

## Annual breakfast is Sunday, March 2 at Grumpy's

The Readlyn Firefighter's Association is hosting its annual breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 2, at Grumpy's Event Center, downtown Readlyn, with serving from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The free-will donation breakfast will include scrambled eggs, smoked sausage patties, rinderwurst, French toast, cinnamon rolls, toast, juice, coffee and milk. All proceeds will benefit the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department.

All are welcomed to attend!

## Blood donors are community heroes

JOHNSTON, IOWA — It takes less than one hour to donate blood and in that one hour, blood donors will do more than most will do in a lifetime — they will save lives.

Just one blood donation will help save the lives of up to three different hospital patients in your community.

Every two seconds, someone in our country needs blood.

You can pay it forward by giving a lifesaving donation and be a community hero. Schedule your appointment at an upcoming blood drive:

- Denver/Readlyn Communities Blood Drive, March 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Denver Community Center (100 Washington Street).

- Sumner Community Blood Drive, March 4 from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Sumner Legion Hall (113 East 1st Street).

- Tripoli High School Blood Drive, March 13 from 1-5:30 p.m. in the High School Gym at 209 8th Ave SW.

- Waverly Community Blood Drive, March 19 from 12:30-6 p.m. at the Waverly Area Veterans Post (1300 4th St. NW).

- Sumner-Fredericksburg High School Blood Drive, March 26 from 12:30-6 p.m. in the High School Gym at 802 West 6th Street.

To schedule your appointment, call 800.287.4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).

LifeServe Blood Center is a non-profit, community-based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in our regions since 1947. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe provides blood products to 175 hospitals primarily in Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Illinois. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply for hospitals and patients. Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend or family member, or a stranger on the street. YOU make a difference in YOUR community. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800.287.4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).

## Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department: A Century of Growth, Service, and Community

From a small rural community to a bustling hub of fire protection and emergency response, the history of the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department is a remarkable journey. Founded in the early 1900s, the department has grown alongside the town itself, adapting to the needs of an evolving community while staying true to its roots of service, dedication, and resilience.

### A Humble Beginning

In 1903, as the railroad system expanded and crops flourished in Maxwell Township, residents of a small area began to call their community "Readlyn." The name stuck, and in 1904, a vote was held to officially establish the town. All 29 ballots cast were in favor of creating a new municipality, and Readlyn became an official town.

But just a few years later, in 1912, a devastating fire swept through Readlyn, destroying much of the business district that had been carefully built in those early years. The fire left the town's residents shaken, but they were quick to take action. Recognizing the need for better fire protection, the citizens rallied together to raise funds for a pumping station. In 1913, a bond for \$6,000 was approved by a strong majority—91 votes in favor, and only 6 against. Soon after, the town rebuilt Main Street and constructed a concrete-block pump station, which would also serve as the town council room, jail and eventually a library. That very building, still standing



Photo at top: Main Street in 1909, before the fire station was constructed. The bottom photo shows the aftermath of the fire of 1912. Estimated value of loss was \$100,000 which would be approximately \$3,253,659 today.

today, is home to the Readlyn Fire Department and Readlyn EMS.

### The Early Years: Volunteers and Innovation

In the wake of the 1912 fire, the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department was formally established with just 12 members. Initially, the fire protection equipment was basic—consisting of a fire bell for alarms and a two-wheeled chemical engine that had to be pulled by hand. During the 1912 fire, residents used anything they could—buckets, tubs, and private wells—to help fight

the flames. It was a true community effort that saved the town from further destruction.

In September 1913, the Readlyn Town Council officially recognized the newly formed fire department, which began meeting regularly to organize and train. Firefighting tools were limited, but the department's resolve was strong. By the end of that year, the department had accumulated essential equipment, including a hose cart, ladders, nozzles, and fire hooks. Fundraisers, like the Fireman's Benefit Dance held in December 1913, helped sustain the department and maintain the equipment.

### Growth and Evolution: Responding to the Community's Needs

Over the decades, Readlyn's growth and the increasing demands for better fire protection led to significant upgrades. The early equipment, like the two-wheeled chemical engine, became obsolete, and the fire department began modernizing to meet the needs of an expanding community.

In the 1940s, recognizing the need to respond to fires in the rural areas surrounding Readlyn, the community raised funds to purchase a larger, more capable truck. The department's first community truck, a 500-gallon pumper on a Ford chassis, was delivered in 1946. This truck became a crucial resource, responding to both town and rural fires, saving countless properties and lives. This very truck is still driven in local parades and events during the year even though it has been retired from fighting fires.

The fire station does not just house the fire department, since 1989 the station has also been the home to Readlyn EMS. In 1989, the Readlyn First Responders was established. The Readlyn First Responders is now known as Readlyn EMS, the team operates with a roster of 14 volunteers, responding to medical emergencies in the town and surrounding areas via ambulance and personal vehicles.

### A Century of Service

Now, more than 100 years since the founding of the fire department, Readlyn's fire and emergency services have grown tremendously. The department currently has 25 active volunteers and operates a modern fleet of equipment, including two pumper trucks, two tanker trucks, one wildland fire truck, and a UTV for rural response. They are equipped with state-of-the-art tools like air compressor systems for hazardous situations, a backup generator for power outages, and specialized equipment for hazardous material and tactical responses.

The department's growth isn't just in its equipment; it's in its people. The members of



Currently, the fire department has 25 active volunteers.



The current line up of vehicles minus the grass truck and UTV.



Due to the lack of space, training is conducted down Main Street (above left). This makes it quite complicated if an emergency call were to happen. Plans for the new building allows the department to train and avoid traffic. Office space (above right) is used for regular meetings, county level meetings and more. The current office is quite congested when we have events inside. The new design will better utilize the space and allow for more functional meeting and trainings to be conducted.





# Grump's Grumblings

By Bonnie Wittenburg, 2024 Grump

Today, the Grump slides in under the timeline to deliver you this month's column.

Valentine's Day just passed and my beautiful flowers are at their prime. This year I spent Valentine's Day away from my husband. He said he sure missed me. And I am sure AT the commercial, he will tell me again.

Readlyn seems quiet during the cold winter months. But there was the Super Bowl. Did you think it was a good game? Friends and food are always good. I made pan-fried chicken gizzards! Not a hit with everyone.

Had a tough month in some ways - the flu followed by one thing then another and another. I finally think I can say I am past all that! Husband is still working on it. Man, it sticks around.

As my large family all get old-

er, it seems there is always some concern. But I am filled with gratitude to be blessed with so many good times. As a Community Club officer, I am in on plans, ideas and wishes for this year's Grump Days. I will be handing over my title to the next Smiling Grump. The Readlyn Community Club has their ears open for ideas and anyone wanting to help. Help isn't always physical. Join us sometime. We have built great friendships through this club. Can you have too many people as friends?

This week is going to be our coldest we have had for a long time. For me, 10 below or 20 below, cold is cold. Time to make soup and maybe bake. It makes the house seem warmer.

So folks, stay warm and happy. See you when it warms up.

Grump Bonnie



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Jaylin May

Hello, Readlyn!!

Well, the groundhog was supposedly not done with winter yet, as he announced he wanted six more weeks of winter on Groundhog Day. Which we sure have gotten quite the wintry mixes over the past month or so. Some days we have in the upper 40s, but then we drop down to the negative temperatures again.

For school we've had a couple of snow days, but we have to go virtual so that we can count towards a day of school. Shockingly, we haven't had that much snow compared to other years, which we are lucky to have.

As I am writing this article, basketball season is still going on, but by the time this article is released, we will be entering the postseason, so our season could go any way from there. I'm hoping we can make it far in the regional bracket though, so we can keep going with our season. At the end of our regular season, we played some pretty tough and ranked teams like AP, Jesup, Hudson, and Grundy that we took losses to, but they were all pretty close games and we stuck with them for most of the time. Which is good in our favor, since we are going into the postseason, and we are going to need to stick with those bigger teams to make it more of an opportunity for us. Luckily, we had a good enough record that we got a first round bye in the regional bracket! In the second round, we traveled to MFL

MarMac where we faced the Bulldogs. Like I said, we haven't played them yet in the time period that I am writing this article, so I have no idea how the game turned out. Hopefully, we win though! Senior night was February 4 against Jesup. It was a very fun night as the four seniors got announced before the game with our parents where we received wonderful gifts from our team. I had the honor of designing the senior shirts as well, so it was cool to see the families, friends, and fans of the team wearing the shirts in the crowd.

