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## American Legion to hold Fish Fry on February 19th

The Fairbank American Legion will hold their annual Fish Fry on Friday, February 19th, serving from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

However, because of Covid 19 guidelines and the need to social distance, they will not be able to offer sit-down dining in the Legion as they have always done before. There will only be carryout and drive-through service offered.

The drive-through pick-up location will be in the alley directly behind the Legion. Carry-outs can be ordered inside the front area of Legion. Adults meals will be \$10.00 and children will be \$5.00.

This year's menu includes: Alaskan Pollock, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss it.



## Parkview Assisted Living is adding new service

Don't want to head outside in the cold but would like a warm homemade meal? Or do you have an elderly loved one that you want to make sure is getting a nutritious meal each day? Or maybe you just want a break from cooking once in awhile! Then you might want to keep this phone number handy..... (319)635-2585.

Starting in February, Parkview Assisted Living in Fairbank has decided to offer a new service which may be of interest to local residents. They will be preparing home cooked meals that can be delivered right to your front door. This is a noon meal which will be offered Monday through Friday only, no weekends. Orders need to be received at least 24 hours in advance.

"We are hoping to fulfill a need in Fairbank, and we realize that there are many elderly or disabled citizens who are living at home unassisted," said Tiffanie Michels, Administrator at Parkview. "This gives them a chance to have a good, healthy meal. Our menu is dietician approved and guaranteed to arrive hot at your door."

Meals will be \$6.25 each, with a \$3.00 delivery fee. At this time, they are only taking orders from in-town residents. Just call the number above to get their weekly menu and set up the days you are wanting a meal delivered. Tiffanie will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



Susan Shannon (left) gives Teresa Schmitz, of Gilbertville, the first mat she has completed. Each mat is 3 by 6 foot, and will provide comfort to a homeless person. She is half way through her second mat. It takes approximately 1000 plastic bags and about 20 hours to make! The mats are made from Plarn!

## Mats for the Homeless

In 2016, Teresa Schmitz of Gilbertville attended a few meetings at St Mary's of Mount Caramel, Eagle Center, called "Mats for the Homeless." She soon realized this was a wonderful project, that many could be involved in, and it was a project that could be done in one's home. "Elaine Siebel from St. Mary's, Eagle Center, has been so instrumental in outreaching this project to other communities," Teresa said. "Elaine has met with many volunteers from Waterloo, Dyersville, Jesup, and now Fairbank. This is a project community

members can get involved in, as there are many ways you can help. You can work together as groups, or you can also work from your own home. You Tube has many videos about "Mats for the Homeless", and you can also find pictures on FACEBOOK.

In 2020 these mats provided comfort to people at the Catholic Worker House in Waterloo; the Shoe Box Projects in Haiti and Nicaragua; and also The Love and Blessings Home in Wisconsin.

Susan Shannon, of Fairbank, recently attended a meeting re-

garding these mats and graciously agreed to get involved and make a mat. She has completed one, and is halfway through her second. "It's a great way to know I'm helping those less fortunate, especially since I'm home, due to this pandemic," she says. "I would be happy to visit with anyone about this project. Email me at sshannon0680@gmail.com, or call the Immaculate Conception office at 635-2211 and our church secretary will give you more information."



# Warrior Way & More

January 2021

Wapsie Valley CSD made it through the 2020 calendar year with many positives as a school community. Even though the pandemic in March forced all Iowa school districts into uncharted territories of virtual learning modes, the Wapsie Valley staff, students, and district families stepped up to face those challenges head on.



We would like to thank the Wapsie Valley Building Leadership Team, school board members, district staff, Nurse McKayla Bellis, and the student body for establishing and facilitating strong learning plans that enabled the school district to provide uninterrupted on-site learning opportunities for all Wapsie Valley families. We have also provided a full-time virtual learning option for those families that chose that option.

As we progress into the second semester of school and spring activities, our focus will continue to be following our Wapsie Valley Mission Statement: Guaranteed Learning for Every Student.

We are anxious to support our winter and spring athletes, the FFA program, band, music and all fine arts events, plus prom activities and the 2021 graduation ceremony.

Our hope is that Covid-19 vaccines on the horizon will facilitate a gradual transition back to less restrictions put upon the education system.

We at Wapsie Valley CSD wish all a safe and healthy 2021!

Dave Larson- WVCSD Superintendent

## Fairbank Community Club plans March 5th Fish Fry

The Fairbank Community Club is making plans to hold our annual March Fish Fry on Friday, March 5th from 4:30 until 7:00 at the Fairbank American Legion. This will be Drive Thru Only. The menu will be fish, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert, and a roll. The cost will be \$10.00 per meal.

We are asking you to pick up meals at the back door of the American Legion. To do so, please enter the alley from Second Street and head west toward the river. More details will be available closer to the date.

## Update on Fairbank's new fiber optic network

We continue to move forward, step by step, working with the engineers and contractors for the upcoming construction season to begin this spring. When the contractor is able to give us a start date, we will communicate with the Community of Fairbank.

We have created a website for Little Wapsie Communications that we will use for any updates. The website is: [www.littlewapsie.com](http://www.littlewapsie.com) The website is pretty generic at this time. We continue to work on the services that will be offered, and they will be announced once construction has begun.

