to forward recipes to friends by email and even create their own personal cookbook of favorite recipes.

AtoZ Food America was designed for culinary institutes, students, world travelers, cooking clubs, adventurous eaters, and anyone who wants to learn about American cuisine without having to purchase multiple individual cookbooks.

Offering AtoZ Food America, a product of World Trade Press, The Global Knowledge Company, is an example of the Fairbank Public Library's mission to deepen its coverage of topics that are of interest to its diverse population of patrons.

For more information please contact Angela Berg, director, at the Fairbank Public Library, telephone: 319-635-2487, or email: f.library@mchsi.com.

Santa's Aronia Extravaganza

Dean and Donna Mangrich of the 'WHAT?' Berry Farm, 3129 - 236 St. Fairbank, will be hosting a Santa's Aronia Extravaganza on Black Friday, November 27th, beginning at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The farm is located three miles North of the Wapsie Valley High School.

Jean and Brittnei Webber of Cascade, IA will be on hand with Aronia Essentials. Aronia Essentials features a full line of spa and personal care products, all derived from the popular Aronia Berry. You'll find wonderful gift ideas for young and old, men and women, and children too! You'll also be able to sample Aronia muffins and the Aronia/Apple/Cinnamon cider, a healthy treat on a cold winters night!

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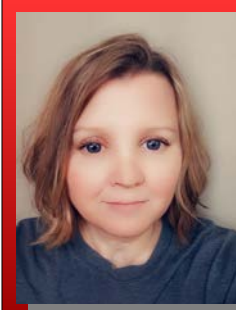
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Beth Dixon

Name: My name is Beth Dixon. I have been a Librarian for 14 years in Fairbank. I am also a member of the Fairbank Community Club.

Family: My family includes my husband, Bill, of 27 years, (Daughter) Makayla and Matthew Begley, and (Daughter) Brittany Dixon, along with 3 beautiful grandchildren Grace, Emory, and Dixon.

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my family, gardening and taking photos.

Favorite Season: Spring, because it is the season of new beginnings, fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come to life again. Farmers and gardeners plant their seeds and temperatures slowly rise.

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving, my family gets together, we eat a big meal, and as it gets dark Santa appears in the yard. We all write down 1 thing we are thankful for that year.

Favorite part of my Job: Getting to socialize with families, making home deliveries, becoming part of people's "family" over the years.

Currently Reading: Anything from *Fancy Nancy* to the *Kissing Hand*. All 3 of my grandchildren love to be read too, so at this stage in my life I am taking advantage of snuggling the grandbabies and reading children's books to them.

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Living on the Edge

By Pat Pint

Normally chatty and cheerful, coworker Jeannie was not her usual self.

"What's up? Need another cup of coffee? donut?" I asked.

"Nah, just feeling a bit blue. Megan is back to college. Matt and his family settling in their new home, and Sam and Allison's kids are keeping them plenty busy," she replied

Lisa, the staff youngster spoke up, "When I went off to college, my mom took a night school class, took on some new hobbies, and did more volunteer work." She continued, "she still works full time at the bank, but decided to pursue some additional interests."

I mulled this over and realized I'm an under achiever. The last thing I finished was season one of 'Cheers' on Netflix. Perhaps this advice was not only for Jeannie, but for me as well.

I reached out to my sister, Susan. She sent me a link to the Community College course offerings. While the Irish Literature class sounded intriguing, and the Egyptian Art lessons were a possibility, the one hour wreath decorating was the one I chose.

While Lisa's mother probably took up French cooking as a hobby, I opted to finish Missy's quarter collection, and work on one of the three latch hook kits she started in junior high. They are hand me down hobbies, but so what?

The volunteer idea was a little trickier. I'm guessing Lisa's parent is teaching sign language in an orphanage. Baking cookies for a neighbor didn't seem very heroic, but it's a start. Susan suggested I clean out a closet and take my extras to a homeless shelter. I'm not sure how a yellow purse and four 'Go Maroon and Gold' t-shirts are going to make a difference, but I'll try.

Susan called me last night. "How is the whole self make-over coming along?" she asked.