Musical rehearsal has been on a roll as we have learned music to quite a few songs, put in some choreography to some dances, and even added some blocking (talking and scenes) to the stage already. We have been making really good progress on the show and it's always so fun to watch it come to life. I'd also like to mention that my youngest brother, Justice, is doing the musical this year as well. This will be the only year that we will be doing a musical together since he is a 7th grader and I'm a senior, which I think is pretty cool how we get one musical together!

Only three more months until graduation!! I keep counting down the days and it's starting to feel more real and exciting! I hope that everyone stays warm and healthy and had a wonderful Valentine's Day spent with loved ones!

-Jaylin May



**Jonathan Smiley, D.M.D**

**NEW LOCATION:**  
123 2nd St. SW  
Waverly, IA 50677  
319-352-2270  
SmileyFamilyDentistry.com

**New patients welcome!**  
Proud to continue Dr. Rettig's tradition of excellent dental care.

Fettkether Fertilizer Co., LLC  
fettfarm@dunkerton.net



Dunkerton, IA  
**319-404-0064**

Specializing in starter fertilizer mixes, bulk UAN, Crop Chemicals, Seed & Planter Equipment

**Readlyn Area Housing**  
**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**

**62 years of age or older, handicapped/disabled regardless of age**

- Very Low or Low-Income Families • One or Two Bedrooms - Ground Level
- Stove & Refrigerator Furnished • Laundry Facilities On Site
- All Electric Units with Thermostat in Each Room
- Ample Closet Space • Rent Based on Income

**For More Information Contact**  
KarTay Apartment Management 319-334-7110

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider.



**BE THE ENVY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Lawn Application offerings:

- ✓ Weed Control and Fertilization
- ✓ Pest Control
- ✓ Landscape Maintenance
- ✓ Landscape Design/Build

**319-404-9133**  
Ask for Zach Kuhlmann or Matt Wells  
— or scan the QR code to get a quote >



**BOOK TODAY!**

[www.wellshollowlandscaping.com](http://www.wellshollowlandscaping.com)

**Dillon Law Office, PC**  
**Patrick B. Dillon**  
209 East 1st Street, Sumner • patdillon@50674law.com  
**563-578-1850**

General practice including but not limited to:  
Agricultural law • Taxation & Tax Preparation  
• Estate Planning • Bankruptcy  
[www.50674law.com](http://www.50674law.com)




**David R. Wheeler**  
8234 E. Marquis Rd., Fairbank, IA  
(319) 230-1029





Happy 90th Birthday!

Verdeen Pavelec will celebrate her 90th birthday with a card shower. She was born March 16, 1935 in Buck Creek, Iowa...

Her family includes four children: Larry (Vicki) Pavelec, Readlyn, Steven (Sheryl) Pavelec, New Hartford, Kathleen (Robert) Thiele, Waterloo...

Cards may be sent to Verdeen Pavelec, Unit 17 121 Bremer Ave., Denver, Iowa 50622.

Pepper Tournament planned for March 1

The pepper tournament was held on February 1 at Grumpy's. There were 10 players participating with prizes going to: 1st: Mary Chapin and Grace Kuethe - 201...

Thank you for playing. The next pepper tournament will be on Saturday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's.

College News

Central College Dean's List

PELLA, IA -- Central College recognized 411 students named to the Fall 2024 dean's list.

Gunner Meyer, Class of 2026, from Fairbank was named to the list.

The honor is awarded to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

Hawkeye Community College Announces Dec. 2024 Grads

WATERLOO--The following are Hawkeye Community College fall semester graduates and their programs of study.

Fairbank: Hailey Eitzenhefer, Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts, and Dayton Jergens, certificate, CNC Machine Operator.

Morningside Dean's List

SIOUX CITY, Iowa - Morningside University has announced the 475 students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

Named to the list from Readlyn was Lily Schwickerath.

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-."

See more College News on Page 11

Senior Citizens meet at Tripoli bowling alley

On January 15, 20 members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli bowling alley in Tripoli, IA.

Judy Leistikow led the group in a prayer before our meal and meeting. The meeting was then called to order by Judy Leistikow.

The birthdays celebrated for the month of January were Shirley Kuker and Wilda Albrecht. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$61.00.

The secretary's minutes for December 18, 2024 were read by Lois Thacher.

Maryls Deterding made a motion to approve the treasurer's and secretary's reports as read. Larry Ladage seconded it. Motion carried. Old Business: No old business.

New Business

Grump Days is scheduled for June 13, 14 and 15 (the church service in the park).

The group will have their Valentine Party at the next meeting on February 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Panther Lanes in Tripoli.

Janet Ladage made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Wilda Albrecht seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

Readlyn Chronicle from 1936 was full of campaign ads

Pages from the 1936 Readlyn Chronicle, entitled the "Campaign Issue," were found in the time capsule at the Bremer

County Courthouse recently. The front page was in the Dec. 25 issue and page 2 was in the Jan. 29 issue of the

Chronicle. Page 3 is shown below. The Chronicle will continue to publish pages in upcoming months.





# Readlyn Community Library

**WE PUT THE READ IN READLYN**

Beth Kingdon - Library Director



Phone and Fax: 319-279-3432 Email: readlynlib@gmail.com Website: www.readlyn.lib.ia.us Text: 319-253-6802

### Memorial Donations

In Memory of Shane Buhr  
from Dean and Lois Buhr

In Memory of Amos Zander  
from Roger and Connie Buhr



We're hiring a part-time library aide. Stop by or contact the library for more information!



**FREE  
HOMEWORK  
HELP!**

Winter is here, but your grades don't have to freeze! Stay warm and stay on top of your studies with Brainfuse HelpNow.

Visit <https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us/> and then click on Resources. HelpNow offers a variety of tutoring and learning options, while VetNow and JobNow offer services for adult learners and veterans. Best of all, it's FREE!

### SERVICES

- Fax/Print/Scan
- Conference Room
- Test Proctoring
- Interlibrary Loans
- Internet/WiFi/3D Printing
- Notary Public/Basic Graphic Design/ZOOM Meeting Access

The Bremer County Health Department holds Foot Clinics on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Call 319.352.0082 to make an appointment.

### HOURS

- Mon - 10am - 7pm
- Tue - 10am - 5 pm
- Wed - 10am - 5pm
- Thurs - 10am - 7pm
- Fri - 10am - 5 pm
- Sat - 9am - 12pm
- Sun - Closed

## LOST HISTORY OF BREMER COUNTY PROGRAM - READLYN LIBRARY - WED. FEB 26. 2:00



Author and historian Linda McCann will share some of the fascinating history of our area, from 'lost towns' to the Cedar Valley rail service, to the Prohibition era. Please join us for this informative and entertaining event, then walk over to the **Readlyn Historical Society** afterward to view their collection!





CLS students sang the hymn "As With Gladness Men of Old" at St. Paul on February 9! Glory be to God!

See more CLS News on Page 9



Congratulations to the Community Lutheran School's Wildcat basketball team and coaches on a successful and exciting basketball season playing other 5th and 6th grade teams from other area towns! Go Wildcats!

## Obituary

**Laurie Ann Brunscheon**, 65, of Readlyn, IA, passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 5 2025, at her home in Readlyn after an over 21-year battle with breast cancer.



Laurie was born on September 27, 1959, in Little Falls, MN. She was the daughter of Fred and Ethel (Dahmen) Karpinski. She grew up on a farm in rural Minnesota and was the second of six siblings. She was raised in a Catholic family, and was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Flensburg, MN. She graduated from Little Falls Community High School in 1977.

After high school, she moved to Minneapolis to pursue a career in the city. She received an AA Liberal Arts degree from North Hennepin Community College by going to night school while working full-time. She lived in the Minneapolis metro area for 15 years and worked in marketing for International Multifoods Corporation. While working in the Supersweet Feeds division, she met her husband, Jeff on a business trip. In 1992, Laurie moved to Readlyn, IA to be with him and his family. They were united in marriage in August of 1993 at Zion Lutheran Church.

Laurie had a successful career in Minneapolis and after she moved, she worked in Iowa until 2003 when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer. She then became a stay-at-home mom, fighting her illness and raising two children. She went back to working part-time in 2010 until she retired in 2023. Laurie was a perfectionist who loved keeping her home in order. She loved watching TV, going on trips with her husband and family, and her absolute favorite

"doing nothing." She was the first to volunteer to do the task, even when she didn't know how. This included teaching Sunday School, being a chaperone on school trips, running costumes for musicals at the high school, and more. She was an excellent cook and was fiercely loyal to her family. Her love was felt by everyone who was surrounded by her.