Little Wapsie Communications is looking for a Telecommunications Combination Technician to join our group, to help us provide and maintain a 100% fiber optic network in our communities with reliable high speed broadband service, along with great customer service. Resumes should be sent to: Sharon Huck, RTC Communications, PO Box 159, Readlyn, IA 50668 or email: [readlyn@netins.net](mailto:readlyn@netins.net) Any questions, please contact Sharon @ 319-279-3375, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Please send your resume by February 12th, 2021. RTC Communications and OMTC are Equal Opportunity Employers.

### Fairbank Community Club

# FISH FRY

at the Fairbank American Legion

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### Fairbank American Legion

# Fish Fry



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**Drive-Through & Carry Out ONLY**



- Drive-Through is in alley behind Legion.
- Carry-Outs can be ordered in front area of Legion.

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Alaskan Pollock  
Baked Potato  
Baked Beans  
Coleslaw  
Dessert

# Atom Bombers 4-H club meets

The Atom Bombers 4-H Club met on Sunday, January 10th at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Fairbank. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Reese Peine.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Charlie Sweeney. Roll call was, "What was your favorite Christmas present?" The Secretary's report was given by Destry Peine. The Treasurer's report was given by Brody Kleitsch.

January birthdays included Olivia Hershey, Joslynn Miller, Kanen Decker and Jay Schmitz. Those with market beef were reminded to enter their animals online by February 1st. Expected Standards sheets need to be signed and turned into leaders.

4-H record books were discussed and members were reminded to print Member Checklist and Species Project Checklists from the Buchanan County Extension website.

The 4-H Pledge was led by Ce-Ce Sweeney. Charlie and Ce-Ce gave a presentation on making personalized signs from barn boards. Members split into groups and had a challenge to see which group could make the strongest chair from cardboard.

The Sweeney family served snacks and drinks. The next meeting will be February 14th, hosted by the Peine and Happel families.



Atom Bomber members, Charlie and Ce-Ce Sweeney give a presentation on sign making.



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# BLAST

FROM THE

## Past

## THE BRANT FAMILY

BY: ROBERT SHIELDS

The photo is believed to be of Fairbank Undertaker Christoph Kuenzel and his apprentice Herbert Brant, about 1910



Fairbank Historical Society

I'll continue the story of Howard Durham's family with a short recap of the last issue. Justus Durham was one of the first to settle in the area, soon to be Fairbank Township, in 1851. Justus and Clarissa (Wellman) Durham, (Howard's GG Grandparents) had 7 children, Martha (Durham) Bright, Justus Cornelius, Jesse Levi, Alfred Allen, Thomas B. Durham (Howard's Great Grandfather), Mary Alvira, and Alice Victoria (Durham) Brant.

Howards Great Grandaunt, Alice Victoria, married Philander Allen Brant on July 3, 1871. The couple had 5 children, Carrie Mabel (Brant) Wilson, Clarence Elmer, Ira Leroy, Herbert Wesley, and Hilbert Burton. Philander was born February 22, 1843 in Homes County, Ohio to William Brant and Anna Caroline Wells. Anna Wells married John Jones, September 19, 1819 in Ohio. Anna and John had one child Alva Jones. After John's death Anna married William Brant, August 11, 1832. William died in 1849 in Homes County Ohio. In 1855 Anna and the children moved to Alton (Fairbank) Township. Anna married Obed Wellman on August 2, 1860. It is believed that Philander's mother, Anna Wellman, is buried in the Fairbank

Cemetery in an unmarked grave in the same lot as Philander and Alice.

Philander often went by his middle name, Allen. He enlisted January 4, 1864 in Company C, 27th Iowa Infantry under the name of Allen P. Brant, and transferred to Company C, 12th Infantry on July 13, 1865. Philander was one of the 19 founding "Comrades" of the Fairbank Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post 367, on October 25, 1884. He was elected chaplain because of his commitment to the Baptist Church, where he also served as a Deacon for 11 years.

The other 18 Charter members or Comrades were, Horace Adams 9th IA Inf., John Ball 124th IL Inf., Lafayette Boutwell 127th IL Inf., George Camp 8th NY Cav., Harvey Chase 9th IA Inf., William Coding 5th IA Inf., George Delong 57th IN Inf., Charles DeWald 7th Iowa Cav., Benjamin Melton 27th IA Inf., Jeremiah Miller 191st PA Inf., Hiram Miller 65th OH Inf., Fletcher Nichols 105th IL Inf., Henry Rice 7th IA Cav., John Roberts 1st IA Cav., Samuel Ross 1st IA Cav., Cyrus Smith 27th IA Inf., William Willey 9th IA Inf., and Charles Wright 27th IA Inf.

Alice and Philanders' son, Herbert

Wesley, in 1899, at the age of 18, took employment with the Fairbank funeral director, Christoph Henry Kuenzel as his apprentice. Herbert attended the Western College of Embalming and on graduating in 1901 opened a branch of the Kuenzel Undertaking business in Dunkerton. In 1928 Herbert's family moved to Oelwein where Herbert was employed at the Ridler Brothers Furniture and Funeral Home. Later the firm became the Ridler, Whalen and Brant Funeral Home. In 1930 Herbert became sole owner of the Brant Funeral Home. In discussing commendable service in the Civil War, the following obituary was first published in the Clinton Herald and was reprinted in the Buchanan County Bulletin, May 6, 1870. One forgets in our modern time the expediency of having fresh milk for morning coffee. It's understandable the attachment Iowa farm boys would have with a 4 legged milk cooler.