"Well, the wreath making class was full, so I opted for 'Decorating with Dental Floss'. I unearthed the candle making kit I bought decades ago, and I've updated my weekend wardrobe, and graduated to Green Bay Packer shirts that Gabe left behind."

Susan laughed, "Boy am I ever jealous." (I think that was her sarcastic voice.)

I can't wait to tell Lisa and Jeannie how they inspired me.

How to support the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter through Fruit Sales

By Mary Bodensteiner,
Chapter Reporter

The holiday season is coming up quickly and local FFA chapters are beginning their annual fruit sales. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to funding the FFA chapter's annual activities such as national and state-wide trips, contest supplies, chapter activities, etc.

This year, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter is offering a new way to order. The original option of talking to an FFA member from Wapsie Valley is still available, but if you would still like to support our chapter without face to face interaction, you may now order our fruit, parlor snacks, meat and cheese on our new website: <https://fs26.formsite.com/o8m8ld/lsmk6rff4j/index.html>

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Senior Dallas and Juniors Kaden and Hunter are excited to get fruit sales going.

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Grace and peace be unto you through Christ, the Lord!

In our time together over the last five months, we've been exploring what it is that Christians believe. Although Christianity is the world's largest religion, it's surprising how few know its core teachings. Maybe that's a sign of the times we live in. Even we who have been raised in the faith can, at times, grow a little fuzzy on some of the particulars; so we're exploring it again here. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the only true God, and that He is also true man. He came on earth to suffer on the cross, die, and rise again for the forgiveness of sins. He gives forgiveness as a free gift to all who believe in Him. As St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "By grace...through faith...the gift of God." (Eph. 2 ESV) Our question this month is: where does faith in Christ come from?

It is a strange question, at first. There are a number of beliefs that we all have that we can say where they come from. In some cases, beliefs are the results of our own experiences. If you try a food and don't like it, your belief about that food came from within yourself. On the other hand, in some cases our beliefs come from something acting upon us; they come from outside. Many have a favorite Iowa team. It has, so far, been my practice to not choose one college team or another - to the disappointment of my students. Those that do have a favorite have one because of something outside of themselves - the team record, its coaches, a family history connected with the team, etc. Faith in Christ, in a similar way, comes from outside of us. In Latin, we say extra nos.

The Apostle Paul said it this way, "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10) He also asked the Galatians, "Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing...Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing?" (Galatians 3) St. Peter said, "You have been born again...through the living and abiding Word of God." (1 Peter 1) Lastly, St. James said, "Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of truth." (James 1) Christians believe what they do, not because they invent it themselves, but because the Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts. In fact, that is what the Holy Spirit does - He calls us to faith in Christ and sustains us in it. "And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2) So, faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. It is through hearing the Bible that faith is created. Where the Word is, there the Spirit is creating and sustaining faith. Our thought going into next month is this: What does that look like - the Holy Spirit creating faith?

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Recently Kris and her horse, Very Smart And Light, were awarded top honors at the Iowa Quarter Horse Assn. Ranch Breeders competition in Des Moines by winning the Non-Pro division and awarded a beautiful saddle. Kris competed in Ranch Conformation, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail and Ranch Working Cow Horse classes.

Dave was very successful at the show as well, winning 1st place under all 3 judges, riding Smart As Cat in AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Amateur Cow Horse Ltd. Class.

Dave and Kris would like to thank all the Fairbank friends and neighbors that have encouraged them as they "ride on" in their retirement adventures.



Joined by family in the photo are Tim and Josie Albrecht (Kris' daughter) and grandchildren Davis and Avery Albrecht.

B&D Services Receives \$100,000 Grant



Dervia Sisic and Julie Schwarting

B & D Services received a \$100,000 from the Future Ready Iowa Corona Virus Relief Employer Innovation Fund Grant. The grants purpose was to expand opportunities for Iowans whose jobs have been impacted as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. It was to fund innovative local initiatives that accelerate credential attainment and increasing employable skills for employees. Another purpose of the grant was to develop cutting edge ideas that will help return affected Iowans to the workforce as quickly as possible in high demand careers.