Laurie is survived by her husband, Jeff Brunscheon of Readlyn, IA; three sons: Matt (Kelli) Brunscheon of Sumner, IA; Keith (Tanya) Brunscheon of Readlyn, IA; Tanner (Sydney) Brunscheon of Bloomington, MN; and one daughter, Cassidy Brunscheon of Edina, MN. She is survived by five grandchildren: Tessa, Lexi, Dusty, Jackson, and Reed; and her mother-in-law, Joan (Vogt) Matthias of Readlyn, IA. She is also survived by three brothers: Dan (Sheryl) Karpinski of Sauk Rapids, MN; Jim (Terry) Karpinski of Blaine, MN; and AJ (Andrene) Karpinski of Brainerd, MN; two sisters: Cheryl (Mitch) Haeny of Sauk Rapids, MN; and Sue (Tim) Zipoy of Kimball, MN; and two brothers-in-law: Danny (Deb) Brunscheon of Readlyn, IA; and Ronnie Brunscheon of Readlyn, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Joel Karpinski; her fathers-in-law, Arnold Brunscheon and Stanley Matthias; and two stepsons, Dusty Brunscheon and Bryce Brunscheon.

A visitation was held on Friday, February 14, 2025 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 15 at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. The service was livestreamed on Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page. Burial was held in Zion's Cemetery in Readlyn after the funeral. Luncheon will follow the burial. Memorials may be directed to the Readlyn Emergency Services fund or The American Cancer Society.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes in Readlyn assisted the family,

**WE NEED YOU!** **READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP** Only **\$30** per year

**JOIN US TODAY!**

VENMO CODE

OR

**MAIL TO:**  
**READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB**  
**P.O. BOX 34**  
**READLYN, IA 50668**

*How to get involved:*

- Sponsor an event
- Volunteer to help at events
- Attend meetings (Announced in the minutes in the Chronicle.)

**The mission of the Readlyn Community Club is to provide a variety of events to enhance the lives of our residents. We welcome you to be a part of the RCC.**

**STOKES WELDING**

Find us on Facebook

www.stokeswelding.com

**Services:**  
**Custom Welding**  
**Power Equipment**  
**Hydraulic Hoses**

**STIHL TORO**

**412 7th Street, Janesville**  
**(319) 987-2801 • Cell: (319) 230-7770**  
 email: shop@stokeswelding.com

**Readlyn Firefighter's Association Annual Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 2, 2025  
 Grumpy's Event Center, Main St., Readlyn, Iowa  
 Serving 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 (Take-outs Available)

**Menu:** Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage Patties, Rinderwurst, French Toast, Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Milk.

**Free-will Donation at Door**

All proceeds will be used towards funding the betterment of The Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department

*"Thank you for your continued support — it is greatly appreciated!"*

Readlyn Firefighter's Association: 501c3  
 Non-profit Organization est. 2012

**GINGERICH**

**Roofing Solutions**

Metal • Flat • Roof Coating • Outbuildings  
 Siding • Pole Buildings

**CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE**

**319.505.3938**

1501 Fairbank Amish Blvd.  
 Hazleton, IA 50641



**KAISER CORSON Funeral Homes, Inc.**

[www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com)

205 Highland Avenue, Readlyn, Iowa 50668  
**(319) 279-3551**



**Paul Smith**  
 319-269-0952  
 1417 Whitetail Ave., Sumner  
 smith.x.inc@gmail.com

- GPS Grade Control Tiling
- Onsite Concrete Crushing
- Site Preparation
- Septic Systems
- Waterlines
- Demolition
- Waterways
- Excavation
- Drainage

**Build Confidence.**  
**Build Wealth.**  
 I can help.



**Create something that your future self will thank you for.**  
 Like prioritizing your financial goals. Putting together a financial plan and investment strategy today can help you achieve your dreams tomorrow.  
**Let's get started.**



**David C. Matthias**  
 2018 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA  
 319-415-5989  
 davidmatthias.fbfsagents.com



Securities & services offered through FBL Marketing Services, LLC,\* 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877/860-2904, Member SIPC. Advisory services offered through FBL Wealth Management, LLC,\* Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company,\*\* Western Agricultural Insurance Company,\*\* Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company\*\*/West Des Moines, IA. \*Affiliates. \*\*Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. PR-WMA-A (8-21)

**Hillcrest Living**  
*Friendly. Trusted. Proven.*



**Three levels of care that are:**  
 -all on the same campus, under the same roof  
 -adjacent to Community Memorial Hospital (UnityPoint Health)



**HILLCREST LIVING**  
 Terrace Assisted Living • Hillcrest Skilled Care Nursing  
 Southview Apartments

915 W. First St., Sumner • 563-578-8591 • [www.hillcrestsumner.com](http://www.hillcrestsumner.com)



**RTC Communications**

**RTC Communications offers many services to its customers:**

- Internet, Cable TV & Phone Service
- Managed Wifi Service
- Secure-It Antivirus Protection
- Medical Monitoring Devices
- Complete Property Wifi Connections
- Friendly Hometown Customer Service

121 Main St. PO Box 159 | Readlyn, Iowa 50668 | [www.readlyntelco.com](http://www.readlyntelco.com)  
 csr@readlyntelco.com | 319-279-3375



# Readlyn Community Club firms up plans for Grump Days 2025

The Readlyn Community Club met Feb. 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Readlyn Library.

Present were Michelle and Ed Harrington, Louie and Ron Hartman, Tiffany Matthias, Bonnie Wittenburg, LaVerne and Judy Leistikow, John Galyean, and Pat Wehr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Michelle.

Secretary's report was emailed to members Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Moved by Louie and seconded by Tiffany to accept the minutes; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented. Moved by Bonnie and seconded by Ed to approve the report; passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- Cans continue to do well.
- Membership renewal
  - o One page letter.
  - o Can drop off at the bank or library.
  - o Bright paper to catch people's eyes.
  - o Target date – March
  - o Sub-committee Louie, Michelle, Marie, Bonnie, and Pat
- CAPS - Jordan and Louie met and Jessica will work with CAPS regarding the Easter Egg Hunt and garage sales.

### New Business:

- Easter event is planned for April 19. Jess Anderson will be heading up this event:
  - o Readlyn Royalty has been contacted.
  - o Bonnie has the bunny costume.
  - o Ed will be gone, but he will train someone to do the sound system.
- Changing our annual meeting to a picnic in the park this year.

### Grump Days June 13-15, 2025

- We need a theme for this year: Happy Kids = Happy Readlyn type idea.
- Grumpy's is on board for this year's event.
- Fireworks are booked.

• Lyn Ott is heading up the Vendor Fair again; port-a-potty in the middle for them.

- Nick Kuker will be taking care of food vendors and port-a-potties.
- Louie & Ron Hartman – parade
- Bruce Piehl Spike Ball.
- Flying Gorilla will be playing 7:00-?
- Kira Stover - Kids in the Park
- We need the sale of wristbands closer.
- We need volunteers monitoring the wristbands.
- Kira is communicating with H&H Rides regarding inflatables; supervision is a separate fee @ \$35 per hour per operator. She is waiting to hear from the second inflatable company.

• Red Rock Farms has us penciled in @ \$100 per hour. They will contact Kira this week regarding staffing the zoo.

• Ed Harrington - sound system, t-shirts, and theme.

• Eric Johnston emcee and minnow races confirmed.

• Kelly Shores will have a concession stand open for fireworks and reach out to Danny Adams about ball tournaments.

• Cotton Candy- Michelle will ask Jeremy.

• Hurling Hatchets

• Ron will ask Sumner about the planks needed.

• Triathlon
 

- o Park with exercise bikes, wading pool, and someone taking \$.
- o Shotgun start.
- o \$30 with nice shirts ordered ahead of time and a ticket.

• Bloody Mary at the bar. Show your ticket and they have a banquet of things you can put into your Bloody Mary. You get a red Solo cup with vodka and ice in it.

• Grump shirts will be ordered on-line with the option of having a board member order them.

• Face Painting – Michelle will contact the art teacher, Jaquelin Faust.

• Balloon Man
 

- o Ron and Judy Leistikow will sponsor Friday and he is booked.
- o He is available Saturday if someone else would like to sponsor him. (I'll call Ron. I texted him.)

• Bingo sponsored and run by Ron and Judy; they will probably extend it ½ an hour.

• 50/50 is a go.

• Koozies – Hailey will be in charge.

• Tent
 

- o Celebrations is closing
- o Even Events and Rentals would like to be a sponsor, 40' x 100' tent, lights, and sidewalls at a great price.

• Will bring the tent Thursday and take it down Monday.

• Contract is signed for this year.

• Miss Readlyn
 

- Jim has agreed to do the luncheon.
- In March, the high school will be contacted and letters will be sent to possible candidates via snail mail.