Jennie the cow passes

Last week in Clinton, at the residence of Mr. James G. Crozies, Jennie, the well-known cow of the 26th Iowa regiment, formerly owned by Col. Milo Smith. Jennie was a cow unknown to fame, and will be remembered by all the 26th Iowa,

the Clinton county regiment. She joined the army in the capacity of wet nurse at Tuscumbia, Alabama, and accompanied them through all their subsequent campaigns. She bore with patience all the fatigues of the march, and more than once displayed signal gallantry on the field of battle. She was wounded at Atlanta, and again at Dallas, but recovered from both and returned to duty. At the close of the war, she left and came to Clinton via New York, thus adding still further to the range of her travel and her experience of the world. The closing years of her life were passed in this city amid the peaceful retirement of private life surrounded by the care and attention which her patriotic services so richly permitted. The story of her services and adventures has been told by many firesides in Clinton County, but with all her fame, Jennie never got proud, and her private life was as exemplary as though she had never been accustomed to the freedom of the camp, known the reckless spirit of adventure which military life engenders. Peace, to her ashes. Col. Milo, Old Jerry, and Jennie, will long be remembered by the boys of the 26th.

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# Louie La Cava -- Among 'Insiders' to Help Take Down Chicago Kingpin Al Capone

by Betty Brandt Passick

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, was aware that for ten years Chicago Kingpin Al 'Scarface' Capone had built an empire of brothels, gambling, and bootlegging--bullying people for protection money—and grossed an estimated \$100,000 a week. Yet, no income tax return had ever been filed in his name. In May 1930, Hoover assigned Special Agent Frank J. Wilson, who had a 'bulldog' reputation within the Internal Revenue Service, to investigate Capone on tax evasion.

In her memoir and biography, *Uncle Al Capone*, 2010, Capone's grandniece Deirdre Marie Capone questioned the right of the Federal Government to investigate Capone on tax evasion. She determined this was a trumped-up charge...few American paid income tax in the 1920s. Further, Capone was specifically targeted for prosecution by law enforcement agencies assisted by the media, which made wild exaggerations of her uncle's exploits and fueled a phenomenon of half-truths and falsehoods.

Those unhappy about paying income tax can blame it on President William Howard Taft, who established the federal income tax as a permanent part of Americans' lives. Taft argued the tariffs and excise taxes the government depended upon for revenue put a disproportionate burden upon struggling farmers and workers and argued for a tax that would capture more of affluent Americans' income. The 16th Amendment, ratified by Congress February 3, 1913, gave Congress the power to tax the incomes of all individuals and the profits of all businesses making more than five hundred dollars annually. By 1918, government revenue generated from the income tax had topped \$5 billion.

First on Wilson's agenda into the tax evasion investigation was to find proof of Capone's income.

His first big break came when he stumbled across items seized by a Cicero police in a raid in May 1925 at the Hawthorne Smoke Shop, a gambling hall owned by Capone. Police had hauled away slot machines, roulette wheels, and a lot of other gambling and racketeering stuff, plus seized a bunch of records--including a cloth-bound book, a kind of ledger. At the time, police were unable to decode its pages.

Wilson took a closer look at the ledger and believed "Al" was Al Capone, and names like "the ship" referred to Capone's gambling houses. Wilson had the proof he needed.

Wilson moved Special Agent Michael F. Malone onto the case to try to infiltrate Capone's inner circle. Getting witnesses wouldn't be easy...important witnesses were ready to give perjured testimony to protect their leader and were so full of fear of the Capone organization that they evaded, lied, and left town to prevent government subpoenas.

Special Agent Malone identified another potential witness in the Hawthorne Smoke Shop after witnessing an argument between Capone and Chicago Tribune reporter Jake Lingle, who knew more about Chicago's gangland than any other reporter. Malone was in the process of setting up a meeting when Lingle was shot dead gangland-style on June 9, 1930.

Another informant was Eddie 'Easy Eddie' O'Hare,

Chicago mob attorney and racetrack mogul for the Capone syndicate. About two weeks before the scheduled start of the Capone trial, O'Hare notified Wilson that Capone's organization had a complete list of prospective jurors and was already "passing out \$1,000 bills" as guarantee for a not-guilty verdict.

Louie La Cava was among the names in the ledger as the individual who divided profits among a half-dozen Capone's stakeholders. Wilson would also discover La Cava's was the only other name (besides Capone's) on Capone bank accounts.

Wilson sought to interview La Cava only to find he had been in hiding for 2 years. Likely, Wilson learned La Cava's wife had family living in the Fairbank area. Did Wilson send an agent in search of La Cava—or, at the very least, contact Bill Hahn, Fairbank's town marshal from 1916-1949, for help locating La Cava?

I asked these questions of Bill's eldest daughter, Verlie (Hahn) Trower, age 99, during a series of interviews in 2016. She said, while her father frequently talked of aspects of his job over the dinner table, she, who was just a young girl at the time, could only recall the police bulletin he received in the early 1920s alerting him to beware, "a bad man was in the area who had robbed and shot someone in Chicago."

A short time later, Louie La Cava showed up on Main Street.

The trial of *The United States vs. Alphonse Capone* convened on October 5, 1931 at the federal courthouse in downtown Chicago. Judge James H. Wilkerson had switched juries with another trial held in the same building.

In March 1930, La Cava was found hiding in Cleveland, Ohio and served with a subpoena to testify as a star witness at Capone's trial. La Cava testified about his duties as Capone's

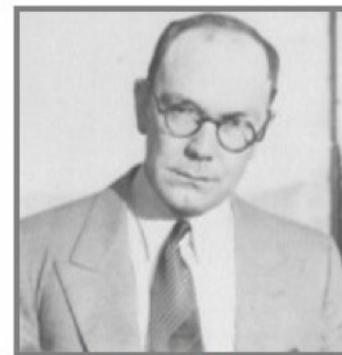
bookkeeper--largely, keeping to a script Wilson had ascertained from the ledger.