B&D Services, which is a corporation that provides supports in home and community to individuals who have disabilities, behavioral health concerns, brain injuries and physical disabilities through the lifespan took this mission to heart. They created an incredibly innovative and comprehensive program to help their current

staff gain new skills and provide a path to recruit and educate new employees to the high demand career in the healthcare field.

Dervia Sisic, B & D Services Director of Planning and Training, explained, "I was so excited when I was made aware of this grant through Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC). After discussing it with Julie Schwarting, the owner and Executive Director of B&D, our staff and with BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer, we at B&D decided this was something we could do!" According to Julie Schwarting, "We saw this grant as an opportunity to recruit additional needed employees and fulfill a vision we have had for B&D Services which is fully creating, and implementing our Building Bridges project. The project presents four levels of training for current and future employees, progressing from basic to advanced. As the level of the training increases, the skills and complexity of the training and the opportunity for advancement within B&D increases for participants. Although these trainings do not provide academic credit, the participants will gain valuable skills, education, and knowledge, enabling them to be a highly sought-after employee within the Health/Human/Disability Services."

Schwarting further explained how the grant will be carried out. "This grant will be used to hire 20 new staff

with emphasis on people who have been displaced due to Covid, low income or minorities, but it is not restricted to those people. We are offering the first 20 applicants a \$500 sign on stipend along with other stipends to decrease barriers to employment. This grant also provides all of our staff the opportunity to further their education by completing our new training program. To say we are excited would be an understatement!"

According to BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer, "This is one of several Corona Virus Grants that the state has been issuing. These grants are coming out almost weekly with short turnaround times for submittal (approximately one and a half weeks depending on the grant) and the grants are often awarded within a week of submittal. These grants also need to be dispersed by recipients by December 31st as they are tied to CARES fund grants that the state received from the federal government."

Geater Machining and Manufacturing also received a Future Ready Iowa Corona Virus Relief Employer Innovation Fund Grant for \$ 3,546.79.

For more information and to find out more about possible grants available go to <https://www.growbuchanan.com/covid-19/> or contact BCEDC Executive Director Lisa Kremer at director@growbuchanan.com or phone 319-334-7497.



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Breath of Fresh Air – A week of outdoor activities

Monday, November 9 through Saturday, November 14

Various natural areas around Buchanan County

As fall ends and winter approaches, avoid the idea that you need to be cooped up indoors for the next few months. Join “Breath of Fresh Air” activities to get out into the crisp, clean, healthier air, and enjoy the natural world in your neighborhood. Learn new skills (or re-engage with those you already have) that you can continue to enjoy on your own throughout the fall and winter. Each day during the week of Nov.9-14, events will take place around Buchanan County to encourage outdoor activity and enjoyment during late fall. Other outdoor activities will be ongoing throughout the week for you to enjoy on your own schedule.

Buchanan County Conservation and fifteen additional local organizations are partnering to present a variety of offerings to appeal to people of all ages. Activities will take place at various locations and times, with options to fit most anyone’s schedule. Get out and learn a new skill or re-engage with one you have not participated in for a while.

Details on events including to yoga in the park, Veteran’s Day activities, seed collection hike and foray, bird watching, outdoor fitness, story walks, geocaching, scavenger hunts, fishing, kayaking and more are posted on the Fontana Park Facebook Events pages and at the registration (free) pages at www.buchanancountyparks.com under the public events tab. We hope to post video from some of the events to the Fontana Park Facebook page for those unable to attend in person.