• L'il Grumpsters
 

- o Michelle will be in charge.
- o Tiffany will do sashes and for queen.

• Shopkopf: Pat texted Deanne Leistikow. She will be out of town.

• Sandbox - \$250 in prizes by the bank.

• Trash cans – John will get the bags again.

Tiffany moved and Bonnie seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Next meeting is March 5, 2025, at the library. Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wehr, secretary

## Save the date for Bremer County Master Gardener program March 17



Bremer County Master Gardeners and Friends would like to invite and welcome the public to join us on Monday evening, March 17, at the Bremer County Extension Office located at 720 7th Ave. SW, Tripoli, Iowa.

"What's New for Gardening in 2025"

presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. by Keith Kovarik, owner of K and K Gardens in Hawkeye, followed by our March meeting at 7:00 p.m.

For presentation and meeting details contact: Pam Wolter (319) 231-0541. Join us on Facebook at "Master Gardeners and Friends."

To learn more about the Iowa State University Master Gardener Program contact Ron Lenth, Bremer County Extension Office, (319) 882-4275. Online as well as in-person Master Gardener classes for the Spring Session 2025 are scheduled for Feb 24-May 2.

**Deadline for the March 26 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., March 13 at 5 PM - Send news to ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com**

Owner  
Jon Elsamiller

101 39th St. NE  
Waverly, IA 319-352-3917

Electrical Wiring of all Types:  
Commercial  
Residential  
Farm  
Industrial

**Elsamiller Electric Co.**

www.elsamillerelectric.com

"Family owned and operated since 1983"

**PIONEER**  
BRAND · PRODUCTS

**Spring Center Farm**  
Dean Buhr & Kyle Devoe  
2034 Vintage Ave., Sumner, IA 50674  
(319) 240-2432

**Tripoli Nursing & Rehab**  
Creating Family, Enhancing Lives

Tripoli Nursing & Rehab is a non-profit 28 licensed bed long-term care setting certified by Medicare and Medicaid. We are committed to providing excellent care and support to residents, families, the community and our employees. We provide skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapy services, continuous nursing care, social services and activity programs designed to meet various types of individual needs.

**Independently Owned & Operated**  
**Tripoli Nursing & Rehab**  
604 3rd Street SW, Tripoli, IA 50676  
319-882-4269  
trnuhome@butler-bremer.com

MEMBER FDIC

**FIRSTBANK**  
Serving You First

Cedar Falls | Plainfield | Waverly

www.FirstIowa.bank

Send news to the *Chronicle*: **ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com**



**Tatroe  
ELECTRIC, INC.**

215 3rd St. NE, Waverly, IA • 319-352-3664  
[www.tatroelectric.com](http://www.tatroelectric.com)



**SECURITY  
State Bank**

PO Box B, 103 3rd St., Frederika, IA 50631  
(319) 275-4301  
or 1-800-428-5808



**QUALITY DISTRIBUTORS**



1508 190th Street  
Waverly, IA

*Seth Walker*  
CELL 319-352-1619

*Tyler Hemer*  
CELL 319-269-7675

Crop Protection  
Custom Application  
Third Party Agronomy  
Chemical & Fertilizer Sales  
& Trucking

**Ready to find your new home?**  
I'm here to connect you to life's next chapter!



Wendy Stromer-Mohlis, Realtor  
Cell: (319) 269-5089  
wendymohlis@gmail.com  
300 S. State Street, Denver, IA



Born and raised in  
Bremer county!



**STUMME, COLLINS,  
GRITTERS & EPLEY, PLLC**



303 1st Ave. NE  
Waverly, IA 50677  
319-352-1637

171 E. Main St.  
Denver, IA 50622  
319-984-5479

[www.waverlydenverlaw.com](http://www.waverlydenverlaw.com)



**TruServe  
INSURANCE GROUP**

*We are DRIVEN to help you SUCCEED*  
Providing: Commercial and Trucking For-Hire coverages to our clients.

125 W. 1st St., Readlyn, IA 50668  
319-238-7775 • 877-418-3090 (Toll Free)  
[www.truserveins.com](http://www.truserveins.com)



INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS INC.  
**VANDAELE INSURANCE, INC.**  
greatrates@vandaeleins.com  
For all your insurance needs.

Farm • Home • Auto • Commercial  
Crop • Health Insurance

119 E. Main Street • PO Box 467 • Fairbank, IA 50629  
**319-635-2526 • Fax: 319-635-2162**

**Trusted Accounting  
Services**  
for Individuals & Businesses



**Jeffrey F. Arians, CPA**  
Quality Accounting Services  
1002 Broadway Street  
Waterloo, IA 50703  
319-234-2813  
[www.qasiowa.com](http://www.qasiowa.com)

Being prepared with the right insurance for your farm and crop matters.

Call us to talk to one of our experienced AgriBusiness Advisors today at 319.483.4854 or visit our website at [acceladvantage.com](http://acceladvantage.com).







# News from Community Lutheran School



CLS and St. Paul's Latimar competed in a Science Fair at CLS on January 24. Thank you to all of the students who participated and to the parents, teachers, and staff who made this day possible! Above are just a few of the participants.

## NATIONAL School Choice WEEK

We love our school! We are blessed to have a choice in providing quality education with Christ at the center of our learning!



**Pizza Ranch**

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**WED, FEBRUARY 26TH**  
**AT PIZZA RANCH**  
WAVERLY, IOWA

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A FAMILY PIZZA DINNER!

**5 PM**  
THROUGH  
**8 PM**

CLS WILL EARN 10% OF SALES AND ALL TIPS DURING THOSE 3 HOURS.

**Weeds On Fire**

LAWN CARE SERVICES

• FERTILIZING • WEED CONTROL • AERATING • THATCHING • SEEDING • MOWING

CONTACT

DAN WEDEMEIER 319-269-6753  
READLYN, IOWA weeds.onfire@yahoo.com



# Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department: A Century of Growth, Service, Community

*Continued from Page 1*

the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department are highly trained and certified in various emergency response techniques, including CPR and other lifesaving skills. They continue to hold monthly meetings and training sessions to stay ready for any emergency that may arise.

## Outgrowing the Building

For the last 112 years, the Readlyn Fire Department and EMS has operated out of the same building built in 1913. Over the years, it has been expanded and modified, but today, the both services have outgrown the space. The current building no longer meets the needs of the

services, which continues to grow in both size and scope.

The town's fire protection needs have changed dramatically since the days of the hand-pulled chemical engine and fire bell, but the spirit of service and commitment to community has remained constant. As Readlyn continues to evolve, the fire department and EMS is seeking support to expand its facilities and ensure it can continue to serve the community for generations to come.

## Looking Forward



Readlyn's first ever fire truck was this 1946 Ford. The department still uses this to participate in various community events such as the Lighted Parade during Christmas.



Readlyn's first fire-fighting apparatus. This is a chemical extinguisher and had to be pulled by hand or behind a team and wagon. It was used to handle the fire that took place on the west side of Main Street in 1912 that wiped out six businesses.

Readlyn Emergency Services has proudly served the community for over a century, growing and evolving with the needs of the town. However, our current building—dating back to 1913—can no longer adequately support the modern equipment, expanded personnel, and critical services we provide today. With a growing team and increasing demands for fire and emergency medical services, we are outgrowing our space and need a new, larger facility to continue serving the community effectively.

We are asking for your support in raising funds to build a new Emergency Services Building. This new facility will not only provide the space needed for our fire trucks, equipment, and emergency medical services, but it will also ensure that Readlyn can continue to rely on timely

and professional emergency responses for years to come.

Please consider making a donation to help us reach our goal of building a new, facility that will support the safety and well-being of Readlyn's residents, both now and into the future. Every donation, no matter the size, helps bring us closer to our goal. Your support is vital as we work to preserve and enhance the legacy of the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department and Readlyn EMS.

To contribute: mail in donations to P.O. Box 276, Readlyn, IA 50668 or stop by Readlyn Savings Bank to make your donation in person. Together, we can ensure that Readlyn remains a safe, thriving community for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Bremer County Corn Growers discuss a variety of updates affecting farmers

The Bremer County Corn Growers gathered on Wednesday, January 15, in Waverly, Iowa, to discuss key updates affecting the local agricultural community.

One major topic of discussion was the recent changes in the January WAS-DE report. The report lowered the corn yield forecast by 3.4 bushels per acre to 179.3 bushels per acre, which reduced the corn carryout to 1.54 billion bushels. The group also explored the positive outlook for ethanol demand which experienced a

record export year in 2024. This success can be attributed to organizations such as Iowa Corn and the U.S. Grains Council, which are investing checkoff dollars to expand global market opportunities. A significant development includes Japan's recent announcement to switch to an E10 fuel blend by 2030, increasing U.S. corn ethanol demand by 1 billion gallons.