Parker Henderson gave testimony he sold Capone his Palm Island, Florida estate, with the title placed in his wife's name, Mae Capone. Moreover, Henderson had purchased the guns for Capone used in the Frankie Yale mob assassination on July 1, 1928 in Manhattan. Yale was a leader in the *cosa nostra*—and Capone's boyhood friend from the Five Points gang.

Eliot Ness, a prohibition agent in the Treasury Department, who had been doing battle with Capone's bootlegging operations since August 1926, gave testimony to over 5,000 counts of violations of the Volstead Act. The 1919 St. Valentine's Day massacre, when 7 of members of Deon O'Banion's gang, Capone's rival had been machinegunned to death in a warehouse on Chicago's north side, was never concretely linked to Capone.

Over a period of 10 years, Capone had left bits and pieces of evidence.

It took 6 days for jurors to hand down a "guilty" verdict. Capone was sentenced to 11 years in prison, and assessed a fine of \$50,000, court costs of \$30,000, and \$215,000 plus interest for back taxes for willful failure to file income tax between the years 1924-1929. After a year in Cook County jail, he was sent to Eastern State Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1934, he was transferred to Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay, California and January 6, 1939 to the Federal Correctional Institution at Terminal Island in California for treatment for paresis.



Frank J. Wilson



Fairbank's gangster, Louie La Cava

O'Hare paid the ultimate price for the leads he provided the Federal government. On March 8, 1939, while behind the wheel of his new Lincoln automobile on a Chicago street, he was gunned down by two men in a passing car. Capone had ordered his final hit from a hospital bed.

Capone was paroled on November 16, 1939 and died January 25, 1947.

Though La Cava's life didn't end in the manner of a Frankie Yale or Eddie O'Hare, there's good reason to believe he never felt safe the remainder of his days.

In 1968 La Cava and his wife Josephine (Necker) left Manhattan and built a home in Fairbank. Locals said the house had a few unique characteristics: a half-dozen deadbolts and locks on every door, a set of double locks on every window; even the outside garbage can was kept locked. Oh, yes--and a hiding room.

La Cava died at age 91 (1980) at their apartment in

Vero Beach, Florida where they wintered. Josephine had died two years earlier. They were buried in the Fairbank Catholic cemetery.

*Gangster in Our Midst* was published in 2017. When I asked Verlie if she knew this story about Louie La Cava, she said: "Louie had told people in Fairbank he was a bookkeeper for Capone, but only for the good side of his business—his charities." She always expected there was a lot more to his story.

*Gangster in Our Midst* (221 pages) has been described on Amazon as: "Very Road to Perdition in style and period." The historical crime novel won a 2019 Notable 100 Indie Book Award from Shelf Unbound book review magazine. The 2nd book in the 'gangster' trilogy will be available winter 2020-2021.

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# Church Council considers removal of the rectory

The Immaculate Conception Church Council is considering tearing down the rectory this spring and would like to offer the opportunity to the highest bidder to purchase parts of the building: woodwork, doors, etc. with a donation made to Immaculate Conception Church.

Only one bid will be accepted. Bids will be taken until February 20th and bidder would have ten days to complete the removal of items. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., if you would like to walk thru the rectory to see what is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Vorwald at 319-269-5502 or call the church office at 319-635-2211.



## FAIRBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Report

- Ambulance Calls: 8
- Carbon Monoxide Calls: 0
- Car Accidents With Injuries: 2  
and 1 accident with fire
- Fire Calls: 1 grass fire
- EMS Training Hours: Approx. 30
- Fire Training Hours: Approx. 30



- ~ Station expansion will proceed as scheduled.
- ~ Firefighter's dance/fundraiser is cancelled due to Covid. We are still doing the raffle fundraiser and have sent letters out.
- ~ Election of officers was held and there are no changes to leadership for 2021.

*Brad Gordon, Chief  
Fairbank Fire Department*

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# Living on the Edge

by Pat Pint

Several weeks ago, I was telling my co-workers about scheduling vacation days. So I could help with the remodeling project at home.

“We’ve added on to the kitchen and living room. Exterior is finished, so on to the interior,” I explained.

“What are you going to do on your days off?” asked Ellen.

I pulled a notebook out of my purse.

“On Thursday, the countertops will arrive. Friday, the texture will be applied to sheet rock. Saturday and Sunday we’ll paint. The next day, the plumbing and electric will be hooked up, and by the next day, the flooring will be installed. By next Wednesday, I’ll be ready to hang drapes and put the kitchen back together,” I said.

Sara snickered and said, “Have you ever done a project like this before?”

I had to admit that I hadn’t, but I’ve watched lots of home renovations shows.

“If I were you, I wouldn’t schedule your vacation days all in a row,” she suggested. Turns out, she was right.

The countertops were back ordered. The texture for the sheet rock was too lumpy and didn’t match the existing wall texture, so that was re-ordered. I bought way too much ceiling paint, and not enough wall paint. A dock strike held up the arrival of the flooring. So, the electrician and plumbers were on hold. I was a long way from hanging drapes.

In the meantime, my son had the nerve to ask for French fries.

“Any idea where the deep fat fryer is, mom?”