Synopsis of events:

Monday, Nov 9

10:30 am – Cedar Valley Nature Trail Walk – Brandon Shelter; corner of Lime & Branard Sts

3:30 pm – Intro to Disc Golf – River Walk/Teacher’s Park; 355 1st Ave NE, Independence

Tuesday, Nov 10

10 am – Fall Walk and Seed Collecting – Robert’s Wildlife Area; 1016 160th St Fairbank

2 pm – Outdoor Fitness Trail – Wehner Woods; 955 East St, Lamont

Wednesday, Nov 11 –

8 am – Morning Bird Walk – Three Elms Park; 2041 Three Elms Park Rd, Independence

10 am – Freedom Rock Dedication – Heartland Acres; 2600 Swan Lake Blvd, Independence

Afternoon (details being finalized) – Oakwood Cemetery Headstone Tour

Thursday, Nov 12

10 am – Trail Preview at Cedar Rock – Cedar Rock State Park; 2611 Quasqueton Diagonal Blvd, Independence

12:15 pm – Lunch hour Yoga in the Park – River Walk/Teacher’s Park; 355 1st Ave NE, Independence

6:30 pm – Night Sky & Star Viewing – Fontana Park; 1883 125th St, Hazleton

Friday, Nov 13

10 am – Historical Tour of Downtown Independence – Independence Chamber Bldg; 112 1st St E, Independence

4 pm – Family Fishing Intro – Triangle Park Pond; corner of Enterprise Dr & 6th Ave SW, Independence

Saturday, Nov 14

9:30 am – Intro to Geocaching – Fontana Park 1883 125th St, Hazleton

1 pm – Kayaking for Beginners – Koutny Pond; 1544-

2 330th St., Brandon

The following activities will be available throughout the week and participation is encouraged as it fits your schedule.

- Story Walks (children’s books posted for reading along short trails)

“The Listening Walk” by Paul Showers – Riverside Park; East Main & Iowa Street, Fairbank

“Snack, Snooze, Skedaddle” by Laura Purdie Salas – Winthrop City Park; 250 1st St South, Winthrop

“Duck in the Fridge” by Jeff Mack – Parker Muncy Park; Church & 10th St, Jesup

“book TBD” by TBD – Aurora City Park; entrance at Main & Union Streets, Aurora

- Scavenger Hunt & Craft activity – Independence Public Library Grounds; 805 1st St W – get list inside Library

- LACES Chalk Art Obstacle Course – (details being finalized) at Fontana Park and additional location. The course will be in place Monday through the week as weather and weathering allow.

Partners:

Buchanan County Conservation Board, Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach, Independence Parks and Recreation Department, Buchanan County Therapy & Wellness, Heartland Acres, Buchanan County Historical Society, Local Geocachers, Buchanan County Tourism, Iowa DNR, LACES, Fairbank Public Library, Winthrop Public Library, Aurora Public Library, Jesup Public Library, Independence Public Library & Black Hawk County Conservation Board.

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To help a neighbor

“PS” is **Project Share** – a program that assists needy households in paying their winter energy bills. You can help this effort by adding a regular **Project Share** contribution to your utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds are distributed to your neighbors in need.

A local social service agency carefully identifies those residents who qualify, and a local committee oversees Project Share to guarantee that all contributions are handled equitably and efficiently.

Adding a “PS” – a Project Share contribution to your utility payment each month is a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

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PS Project Share

Yes, I’d like to help a neighbor with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share.

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Address

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2020-2021 IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ATTENTION: RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Need help with your heating bill?

The 2020-2021 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing.

If you are not sure where to apply, Dial 2-1-1, or visit <http://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> to contact your local community action agency, or write to: LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- * **Elderly (60 & over) and/or disabled:** October 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021
- * **All other households:** November 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

WHAT TOTALS:

* **Proof of Income** (for all household members age 19 and over). Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you.

- * **Proof of Social Security Numbers for all household members** (documentation required.)
- * **Most recent heat bill**
- * **Most recent electric bill**

WAGE EARNERS: Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIXED INCOME: This income may include: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Family Investment Program, Veteran’s Assistance, Unemployment Insurance, and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS: Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIP RECIPIENTS: Please bring your current DHS Notice of Decision or contact your local office for acceptable document information.

If you receive alimony or child support, it will also need to be verified. Additional income not listed here may be required.