Members also discussed current research projects funded by the Iowa Corn Checkoff. Collectively, these projects represent a market opportunity of 3 billion bushels of corn equivalent when global petroleum demand is converted to corn.

On the local front, the Bremer County Corn Growers announced they will award three \$500 scholarships to local students. Scholarship applications will be released by mail to members of Iowa Corn in Bremer County and will be due April 1. The group is also planning a Young Farmer event scheduled for March.

In a leadership update, Treasurer Jeff Reynolds retired after 20 years of service, with Cody Meister stepping in as the new Treasurer. President Ron Leistikow expressed gratitude to Jeff for his dedication and highlighted the importance of Iowa Corn membership, noting that Bremer County is home to more than 200 Iowa Corn members. Leistikow encouraged continued participation, emphasizing that membership gives farmers a voice at both the state and national levels.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Iowa Corn or have interest in joining the Bremer County Corn Grower's board, please reach out to Nolan Lyness at [nlyness@gmail.com](mailto:nlyness@gmail.com) or (515) 240-3239.

**COMING SOON!**

THANK YOU READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB FOR COORDINATING THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!

**READLYN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH AT 10AM

AGES:  
0-3  
4-5  
6-7  
8-9

In case of inclement weather, back up location will be at the Fire Station.

**MOVING THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY FORWARD.**

At Nutrien, our purpose is to grow our world from the ground up. As the world's largest provider of crop inputs, services and solutions, Nutrien plays a critical role in feeding the future by helping growers increase food production in a sustainable manner.

We're moving our agricultural industry and the world forward – today and for generations to come.

**Nutrien**  
Feeding the Future™

(319) 352-4421  
www.nutrien.com  
3601 E Bremer Ave  
Waverly, IA 50677

**Jennifer Jaschen**  
**Attorney At Law**

4817 University Avenue, Suite D  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
[jaschenlaw@outlook.com](mailto:jaschenlaw@outlook.com)  
Phone: 319-553-3400

*Legal Focus: Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, Estates, & Business Administration.*



# College News

## UNI Names Students to the Fall 2024 Dean's List

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - The University of Northern Iowa is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students each semester by announcing the dean's lists, highlighting the hard work and dedication of students who have excelled in their studies.

Named to the list from Readlyn was Brody Blaylock.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours, with at least one semester hour of graded credit.

## UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 and above in the fall 2024 semester.

Hannah Knight from Readlyn is on the Dean's List. She is studying for her bachelor of science degree in biology and forensic investigation.

## Iowa State University announces fall 2024 Deans List

AMES, Iowa - More than 11,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Dallas Wittenburg of Readlyn, a senior, was named to the list. He is studying for a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

## Central College Scholar Day

PELLA, IA - NASA and the moon landings connected curious minds at Central College where 200 prospective students attended Scholar Days in January and February. These events welcomed admitted students to campus to learn about the college and to earn additional academic scholarships, up to full tuition.

Peyton Curley of Fairbank attended a spring Scholar Day at Central.

Students discussed with faculty and staff the moon landing and the theoretical exploration of the dark side of the moon. Scholarship candidates prepared for the day by learning more about the Apollo project and hearing NASA astronaut, Raja Chari, discuss his experience as an astronaut.

During Scholar Day, participants were interviewed by faculty and invited to discuss how NASA team members embody engaged citizenship and how skills like critical thinking and working collaboratively made space missions possible. The group challenge is designed to showcase students' collaboration, creativity and communication skills.

Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private college known for its active student body, academic rigor and athletics success. Our students learn collaboratively with supportive educators who share a commitment to intellectual engagement, personal growth, career readiness and civic involvement. Founded in 1853 and shaped by its Christian heritage, the college of 1,100 students participates in NCAA Division III athletics and is a member of the American Rivers Conference. Central is an active part of the Greater Des Moines region and just minutes from Lake Red Rock, Iowa's largest lake.

# NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This month I would like to explain a very important part of school finance called the budget guarantee. In Iowa school finance, the budget guarantee is a provision that helps stabilize funding for school districts experiencing declining enrollment. Since Iowa's school funding formula is based on the number of students enrolled, a decline in enrollment can lead to a reduction in a district's budget authority. The budget guarantee ensures that a district's funding does not drop too drastically in a single year by providing a minimum level of allowable growth.

## Key Aspects of the Budget Guarantee

**1. Property Tax Impact** - The budget guarantee is funded entirely through local property taxes, meaning the state does not contribute additional funds to make up for the shortfall. If a district's enrollment decreases, and funding is going to be less than the previous year, the district is automatically put on the budget guarantee. This is often one of the main reasons that property taxes increase.

**2. Board Approval Required** - If a district qualifies for the budget guarantee, its school board must approve a resolution to utilize it.

**3. Temporary Relief** - The budget guarantee is a short-term mechanism to

provide districts time to adjust to lower enrollments, but it does not prevent long-term financial challenges if enrollment continues to decline.

This mechanism is crucial for districts with shrinking student populations, allowing them to manage financial changes more gradually rather than facing sudden and severe budget cuts.


## Enrollment Trends

Enrollment trends, throughout the state, continue to decline in rural areas. At Wapsie Valley, we have seen a decline in enrollment for the past several years. This is due to the resident student numbers decreasing (families are much smaller and families are moving to urban areas for personal and job reasons). I am happy to say that the number of students open enrolled out of the district has declined and the number of students that have open enrolled into the district has increased. Simply put, we don't have as many students living in the WV district as we did 10 years ago.

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and you are enjoying the warmer weather. As always, please let me know if you have questions and thank you for your support! Go Warriors!

Chris Hoover

Wapsie Valley Superintendent



**Tuesday, March 18th, 2025**

Parent-Teacher Conferences Food Truck

Johnny's Southern Grill & Seafood will be selling food from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the high school! Support this small business by purchasing a dinner! This is open to the community.

*Always Family. Always Fresh*  
Nashua, IA



**Security MUTUAL INSURANCE**

PROVIDING POLICY HOLDERS SECURITY & SERVICE FOR OVER 280 YRS

A GRINNELL MUTUAL MEMBER

**319-279-3893**  
**319-267-2035**  
securitymutualins.com

**234 Main Street • Readlyn, IA**



**Parkview ASSISTED LIVING**

Fairbank, Iowa

*Caring For Our Family, One Loving Heart at a Time.*

**Stop in for a tour anytime.**

Check us out on Facebook, or our website [www.fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com](http://www.fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com), or contact us at **319.635.2585**, email: [parkviewassistedliving@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewassistedliving@gmail.com)



**KEN'S ELECTRIC INC.**

**ELECTRICAL • HVAC • SOLAR**

CALL TODAY!  
Generator & HVAC Maintenance Memberships

Ken's Electric Inc.  
**319-208-3382**

For all your HVAC, Geothermal, Electrical, Solar and Generator needs!

Licensed HVAC and Electrical technicians. Certified Generac Service Dealer.





## “Financial Fitness”

WITH ASHLEA (KLEITSCH) JONES

### Let's talk about the hot word of the industry: Fiduciary

....“a person or entity that is legally obligated to act in the best interests of another person or entity.”

The Golden Rule. Easy enough, right?

Iowa is notorious for being the Annuity and Insurance capital of the world and there are a lot of professionals who enter those fields with the intention of helping people and making a good living for themselves. On the surface, that is all fair and well-intended...

I started there too!

Unfortunately, sometimes, the “make a good living for themselves” starts to out-pace the “help people” part, and it can get messy quick.

When I worked in captive sales roles for previous contractors, we would often train on conversational prospecting and being ready to “commercial yourself” should the opportunity arise. If someone asks “what do you do for work?” you would want to quickly describe yourself as a financial professional (because Salesperson sounded too icky).

We could not say we were a “Financial Advisor” “Investment Representative” or “Fiduciary” as we did not have the licensing and the true ability to deliver on what those titles encompass. I always wondered how the differences mattered and thought as long as we were honest and treated people with dignity and respect, it was all kind of the same thing.

#### *Fast forward.*

Almost four years ago, the opportunity to be a true Fiduciary and Financial Advisor with Prime Capital Financial fell into my lap and I started to realize that I didn't even know what I didn't know. I had to start drinking from a firehose and earn more licensing to really wrap my head around what it meant to be held to a true independent fiduciary standard.