I answered, “Sure, it’s with the basket and lid to the fryer, in a box in the basement.

No, I didn’t mark the box, as I stupidly imagined this project would just take a week.”

“Sorry, I asked,” he replied. “I do know where the frozen pizza are, though!”

My co-worker asked how many more vacation days I would be scheduling.

I whipped out my notebook.

“May I take off next Tuesday?” I asked.

She grinned, “Big plans?”

“Yep. Find the crock pot.”

# University of Iowa Dance Marathon

My name is Alec Marticoff and I just graduated in December from the University of Iowa. Ever since my first year here, I have been a strong advocate for this student organization and its mission: “The University of Iowa Dance Marathon creates and sustains special projects to provide emotional and financial support and services for pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant patients and their families treated at University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital.” My name is Brandi Marticoff, I am a junior at the University of Iowa and this will be my third year participating in Dance Marathon! The last two years I have had such amazing and eye-opening experiences as a dancer at the Big Event, a 24-hour dance party that college students and families affected by cancer attend.



Alec and Brandi at the Big Event in February 2020

Through UIDM, we have had the opportunity to raise money for families battling cancer, meet the bravest children, and hear the many, many stories from parents who have lost a child to this horrible disease. In our years at Iowa, we have managed to raise nearly \$9,000,000 as an organization. Not only does UIDM support families emotionally with playtimes and visits during their stays at the hospital, we try our best to provide families with everyday necessities, educational materials, gift cards, copays, scholarships, birthdays, end of treatment parties, wigs for kids going through treatment, summer camps, medications, and funeral expenses for children after their battle with cancer has ended. We believe that families going through the most difficult time in their lives should not have to worry about these things and that is where your donation comes into play. It’s going towards all of these things and more (funding for research, new MRI machines, and a chair position at the Children’s Hospital). UIDM really appreciates any kind of donation. It does make a significant difference.

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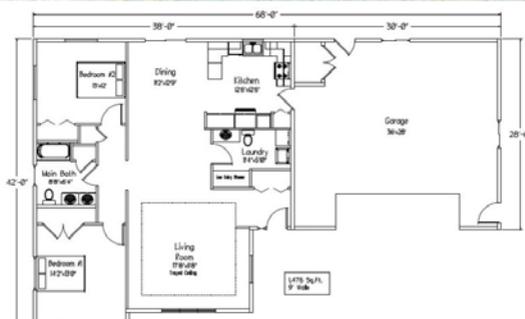
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## What's Cookin'



From the kitchen of Arnola Siggelkow

February, though the shortest month of the year, is filled with many special days . . . Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Ash Wednesday, to name a few. February is Cherry Month (relating to the myth about when George Washington received a hatchet for his sixth birthday and used it to chop down his father's favorite cherry tree. February is also Chocolate Lover's Month, so make a luscious Chocolate Cherry Cake.

### Chocolate Cherry Cake

1 dark chocolate cake mix, prepared as directed	1 can cherry pie filling
2 pkgs. of cherry jello	1 pkg. white choc. pudding mix
2 c. hot water	1 c. milk
	8 oz. whipped topping



Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Put on 9"x13" greased pan and bake at 350 degrees. Let cool for 5 minutes. Dissolve cherry jello in the hot water. Using a fork, ice pick, or wooden spoon handle, poke holes in cake top at 1" intervals. Carefully and slowly pour jello over cake, giving it time to go into the holes. Cool. Spread cherry pie filling on cake.

For topping: mix instant pudding with 1 cup milk. Blend in the whipped topping. Spread on top of cherry filling. Garnish with shaved chocolate or a Maraschino cherry on each serving. Refrigerate.

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This year's Chinese New Year starts on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Chow Mein is a classic Chinese dish with many variations. Some prefer using teriyaki sauce, some soy sauce, and some a little bit of each. The choice is yours.

### Chow Mein

1-1½ lbs. ground beef	2 c. water
2 tbsp. vegetable oil	1 - 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms, drain
1½ c. diced celery	1 - 4 oz. can water chestnuts, drain
1 c. diced onion	2-3 tbsp. soy or teriyaki sauce
½ c. diced green pepper (optional)	1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce (or combination of the 3)
1 can cream of mushroom soup	¾ c. Minute Rice, uncooked
1 can cream of chicken soup	1 can Chow Mein noodles

Brown the ground beef in oil over medium heat; add onion, celery, and pepper and cook until vegetables are transparent. Drain. Add the rest of the ingredients except the noodles. Blend well. Put in greased 9"x13" baking pan or 2 qt. casserole dishes. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 300 degrees. Put noodles on top. Bake for 30 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.



Don't forget to pass the fortune cookies!



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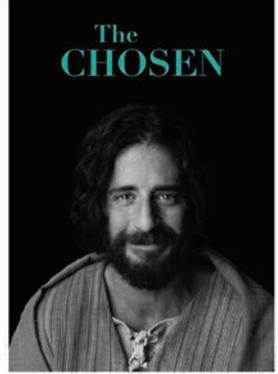
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Feb. 27: (3) "Jesus Loves the Little Children"  
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# Message from Pastor Jacob Swenson

*"You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."  
(1 Peter 1 English Standard Version)*

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our savior, Jesus Christ!  
Over the last couple months we've taken a little bit of a field trip and gotten a little off course. Although it was good for us to talk about the Advent and Christmas seasons and be challenged to attend more services this year than last, I'd like to bring us back toward what we had been talking about before. Before our little excursion, we had been discussing what it is that Christians believe. Many people who have been Christians all their lives assume that everyone knows what Christians believe, but I don't typically find that to be the case. Rather, in my experience, knowledge deeper than surface level concerning the Christian faith is becoming less and less common - even among Christians. Let's see if we can't change that. And, for those of you reading this who may not be Christians - hopefully I can give you a clearer and more accurate picture of what we believe.