INCOME MAXIMUMS	
Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$22,330
2	\$30,170
3	\$38,010
4	\$45,850
5	\$53,690
6	\$61,530
7	\$69,370
8	\$77,210

City of Fairbank Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

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

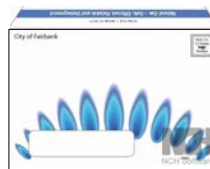
If you live or work near a natural gas pipeline operated by the City of Fairbank, soon you will receive a special pipeline safety pamphlet. This pamphlet contains critical information to educate you on safety around pipelines. **Please review the information and complete and return the reply card.**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

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

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

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

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



EFFECTIVENESS MEASUREMENT (METHOD & FINDINGS)

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

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

***Note:** Margin of error is calculated using a standard method for statistical purposes. Margin of error was calculated with an online calculator via American Research Group, Inc. (<http://americanresearchgroup.com/moe.html>).
Should you desire to further evaluate your effectiveness measurement data, a complete data file is provided on your documentation CD, located under Effectiveness Measurement/2019 Effectiveness Measurement Report.

Thank You....We appreciate your cooperation!

What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

November brings thoughts of Thanksgiving and pumpkin pie. Besides pumpkin pie, we have pumpkin bread, cakes, muffins, bars, and pumpkin pie spice in candy, drinks, and even ice cream.

You can start from scratch with a pumpkin or enjoy the convenience of canned pumpkin and pumpkin pie mix. Pumpkin Pie Squares is a popular recipe with many variations. Here is my version.

Pumpkin Pie Squares

1 cup flour	½ cup brown sugar
¼ cup oatmeal	½ cup butter, softened

Mix together until crumbly. Press into ungreased 9"x13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes.

2 cups canned pumpkin	½ tsp. ginger
2 eggs, beaten	¼ tsp. cloves
1 (13½ oz.) can evaporated milk	¼ tsp. nutmeg
¾ cup sugar	1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt	



Combine and pour over baked crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Mix together:

¾ cups chopped nuts	¼ cup butter, softened
¼ cup brown sugar	2 tbsp. flour

Sprinkle topping over baked filling and return to oven to bake 15-20 minutes until filling is set. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Cut into squares. Serve with whipped cream.

If you roast a "big bird" for Thanksgiving, you will probably have some leftovers. I like to use this recipe for leftover turkey.

Turkey and Rice Casserole

4 cups cooked turkey, cut in bite-sized pieces	¼ tsp. garlic powder
1 can cream of chicken soup	¼ tsp. black pepper
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1 cup milk
3 tbsp. chopped onion	2 cups Minute Rice, uncooked
or ½ tsp. onion powder	¾ cup Parmesan cheese

Mix together the soups, onion, seasonings and milk. Add rice and blend. Stir in the turkey. Put into a greased 9"x13" pan. Top with Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered 40-45 minutes in a 350 degree oven.



Abby McDowell is the school social worker for the Wapsie Valley Community School District. Due to observing an increased need for free/reduced lunches this year, she has organized a Thanksgiving food drive to provide a Thanksgiving meal to some of the families in need.

This year has brought with it its fair share of challenges including change in routine, illness, and loss of income. The school will be asked to participate by providing items to complete a Thanksgiving meal. Ms. McDowell is hoping to find some people in the community who would be interested in donating a turkey or ham by providing a monetary donation, gift card, or meat voucher.

If you would like to donate to a Thanksgiving meal, please feel free to contact her at:

Abby McDowell, LISW
School Social Worker

Wapsie Valley Community School District
amcdowell@wapsievalleyschools.org
641-257-9684

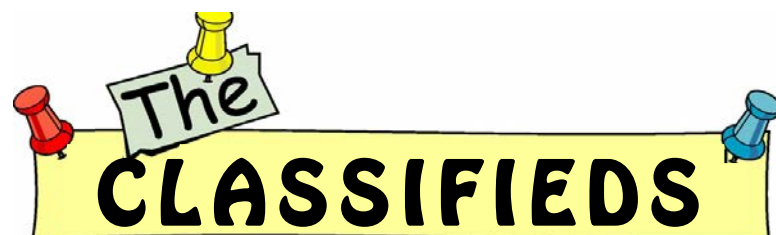


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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 10/12/20

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 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; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; Mike Everding, Part-time Police Officer and Heather Prendergast, Attorney.