Now, after over three years of serving clients in this role, I can fully appreciate that I have to have the entire spectrum of investment line-ups to truly be able to serve my clients according to *their* needs and ambitions. Whatever they need, we can go get it...and if those needs change, we can pivot and adapt.

In my opinion, our investment management team is the best I have seen (you can hear directly from them on our Prime Capital Financial YouTube page!), our leadership is constantly seeking and vetting improvements to our client centric approach, and my team of Fiduciary Financial Advisors (Joe Harrish, Taylor Yaw, and I) keep a very high standard of service. We serve our clients the right way for the right reasons, by keeping their financial goals in focus, and doing what is in their best interest.

The ability to work with a Fee-Based Independent Fiduciary means we meet you where you are, we talk about where you want to be, and we fill the gaps with the necessary tools to get there.

That's it. No pressure. No pushiness. No “act now!”, etc.

Just a team working together to identify your ambitions and help you find the most efficient path to get there. All that is left is to take an honest look at whether or not *your* investments are aligned with *your* ambitions. If not, take the time to gather your thoughts and let a fiduciary give you an independent second opinion.

When our people are more financially confident, our communities, country, and world are too.

#### Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones

Financial Advisor  
Prime Capital Financial  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
pciacedarrapids.com  
(319) 269-7143



Scan Here to Learn  
More About Me!







## Readlyn Outdoors

### “The Shed Antler”

By Eric Johnston

ejohnston@mossyoakprostaff.com

It’s mid-winter and I’ve been getting some ice fishing in and coaching Wapsie Valley Archery, but, as we move towards late winter, I’ll be getting out into the timber to participate in another of my favorite winter time activities — shed antler hunting! This month, I’ll break down how I look for the elusive shed antler.

I still remember every detail of my first shed antler find. Although I was only thirteen or fourteen years old, I was on a mission to figure out how to find shed antlers on the property we deer hunted. I had been watching VHS videos, (yes I said VHS) by Drury Outdoors, and on their videos they always spoke of finding shed antlers to help them figure out the bucks they hunted. My Dad and I started hunting them; it was something we could learn together as my Dad had never shed hunted either even with all of his years of deer hunting experience at that time.

We started out walking deer trails and would put on literally miles of walking without finding so much as an old deer skull. We hunted many weekends that late winter and couldn’t find any. It became very frustrating, but made me more determined than ever. I started going after school by myself searching.

Then, late that shed season, I was hunting a local public hunting ground. I searched hard that afternoon and came upon a thick deer bedding area. I searched every part of it and started to follow a deer

trail leading out of it along a steep river bank. As I neared the top of the steep hill, I noticed little white tips sticking up out of the late winter dead grass. I ran the rest of the way up the hill to my first ever shed find!!!

I was so excited I rode my bike home as fast as I could and ran in the house and showed my mom. “Mom, I finally found one!!” I said, excitedly waving it in front of her. I could tell she wasn’t nearly as excited as I was, but, as always, she was happy I had accomplished a goal I had worked hard at. I immediately called my Dad and, if I remember correctly, he had to tell me to slow down a couple times. I relayed the story to him and we were both excited!

What I didn’t realize at the time was that little four-point shed had unlocked many more sheds over the years. When I sat back and thought about how I had found that shed, the puzzle started to come together.

First off, let’s talk about the time frame to productively look for sheds. That first year, we started about mid-January. That was our first mistake. While some bucks have started to shed, most haven’t. We started too soon that year and essentially spooked a lot of bucks out of our area before they had dropped their antlers.

Now as the years have passed, I’ve narrowed the window down to between about mid-February to mid to late March. I had some trail cameras out last winter that showed a few bucks still carrying their antlers as late as April 1. While that’s rare, it can happen. So, I try to keep my



hours spent each shed season within that window.

What a lot of folks don’t realize is antlers typically drop with the amount of daylight changing or photoperiodism. Animals’ clocks all run by photoperiodism, and cold weather and stress on deer can make them drop earlier or later. That window I gave is a good one to follow. You may want to adjust that time frame slightly if areas you shed hunt have pressure from other hunters. You’ll want to be the first one out, but be mindful of intrusion on the deer and work hard to not spook them out of the area.

Next, let’s talk about the most productive areas to shed hunt. What I like to do is, first, find out what fields the deer have been using the most over the winter to feed. I’ll watch from a distance in the late afternoon to see where the deer have been herded up. Once I find that, I’ll begin the process.

I’ll start by combing the fields first. The nice thing about hunting a field is a lot of times you can spot them from a distance. I’ll basically grid search the field where I find the most tracks and deer sign. Once I’ve checked the field, I’ll start to walk the fence line where they enter the field. A lot of antlers get jarred loose when a buck jumps the fence, so fence lines are very productive places to look.

Then I will plunge into the bedding areas. When I say bedding area, I’m talking the thickest part of the timber you are hunting. Search until you find spots the deer have been bedding. If you have a bedding area on a south-facing slope, those are very productive areas as bucks will bed up in these areas and take advantage of the winter sun.

The biggest tip to finding shed antlers is think about where a deer will spend a lot of time, which is typically the food source and the bedding areas. One bonus to shed hunting, and what the Drurys were relaying to me on those VHS tapes, was late-winter is a great time of year to scout for the next fall.

As the snow melts, all of the deer sign from last fall is once again visible and has been preserved so to speak. You can now follow that deer trail or plunge into a bedding area you were once afraid to last fall because you didn’t want to spook deer out of the area. You can use this time to solve the puzzles you had the season before. And when you find a shed, you know that buck made it through the seasons.

So as we roll into mid-February, lace up the boots and start putting some time in. And with these tips you should be successful in finding some sheds. It’s also great exercise!

Until next time, Get Outdoors!



**Troy A. Delagardelle, AAMS®**  
Financial Advisor  
4901 University Ave - Suite B  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613  
319.277.4446

Member SIPC

Contact me today. >

**Edward Jones**



**TOWN & COUNTRY**  
REAL ESTATE

Connie Rochford, Broker  
215 N. Railroad, Sumner, IA  
**563-578-8899**  
www.towncountryhome.com

Agents:



Louie Hartman  
319-239-0533



Gary Guether  
319-415-9874



Christopher Tibbott  
319-404-9435

**Serving the needs of our communities is important to us!**



### Wapsie Valley School Board - Jan. 20, 2025

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Meeting January 20, 2025  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order @ 6:31 p.m.  
 A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, & Wolfe-Declare quorum Sauerbrei (excused) B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt & Principals- Murphy, & Forsyth. Myers (excused)  
 C. Others: Vaughn Gross  
 2. Moved by Aiello, seconded by Kaufman ap-

proved the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
 3. Public Comment: None  
 4. Moved by Aiello, seconded by Kaufman to table the additional HVAC unit, and FCS units as more information is needed as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
 5. Consent Items: - Moved by Kaufman, seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Adam Kaufman, & Neal & Molly Finder request to open enroll their kindergarten son into Wapsie Valley from Sumner-Fredericksburg effective the 25-26 school year. OUT - Melissa Sander

request to open enroll her 9th-grade daughter in Iowa Connections Academy effective immediately. Kristen Dvorak request to open enroll her 10th-grade daughter in Sumner-Fredericksburg after a move into the WV District effective December 16, 2024, as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
 6. Communication & Reports: Board: Mr. Kaufman asked if Mr. Murphy had a copy of The Anxious Generation book he could read.  
 Superintendent Hoover: report includes Readlyn Geothermal, JH/HS HVAC, Oath of Office, Football Field & Track Project, Staffing, & 2025-26 School Calendar