Last November we talked about why Christians believe what they (we) do - where their beliefs come from. Many beliefs in our lives come from experience. For example, my family tends to keep shovels and boots in cars during the winter time. This comes from experience. Christians believe what they do through revelation. Christians believe what they do not because they make it up or even through experience (although, maybe put that "on the shelf" for now, we'll come back to it sometime); rather, it is revealed to them. Revealed how? The Christian faith is revealed by God the Holy Spirit through the Bible; or, as St. Peter said above, the "word of God." Although experience can (and often does) direct toward faith - I've met more than a few in my career who became Christians through life experiences - ultimately one becomes (is made) a Christian by the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word. But what does that look like? How does it happen?

St. Paul said, "Faith comes through hearing." (Romans 10) This means that whenever the Bible is read, taught, prayed, sung, etc., there the Holy Spirit is at work to create and strengthen faith. This is why nearly all denominations of Christianity place a high emphasis on the Bible in their worship services. If you find yourself interested in Christianity, or struggling with it, the Bible is the instrument of the Spirit to create and strengthen faith. Go where the Bible is. In addition, there are the sacraments. About 1,600 years ago St. Augustine said, "The word is added to the element, and there results the Sacrament...a kind of visible word." (Tractate 80 on the Gospel of John) Christians believe that not only does the Holy Spirit work through the written word but also through the "tangible" word of the sacraments, particularly in Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Confession and Absolution. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit works to create and strengthen Christians. If you would be, or would like to remain in the Christian faith, seek these things.

Now, I realize I just dropped some heavy information, so let's put a pin in it. Next month, as the Lord allows, let's talk more about that word sacrament and, particularly, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Until then, I remain

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Jacob Swenson  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairbank

# Church + Services



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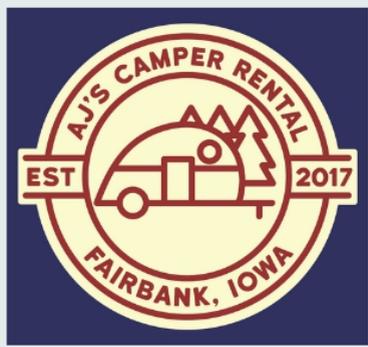
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## HARRIETT ELSIE RISSE

September 29, 1928 ~ January 23, 2021

Harriett Risse, age 92, passed away January 23, 2021 from complications due to Covid 19 at MercyOne Care Center in Oelwein, Iowa, where she had been a resident for the past 2½ years.

Harriett was born September 29, 1928 to Benjamin and Linna (Hall) Algood in Waterloo, Iowa. She graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1946 and on June 26, 1947 was united in marriage to Wilbur Charles Risse. They resided on Wilbur's family farm near Dunkerton and started raising a family. In 1953, they bought a farm northeast of Readlyn, where they lived until 1976. At that time, they sold the farm and built a new home in Readlyn. Wilbur died in 1999, and Harriett continued to live in Readlyn till December of 2017.

Harriett was a real "people person" and she always enjoyed being where the action was. She loved to laugh! She was mainly a farmwife/mother during the early years, but later became a dealer for Stanley Home Products which kept her on the go meeting new people/friends. She belonged to a bowling league for several years, and loved to attend her grandchildren's sporting events and programs. Harriett was very honored when she was chosen as Readlyn's Old Grump in 2012, and loved being in the parade every year after that. She never missed a chance to get in her van and go somewhere. She loved to travel, taking trips with her sisters and daughters, and cruises with her friends.

Harriett is survived by: four sons - John (Pam) Risse of Fairbank; Joe (Carolee) Risse of Dunkerton; Jim (Kathy) Risse of Fairbank, and Jerry Risse of Belvedere, IL; two daughters - Judie Casey of Cedar Rapids and Jane Rissman of Waukon; 12 grandchildren; 7 step-grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; several beloved nieces & nephews; and special friends Mike & Arlene Tiedt of Readlyn and Betty Bliss of MercyOne Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Wilbur (1999); two sons: Jeffrey (1956) and Jay (1995); three grandchildren: John's stillborn son (1971), Stacey Risse (1972) and Jamie Risse (2010); one step-grandchild: Theresa Stearns (2019); one step-great-grandchild: Hillary Strief (2009); one son-in-law: Jeff Casey (2019); and two sisters & their husbands: Mary Alice (Jim/Al) Vavrunek and Betty (Swen) Thompson; and 11 brother/sister-in-laws.

Funeral services were held January 28th at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. Interment was at Gresham Cemetery, rural Dunkerton. Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church or to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, both in Readlyn. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home assisted the family.



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Positions are open till filled, no guaranteed timeline. If interested, please send a letter of interest/application resume, copy of transcripts, at least three current letters of reference, and the certified application form found at: [www.wapsievalleyschools.com/183617\\_2](http://www.wapsievalleyschools.com/183617_2) or apply on: TeachIowa.Gov.

The current 7-12 Principal is TJ Murphy and Dana Harskamp is the Rural & Elementary Principal. Send application info to: Wapsie Valley Community School District, 2535 Viking Avenue, Fairbank, IA 50629.