Erickson/Vorwald to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. There were no public comments.

Councilman Vorwald asked if anything had been done about the question that Jared Kane with the Fairbank Development Corporation presented to the council at the meeting on September 28th regarding the council abating the city portion of the taxes that they pay on the eight empty lots at the industrial park. Attorney Prendergast questioned if the council had received her email that past week. She stated that in the email it had said she spoke with John Danos with Dorsey and Whitney LLP and they both concluded that it was not a fiscally sound decision for the city and they both had a strong recommendation against it. Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the September 28th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of September were: General, \$30,062.91; Special Revenue, \$32,108.43; TIF, \$5,294.49; Capital Projects, \$11.57; Permanent Funds, \$133.66; Proprietary, \$168,816.44; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of September were: General, \$41,778.78; Special Revenue, \$2,232.91; Proprietary, \$174,377.65; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on September 30, 2020 was \$4,003,313.17.

Amy Rechkemmer with VanDaele Insurance, LLC was present to talk to the council about employee health insurance. The City has the option to renew plans for December 1, 2020 and then renew again on February 1, 2021 to take advantage of a drop in rates for 2021. The council will look over plans and have a decision by the next council meeting on October 26, 2020.

The final verbiage was discussed on the draft copy of Ordinance Chapter 160 – Floodplain Regulations. A copy can be obtained at City Hall.

Williams/T. Woods to set the public hearing for the amendments to Ordinance Chapter 160 – Floodplain Regulations for October 26, 2020 at 6 PM at City Hall. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Property insurance and city building valuations were discussed. At the last meeting, Adam Kerns presented the council with information on a property evaluation process that ICAP had done that forecasted a 22% increase. Since then he had emailed explaining in more detail that the rate per \$100 of value is a \$0.22 rate. The premium last year was \$14,399. The 22% increase is just based on the increased values so the actual increase could be more if they raise the \$0.22 rate. At the 22% increase it would be an additional \$3,167.78.

The City of Fairbank received a proposal for updating their Code of Ordinances. Simmering-Cory sent a proposal email to the City Clerk to start the process over the next few months but delay most of the payment until after the start of the next fiscal year for budgeting purposes. Williams/T. Woods to approve the proposal of \$3,500 to codify the City of Fairbank's Code of Ordinances. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Technology upgrades to City Hall were discussed. The council showed interest in getting laptops to allow for less paper usage and better streamlined meetings. That will be discussed during budget time for next fiscal year. A TV for the council chambers was discussed to allow for better presentations and to engage the council and audience with visuals. Two laptops for the City Hall office were also discussed to allow for better technology capabilities during meetings and better means to

work from home if a situation were to require that. R. Woods/Williams to approve the purchase of a TV for the council chambers and two laptops for the office. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Premier Technology will get the laptops up and running after they are purchased.

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

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, Assessments	\$1,284.00
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DAVID JERGENSE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$127.98
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$29.58
MAXWELL KAYSER, Reimburse Training	\$90.00
SUNSHINE KEMPS, Reimburse Training	\$100.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Classes	\$84.00
CHLOE KLEINHEKSEL, Reimburse Training	\$90.00
ABBY KOPPMANN, Reimburse Training	\$90.00
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SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Oxygen	\$35.05
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, September Sales Tax	\$2,345.69
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Excise Tax	\$1,321.55
TURF & LANDSCAPE, INC., Mowing	\$790.00
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$5,419.47
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$1,842.24
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Testing	\$84.00
USA BLUEBOOK, Supplies	\$651.17
VAN METER INC., Supplies	\$41.39
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$162.83
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WELLMARK, Premium	\$5,686.46
BRENT WIERCK, Labor	\$225.00
SKIP WILSON, Utility Deposit Refund	\$200.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$566.87
CAMRYN WOLFE, Reimburse Training	\$100.00
The Library Board approved the following bills on October 7, 2020:	
SYNGB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$82.55
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$594.48
BOOK LOOK, Books	\$317.81
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, Books	\$256.00
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$6,093.90
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$1,193.00
NSB, Payroll Processing Fee 9/15/20	\$3.34
PRATT'S PEST CONTROL, Services	\$40.00
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA, FY 21 Database	\$91.78
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$25.93
WELSH CONSTRUCTION, Labor	\$1,012.75
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$68.18