District/PK-12 Principals: report includes Professional Development, Xmas movie, Lighthouse team, The Anxious Generation Book Study, & activity updates.  
 7. Resignations: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the resignation of Dianne McClain-Associate at Fairbank effective the end of the school year and thank her for her service to the students and staff at Wapsie Valley, & the contract for Casey O'Donnell-JH Boys Basketball Coach-\$1,955-Base 1/Year 1 as presented and thank them for their service to Wapsie Valley. Motion carried 4-0  
 8. Old Business-Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Waterloo Courier as WV official Publication newspaper for the 25-26 school years as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
 9. New Business-Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve Board Policies 103, 103R1, 505.08, 505.8R1, 506.01, 506.01E1, 506.01E2, 506.01E3, 506.01E4, 506.01E5, 506.01E6, 506.01E8, 506.01R1, 506.02, 506.02E1, 506.02R1, & 506.04 with no language changes as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
 Moved by Aiello Seconded by Auel to award the snow removal bid to Weeds on Fire for the JH/HS and Readlyn elementary locations, the lawn care bid to Weeds on Fire for the JH/HS, Readlyn, and Fairbank locations, and the snow removal bid for Adam Kaufman for Fairbank and all three Rurals. All services are for the 2025-2027 seasons as presented. Motion carried 3-0 Kaufman abstained  
 Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to set the public hearing date for the 2025-2026 calendar on February 17, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
 10. Board Talking Points - Will visit FCS and music rooms after the meeting; Will get answers to questions for HVAC project and FCS hoods and schedule a meeting if need be.  
 11. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn @ 7:14 p.m. Motion carried 4-0  
 AGVANTAGE FS 14965.46 ALLIANT ENERGY 309.15 Amazon 1762.67 ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 72.68 AUDIBLE 8.51 BEACHY, RACHEL 19.13 BELLIS, MCKAYLA 1194.61 BLACK HAWK SPRINKLERS 475.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY 457.27 BUTLER COUNTY REC 3623.46 CASEY'S 38.81 CEDAR FALLS CSD 4181.26 Central Rivers AEA 16290.00 CHEMSEARCH 221.65 CITY LAUNDRY 1336.07 CITY OF FAIRBANK 2802.88 CITY OF READLYN 2939.76 COLUMN SOFTWARE 259.58 EAST-CENTRAL IA REC 392.90 Employee Benefit Systems 81200.63 FAREWAY 85.13 FERGUSON 212.08 FOX WOOD-CRAFT 762.26 Hawkeye Alarm & Signal 1200.00 HERSHBERGER, MARY BETH 38.25 HILLYARD/DES MOINES 360.64 IASB 1050.00 IADHS 7128.14 IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES 434.34 IXL LEARNING 496.88 JANESVILLE CSD 268.26 JOANN FABRICS 54.60 Kaufman, Adam 2250.00 KLUESNER SANITATION 640.00 LEXIA LEARNING 12369.00 LITTLE WAPSIE COMM 175.08 MENARDS 101.51 Menards 58.09 MENZEL, EMMA 61.51 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH 472.50 MIDWEST COLLISION 60.00 MODERN BUILDING 242.02 NEW HAMPTON CSD 268.26 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE 161.00 OWENS, MARK 65.50 PLT4M 475.00 PRO-ED 216.30 RABER, EDNA 40.38 RAISA A HALLELUJAH, LLC 1400.00 READLYN TELEPHONE 118.54 RESIDENCE INN 311.36 SCHOOL BUS SALES 400.94 SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG CSD 8362.52 TIMBERLINE 205.78 TRIPOLI COMM. SCHOOL 12543.78 U.S. POST OFFICE 6.10 VITALSOURCE 231.70 Walmart 156.16 WAVERLY CSD 8630.78 WEEDS ON FIRE 1305.00 WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA 3297.00 General Total 199267.87 Employee Benefit Systems 6310.55 Management Total 6310.55 STICKFORT ELECTRIC CO 555.44 Varsity Group 1500.00 SAVE Total 2055.44 ACCESS SYSTEMS 1663.30 AMACO 149.99 BODENSTEINER 2608.08 CENTRAL IA DISTRIB 1301.00 Central Rivers AEA 20613.85 Hawkeye Alarm & Signal 190.00 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE 100.00 YOUNG PLMBG & HTNG 5158.64 PPEL Total 31784.86 Amazon 39.00 SBE Total 39.00 Teachers Pay Teachers 20.20 WVEF Total 20.20 IAHSMA 28.00 J.W. PEPPER 230.79 MARQUEST A GARRETT 5.00 Wartburg Clge 150.00 WEST MUSIC 525.72 Fund Number 939.51 General Total 240417.43 ALLEN, JOY 150.00 Amazon 223.74 COCA-COLA 560.35 BIESCHKE, WYATT 225.00 BIRDNOW, JUSTIN 150.00 BONDUARNT-FARRAR HS 150.00 BSN SPORTS 290.00 BUHR, DEAN 95.00 Central Rivers AEA 94.50 CF JR TIGER BB 150.00 CHIDESTER, STEVE 90.00 COUGAR Y/GBB 150.00 DAVIES, GREG 140.00 DEUTMEYER, DEAN 265.00 FAIRBANK FOOD CENTER 58.56 FCCLA 50.00 FETTKETTER, ISSAC 225.00 FORMSITE.COM 148.30 FRANZEN, TONI 90.00 FROST, RYAN 125.00 GAME ONE 5800.00 GLEN SNYDER 185.00 GOBILDA 200.74 GOTTO, JIMMY 225.00 HELMRICH, RICK 280.00 INNOVATIVE AG 30.72 IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION 54.00 IAHSGA 10.00 IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY 7105.00 Koedam, Ty 225.00 KWIK TRIP 73.10 LOUGHREN, PAT 140.00 MENCHIES 3.40 MINNTEX CITRUS 17443.33 PARKER, MARK 175.00 PEYTON, JAYDEN 600.00 PLT4M 3575.00 RATHE, JONATHAN 125.00 Rhodes, Hale 225.00 RINIKER, AJ 125.00 SAKURA 221.70 SMITH, ROBERT 140.00 TIGER HAWK BB 150.00 TITAN FITNESS 1664.88 TRIPOLI COMM. SCHOOL 125.00 TURNER, CAM 140.00 TURPEN, BRAD 125.00 VOSS, JARED 225.00 Walmart 130.54 WATERLOO COMM SCHOOLS 300.00 WAVERLY CSD 30.00 YOUNGBLUT, FOXE 140.00 Activity Total 43422.86 COCA-COLA 238.72 EMS DETERGENT 655.15 KWIK TRIP 29.34 MARTIN BROS. 11730.28 PRAIRIE FARMS 2166.65 YOUNG PLMBG & HTNG 1631.82 Lunch Total 16451.96

### Readlyn City Council - Jan. 13, 2025

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wedemeier. The following named council members were present: Rocco Imbrogno, Jason Francie, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Keith Brunscheon. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Jennifer Jaschen, Beth Kingdon, Cassy Hesse, Steve Aiello, Randy Kleitsch.

reading of Ordinance No. 363 duly adopted.  
 Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to approve payment to Smith Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$23,849.00 for cement clean up at the site of the future EMS building site. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the December 9, 2024 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

Readlyn Accessory Building Ordinance Revisions were reviewed. No actions at this time. Resolution to update energy cost adjustment to be on future council agenda.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve bills presented for payment. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to appoint Police Chief, Steve Aiello, as Readlyn's representative on the Bremer County E-911 Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve clerk and treasurer's reports for August and September. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to appoint Police Chief, Steve Aiello, as Readlyn's representative on the Black Hawk County E-911 Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to approve budget and library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing proposed budget requests for the FY25/26 Budget year. The council will have a budget workshop on January 27, 2025 at 6:00PM.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried. Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Franck to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to introduce Ordinance No.363 entitled "CHANGE ALLEY TRAFFIC" for its first reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Mayor Wedemeier declared the first

*Dan Wedemeier, Mayor*  
 ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

PHONE: (319) 352-4112  
 EMAIL: contactus@tenenbaumsjewelry.com  
 www.tenenbaumsjewelry.com



**TENENBAUM'S JEWELRY**

219 EAST BREMER AVE.  
 WAVERLY, IOWA 50677



**Farmers Cooperative Company**  
 Readlyn: 319-279-3396  
 Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F  
 We carry food for:  
 Rabbits, Cats, Dogs, Chickens, Sheep, Horses & More  
**Softener Salt:**  
 Delivery in town to those needing assistance  
**Cedar & Pine Chips**  
**Bird Seed • Grass Seed • Lawn Fertilizer** *Stop in today!*  
**Bagged Shell Corn**



**WILEY CONSTRUCTION**  
 Siding, Roofing  
 Home Remodeling  
 Ag Building Repairs  
 Nick Wiley  
 Cell 319-404-3518  
 Home 319-279-3518

**DENVER, IA**



**DENVER DRUG AND PHOTO**  
 Care you can trust.

340 S. State St.  
 Denver, IA 50622

319-984-5691  
 denverdrugandphoto.com

YOUR LEADING INDEPENDENT PROVIDER

ELEVATORS | Manufacturing, Installation, Service  
 Passenger, Freight, and Specialty Elevators



**Schumacher Elevator Company**

Denver, Iowa Since 1936

One Schumacher Way • 800-779-5438 • www.schumacherelevator.com



**DENVER FAMILY DENTAL**  
 "OUR FAMILY CARING FOR YOURS"  
 Robert R. Pipho, D.D.S. • Brendon T. Boerm, D.D.S.  
 Call (319) 984-6191 or (319) 342-3622 to schedule your appointment in Denver today!  
 131 Tower Street, Denver • 319-984-6191

**Douglas Den**  
 1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield  
 For reservations, call 319-275-4528

Available for rent for graduations, small parties, wedding receptions & more.  
 40'x72', full kitchen, freezer, refrigerators, air conditioning and restrooms.