Current Wapsie Valley Employees need to send a letter of application to be considered for a transfer or hire for extra-curricular and/or co-curricular positions. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. EEO/AA.

## Parkview Resident Spotlight!

### Gladys Piehl

Gladys was born on February 9th in Bremer County. She started school in Readlyn and then moved to Klinger where she finished the 8th grade.



Gladys married Erwin Piehl in 1941 with whom she had 5 children, two boys and three girls. She was a farm wife and loved it! Her favorite things to do were milk the cows and feed the hundreds of chicken they had. She also loved to spend time embroidering. Gladys is the lucky grandmother of 19 grandkids and 41 great-grandkids. She does not have any great-great grandchildren yet but is patiently waiting. Help Parkview celebrate Gladys' 96th birthday on February 9th.  
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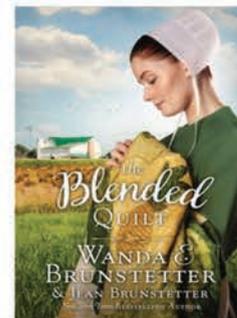
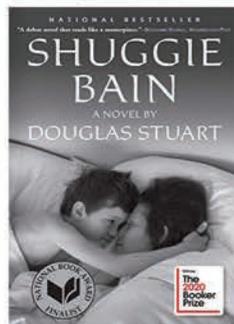
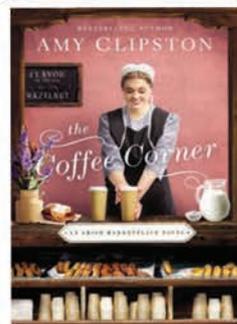
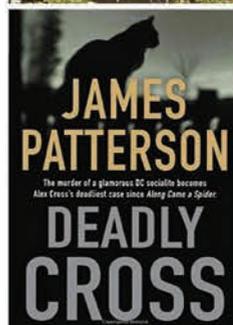
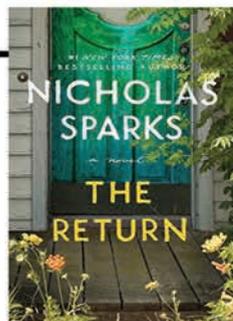
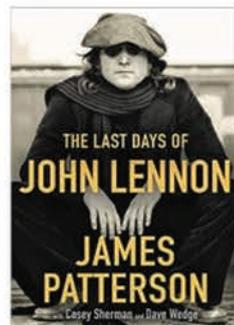
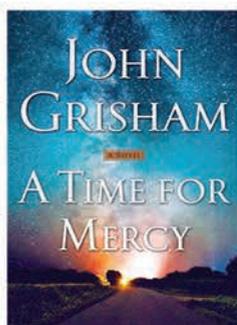
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 12/21/20

### SPECIAL MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Monday, December 21, 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: Mike Everding, Part-Time Police; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; Dave Jergens, Public Works, and Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater/Water Operator.

Williams/Erickson to approve the agenda. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. There were no comments during the public comment section.

Mayor Harter appointed Donna Mangrich to the Board of Adjustment after Brad Welsh resigned from his position. Williams/T. Woods to approve the Mayor's appointment. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Discussion on snow clean up help was discussed. The City wanted to get things arranged in case the upcoming winter is bad. Chance Beierschmitt, Cody Kleitsch, and Jonathan Kono were all called, and they said that they would still be interested in helping if they are available when the time comes. Chris Woods and Collin Woods also were reached out to and each said that they would be able to help if needed. T. Woods/Williams to allow the listed people above to help with snow clean-up when needed at \$20 an hour with a guarantee of 2 paid hours if called out to help. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter wanted to discuss all the City's seasonal mowing options. The council felt it would be a good thing to get a bid out and see what comes back. Erickson/Vorwald to approve the Mayor to draft a bid sheet and get it out for the 2021 mowing season. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Brian Delagardelle talked to the council about the updates needed at the City's wastewater plant. He had a quote from Jetco which included the needed equipment and services for \$18,810.00. R. Woods/Williams to approve the updates needed and to proceed with all of the options listed in the quote. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

The need for an Interim Public Works Director was discussed. It was thought to have the two public works employees continue to work together over the next few months and eventually the council would have more of an idea on who to fill the Interim Public Works Director position with based on feedback from them.

The Council discussed if there was a need for another full-time public works employee. It was thought that the public works department would be ok over the next few months and during that time if they could advertise for an open position that would work great. Williams/T. Woods to advertise for a full-time public works employee with a possible start date of April 1st. The position will remain open until filled. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

There were no department reports.

Williams/T. Woods to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Ayes: Five. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor  
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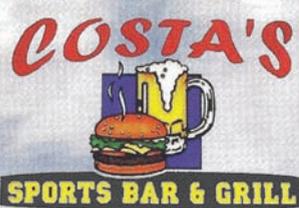
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# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 1/11/21

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in special session on Monday, January 11, 2021. 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, and Williams. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Wastewater Operator; Dave Jergens, Public Works; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the agenda. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.  
Hallie Little was present to speak on behalf of her dad, Loras Little, regarding a few issues that he wanted to address the council with. Firstly, she explained that Loras had been having a hard time getting ahead of the police department. She said that he had been trying for over a week to get his UTV inspected for proper licensing. Police Chief Everding explained that the police cell had been broken and that they just got a new one and were working on getting the voicemail set up. Secondly, she said that there was a lot of people walking through their yard from the housing unit just East of his house. Everding said he would also address that situation for them as well.