Public Works Director Dave told the council they are working on getting all the curb stops and water valves located for the GIS mapping. In doing that they are also working on getting them in working condition. Councilman Vorwald asked how the converting of all the meters to radio read was going. Dave said they are 99.9% radio read. He will get a total cost together for them on that project. Dave also showed the council sign options for picking up after dogs and horses for them to review. Police Chief Everding said they had been working hard on the car video system and the body camera. Also, they've given a lot of reminders to fully stop at stop signs especially at the intersection of Walnut Street and West Main Street. Councilman Williams stated that he had been seeing oil marks again from garbage trucks. Councilman Vorwald said he would call Blaine with Blackhawk Waste. The City owned Grove Street property will be discussed at future meetings now that it is looking better. Mayor Harter provided a copy of the personnel manual to the council and said that it needs an update and to start reading through it. The promoting of Fairbank video should be ready by the next council meeting.

R. Woods/Erickson to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk



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at Dubuque, Iowa. Brothers Alexander Neil and George I. Neil [m. Margaret (Cooke) Neil (1836-1930), October 1859] purchased the land for the sum of \$1,150 on November 26, 1856. On March 27, 1869, Alexander Neil sold his share of land to brother George for \$500. Then on October 12, 1896 George died, and the farm was willed to his son George E. Neil. On April 26, 1958, the five children of George E. Neil inherited the land. On December 21, 1960, son Gordon Neil (1916-1988) purchased the land from his four sisters [Margaret (Nichols) (1912-1979), [Helen M. (Snyder) (1917-1998), Dorothy D. (Weber) (1919-1984), and Mary J. (Miller) (1921-1985)] for \$20,000. There is one lime rock building standing [no longer standing]. The original house was built in 1870.

Gordon George Neil and Gladys Mae Michelson (1917-2002) were married on October 10, 1936 in Nashua and moved onto the former Albert Bentley farm, where they reared their 5 children: Doris (Parizek), Dale G. (1939-2017), Melvin, Dennis (1951-2001), and Marlys (1955-1955). They purchased the former George Neil homestead from Gordon's sisters on December 21, 1960 for \$20,000.

"Dale graduated Fairbank High School in 1957, and in 1966 we were married in Denver," Diane said, "when we moved onto the Gordon Neil farm... I was a farm girl, too. We were blessed with two sons, William 'Bill' George Neil and Scott Neil.

Dale and I farmed 50/50 from 1966-1972 with Gordon and Gladys, who kept track on the calendar of who owed what... You didn't just throw the calendar away when the year was over. We purchased the farm on April 17, 1972. Some years later we purchased the former George Neil farm from Gordon and Gladys."

"Dale died in 2017 at age 77. That day he was getting the ground ready to plant.



Gordon & Gladys Neil



Dale Neil

He was a lifelong farmer, whether raising corn or beans or beef cattle. He truly enjoyed life on the farm."

Scott and I currently do all the farming. I reside on the former Albert Bentley homestead. Bill and his wife Becci live on the farm south of me; Scott and his wife Kris reside on the farm north of me, the George Neil homestead. We have been blessed us with 8 granddaughters, and 3 great grandchildren.



Albert & Mary Bentley and their children. Diane noted: "Cora Bentley would marry George E. Neil--my husband Dale Neil's grandfather."



George & Cora (Bentley) Neil and their children.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 9/28/20

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 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, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. 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.

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

There were no public comments.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the minutes of the September 14th Regular Meeting. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Adam Kerns, our ICAP representative, was present to give the council information on an evaluation process that ICAP did across the state that affected everyone. They came back with evaluations very different from what we had had in the past which are forecasted to be a 22% increase. The council asked Adam what other choices they had. He said that there are two other companies they could explore that offer property insurance or possibly might be able to negotiate on a few of the increases. This will go into effect on April 1st so he will be in touch and keep the council up to date but wanted to personally give them a heads up.

Chris Woods was present on behalf of the Fairbank Development Corp

wondering if the City would be willing to sell the 405 Grove Street property on contract. Attorney Prendergast said that she wasn't necessarily in favor of contract purchases but that if they wanted, they could submit a purchase agreement for the council to review under a closed session. Public Works Director Dave stated that the fire training at 405 Grove Street was scheduled for that upcoming Saturday, October 3rd. The house will be knocked down, burned to continue with fire training, and then hauled away.

Jared Kane was present on behalf of the Fairbank Development Corp to talk about the possibility of the council abating the city portion of the taxes that they pay on the eight empty industrial park lots. Attorney Prendergast said that she would do some research on what that would entail. She will let the council know when it is ready to be put back on the agenda for consideration.

The previously approved lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications was approved with an attachment added for specifics on hut placement. Attorney Prendergast got the finalized aerial image from Public Works Director Dave and just wanted the council to motion to approve its location. Since nobody had a problem with the location, Williams/T. Woods to approve the location of the hut. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Ordinance Chapter 160 – Floodplain Regulations was discussed. The

draft copy presented to the council came from Iowa Codification after working with the Iowa DNR on optional language. The council will meet in committees to try and go through the optional languages then present the final verbiage at an upcoming council meeting for approval and to start the adoption process.

No public hearing was set due to not having the final draft of the ordinance ready.

Vorwald/Williams to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for October 31, 2020 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Police Chief Everding gave the council an update on the police department. He said they are averaging around 50 hours a week and have been working hard to get the paperwork needed to have a smooth-running process. He is still looking into available grants for a new police vehicle and there has been some call outs lately. Public Works Director updated the council on a water main break on the north east side of town and the trees that blocked the view of traffic by fourth street had been trimmed. Councilwoman Erickson said that she had noticed that they were trimmed. That it wasn't great, but it was better.

Williams/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:48 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor
Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

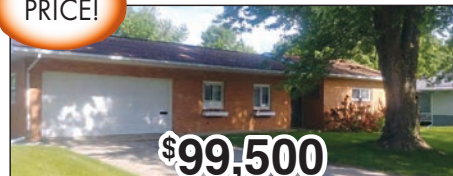


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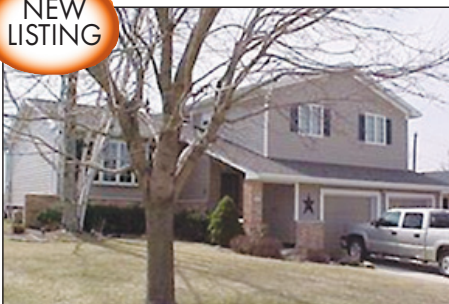


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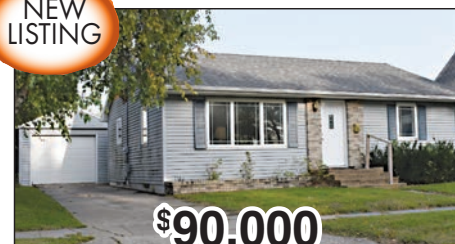
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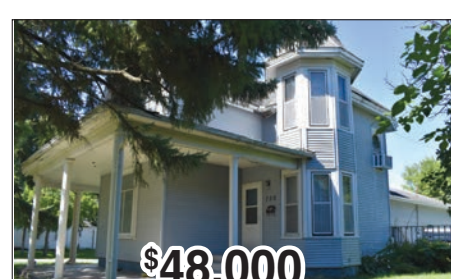
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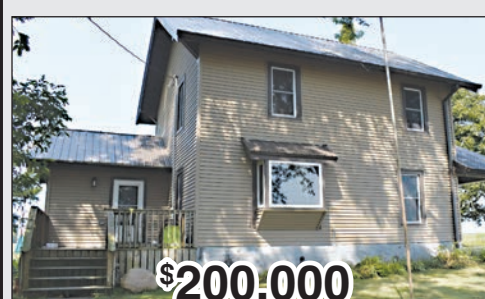
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