Vorwald/R. Woods to approve the minutes of the Dec. 14th Regular Meeting, the Dec. 14th Special Meeting, and the Dec. 21st Special Meeting. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

T. Woods/Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of December were: General, \$21,342.71; Special Revenue, \$27,031.03; TIF, \$3,641.61; Capital Projects, \$6.53; Permanent Funds, \$6.62; Proprietary, \$173,422.60; and Transfers In, \$26,199.50. Disbursements for the month of December were: General, \$25,617.81; Special Revenue, \$18,751.56; Debt Service, \$822.25; Proprietary, \$148,984.68; and Transfers Out, \$26199.50. Balance on hand at close of business on December 31, 2020 was \$4,522,244.13.

The council was presented with a proposal from Davis Lawn Care for the 2021 City of Fairbank Lawn Treatment Program. There was no increase from last year and the council said it was very reasonable. It will be on the next agenda for final approval for the 2021 season.

Property insurance renewal was discussed. The renewal date is fast approaching, and the council still needs to look over the current building valuations and what should be covered and what no longer needs to be. Councilman R. Woods and Councilman Vorwald said they will meet and start working on the information and it will be discussed at future meetings.

Discussion was held on seasonal city operations and it was decided to get a bid written to advertise for the city property lawn mowing in order to see what comes in. Another bid will be separately written for the cemetery mowing.

The council was given the first rough draft of a new personnel manual. Mayor Harter asked the council to read through the red parts and to help decide on final verbiage. He is hoping to have a manual to approve by the first meeting in February.

R. Woods/Williams to approve the reappointment of Brad Gordon as the City's representative to Bremer County 911 Board. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Vorwald/T. Woods to approve the reappointment of Ron Miller as the City's representative to the Fayette and Buchanan County EMA and 911 boards. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the appointment of Mike Everding as the City's alternate representative to the Fayette County EMA and 911 boards. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to set the next budget workshop for January 25th at 5:00 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Printer/Copier Maintenance	\$149.22
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$9.36
AUDITOR OF THE STATE - ROB SAND,	
FY 20 Examination Filing Fee	\$250.00
B & K AUTOMOTIVE, Services	\$187.95
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Services	\$5,814.90
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT CO., Supplies	\$125.85
BUCHANAN COUNTY, Dispatching Fees	\$11,544.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$56,458.68
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$455.27
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric	\$4,055.72
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Replenish Postage Fund	\$25.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$4,064.65
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$9,386.23
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
DELTA INDUSTRIES, INC., Supplies	\$508.44
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$379.73
DAKOTA DRISH, Supplies Reimbursement	\$104.73
MIKE EVERDING, Supplies Reimbursement	\$139.64
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Jan Utility Bill Postage	\$133.00
FARM WIN CO-OP, Diesel	\$1,259.82
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU, Training	\$100.00
GALL'S INC., Supplies	\$66.30
GPM, Equipment	\$1,475.29
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COMPANY, Services	\$204.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$7,282.57
DAVID JERGENS, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$75.00
JETCO, INC., Supplies/Services	\$4,297.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Supplies	\$35.94
KEITH OLTROGGE, CPA, FY 20 Examination	\$2,800.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$455.00
MEDIACOM, Cable & Phone/Internet	\$313.53
MERCYONE WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER, Testing	\$24.00
MILESTONE FILM CO., Services	\$375.00
RON MILLER, Mileage	\$292.50
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$232.57
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/1/20	\$10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/15/20	\$7.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$10.00
NSB/H S A - H S A contributions	\$145.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$221.72

PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Services	\$95.00
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Billing Services	\$265.93
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$1,062.50
DAVID RYAN, Insurance Premium Refund	\$155.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Equipment	\$259.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$58.53
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO., Supplies	\$173.14
TEMPLE DISPLAY, LTD., Supplies	\$284.58
TMDE CALIBRATION LABS,INC, Supplies	\$120.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Dec. Sales Tax	\$2,276.16
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Dec. Excise Tax	\$1,146.76
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$7,675.18
U.S. BANK, PEFA Gas	\$7,236.02
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL, Testing	\$126.00
USA BLUEBOOK, Testing	\$188.27
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., Supplies	\$129.15
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$154.46
WELLMARK, Premium	\$4,090.41
WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP., Supplies	\$36.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$569.58
WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC., Services	\$2,300.00
The Library Board approved the following bills on January 6, 2021:	
SYNCB/AMAZON, Supplies	\$98.41
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$492.01
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Gas & Electric	\$166.17
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COMPANY, Services	\$35.00
OVERDRIVE, INC., eBooks	\$600.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 12/15/20	\$3.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Services	\$67.66
WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC., Services	\$4,726.38

The City is out of recycling containers and currently is working with Modern Building Products to get more ordered. Councilman Vorwald stated that he was thinking of reaching out to Judy Boehme to see about getting some labels to put on the new cans. Mayor Harter brought up the exam results and mentioned the good work being done in the office. He also asked the council to each come up with two goals that they would like to see for the City and to bring them to the next meeting.  
Williams/Vorwald to adjourn at 6:39 PM. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.  
Mike Harter, Mayor  
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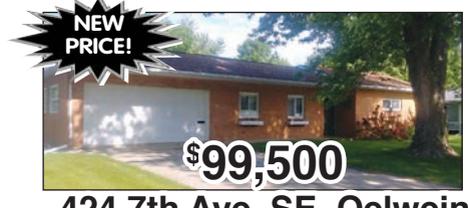


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