# CHRONICLE Sponsorship DIRECTORY

## Ag Resources

### Bayer Crop Science

David R. Wheeler, 8234 E. Marquis Rd., Fairbank, IA (319) 230-1029

### Farmers Co-op

223 E. 1st St. • (319) 279-3396

### Fettkether Fertilizer Co. LLC

7634 N. Ordway Rd., Dunkerton, IA (319) 404-0064 or (319) 939-8339

### Nutrien

(319) 352-4421 www.nutrien.com  
3601 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA

### Precision Planting - Mike Heineman

2919 270th St. • (319) 279-3136

### PRime Ag Services - Channel Seedsmen

Brian Pottebaum (515) 290-4098  
Steve Rathe (319) 269-8083

### Quality Distributors-Fairview Ag

1508 190th St., Waverly  
Seth Walker (319) 352-1619  
Tyler Hemer (319) 269-7675

### Readlyn Vet. Association

2636 230th St. • (319) 279-3867

### Rock On Wheels

Roger Wheeler (319) 404-0407  
Randy Wheeler (319) 231-3859

### Smidt Crop Management, Inc.

Thomas B. Smidt, President  
303 North 2nd St. PO Box 594, Greene (641) 823-4817 or cell (641) 330-6717  
smidtcrop@iowatelecom.net

### Spring Center Farm

Pioneer - Dean Buhr  
2034 Vintage Ave., Sumner, IA 50674 (319) 240-2432

### Stokes Welding - 412 7th St.,

Janesville • (319) 987-2801  
Cell: (319) 230-7770

### Weeds On Fire Custom Application

LLC - Dan Wedemeier, Owner  
Dan at (319) 269-6753

### Wittenburg Truck Line, Inc.

117 Malone Ave. • (319) 279-3371

## Attorneys and Realtors

### Advanced Realtors®, LLC

814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242

### Dillon Law, P.C. - Patrick B. Dillon

Attorney at Law  
209 E. 1st Street, Sumner, IA 50674 (563) 578-01850 • Fax: (563) 578-1312  
patdillon@50674law.com

### Jennifer Jaschen - Attorney at Law

4817 University Ave. STE. D  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
jaschenlaw@outlook.com  
(319) 553-3400

## 2025 FRIENDS OF THE CHRONICLE:

Corlyn Freitag  
DA Acres - Leistikow Family  
Bonnie Erickson  
Readlyn Senior Citizens

YOU, TOO, CAN BECOME A

Friend of the  
Chronicle!

Call Ron Leistikow for details!  
(319) 279-3548

### Fischels Residential Group

Joe Leehey, Residential Broker  
(319) 415-7349

joe@fischelsgroup.com

www.fischelsgroup.com

3510 Kimball Ave. Ste. H, Waterloo, IA 50702 • Tel: (319) 234-5000

### Re/Max Alliance

### Wendy Stromer-Mohlis, Realtor

319-269-5089

300 S. State St., Denver

wendymohlis@gmail.com

### Stumme, Collins, Gritters

& Epley, PLLC

Attorneys

171 E. Main, Denver, IA 50622

Phone: (319) 984-5479

www.waverlydenverlaw.com

### Town & Country Real Estate

Louie Hartman 319-239-0533

hartmanlouie@gmail.com

www.towncountryhome.com

215 N. Railroad, Sumner, IA 50674

Connie Rochford, Broker

Office 563-578-8899

## Auto Sales and Repair

### Del's Auto Repair Inc.

2308 Piedmont Ave. • (319) 279-3785

### Larry's Skelly Inc.

430 E. 1st St. • (319) 279-3307

## Building and Repairs

### Crystal Heating Plumbing and Excavation

1210 W. Bremer Ave., Waverly  
319-352-0513

### Edgeton Hardware & Repair

5104 Main St., Oran (319) 638-7206

### Elsamiller Electric Co.

101 39th St. NE, Waverly  
319.352.3917

### Gingerich Roofing Solutions

1501 Fairbank Amish Blvd., Hazleton  
319-505-3938

### Ken's Electric Inc.

Electric • HVAC • Solar  
319.283.4221 • kenselectric.com

### Meyer Construction

1781 Viking Ave., Sumner, IA  
(888) 578-5985 Or: (319) 231-9022

### Smith Excavating, Inc.

1417 Whitetail Ave., Sumner  
(319) 269-0952 Fax (563) 578-1008

### Tatroe Electric, Inc.

215 3rd St. NE, Waverly  
319.352.3664

www.tatroelectric.com

### Wiley Construction

Denver, IA  
(319) 404-3518 • (319) 279-3518

## Family Needs

### Denver Drug and Photo

340 S. State St., Denver  
(319) 984-5691 • (800) 974-5691

### Denver Family Dental

131 Tower St., Denver  
319-984-6191

### Edward Jones-Troy Delagardelle

4901 University Ave., Suite B, Cedar Falls  
(319) 277-4446

### Fidelity Bank & Trust

Adam Schaufenbuel Waverly  
319-483-1001

Megan Niewoehner Oelwein  
319-283-2524

### First Bank (fka First National Bank)

(319) 352-1340 www.myfnbbank.com

### Hillcrest Living

915 W. First St., Sumner • 563-578-8591  
www.hillcrestsumner.com

### Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home

205 Highland Ave. • (319) 279-3551  
www.kaisercorson.com

### Parkview Assisted Living

Fairbank, Iowa • (319) 635-2585

### Prime Capital Investment Advisors

Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones, Financial Advisor  
Cedar Rapids, pciacedarrapids.com  
(319) 269-7143

### Quality Accounting Services

1002 Broadway St., Waterloo  
(319) 234-2813 www.qasiowa.com

### Readlyn Community Library

309 Main St., Box 249 • (319) 279-3432

### Readlyn Savings Bank

141 Main St. • (319) 279-3321  
American Savings Bank-Tripoli  
312 S. Main St. • (319) 882-4279

### RTC Communications

121 Main St. • (319) 279-3375

### Security State Bank

103 3rd St., Frederika, IA 50631  
(319) 275-4301

### Smiley's Family Dentistry

123 2nd St. SW, Waverly  
319-352-2270  
SmileyFamilyDentistry.com

### Tripoli Nursing Home

604 3rd St. SW, Tripoli, IA  
319-882-4269

## Food and Restaurants

### Douglas Den

1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield  
(319) 275-4528

## Hair and Beauty

### Mane Event Family Hair Salon

239 Main Street, Readlyn  
Salon: 319-279-3060  
Becky South ~ 319-464-2614

## Insurance Services

### Farm Bureau - David C. Matthias

Office: (319) 352-3667  
Home: (319) 279-3545

### Security Mutual Insurance

234 Main St.  
319-279-3893, 319-267-2035

### The Accel Group

Waverly • Cedar Falls • Denver  
(800) 369-3525  
www.AccelAdvantage.com

### TruServe Insurance Group

125 W 1st St., Readlyn, IA 50668  
877-418-3090

### VanDaele Insurance, Inc.

119 E. Main St., Fairbank, IA  
319-635-2526

## Landscaping & Nursery

### Tiedt Nursery

2419 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly  
(319) 352-0418

### Wells Hollow Landscaping

(319) 404-9133  
Ask for Zach Kuhlmann or Matt Wells  
www.wellshollowlandscaping.com

## Machine/Tractor Repair

### L&L Ag Repair

2220 Reed Ave. (319) 279-3363

### Schuldt Repair

2261 Reed Ave. (319) 279-3539

## Specialty Businesses

### Myers Polaris

304 E. Main, Fairbank, IA  
(319) 635-2311 (888) 282-9992  
www.myerspolaris.com

### Schumacher Elevator Company

One Schumacher Way, Denver, IA  
800-7795438 www.schumacherelevator.com

### Tenenbaum's Jewelry

219 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly  
319-352-4112





**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
 2683 Quail Avenue  
 Readlyn, IA 50668  
 (319) 279-3977  
 Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano  
 Divine Service 10 a.m.



**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**  
 Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor  
 2649 230th Street  
 Readlyn, IA 319-279-3758  
 Sunday School 9:00 AM  
 Sunday services 10:00 AM  
 Martha Circle, 1st Wednesday of month  
 Women of Life, 3rd Tues. of month, 7 PM



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
 120 West 4th Street, Readlyn  
 (319) 279-3961  
 Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano  
 Divine Service 8:30 a.m.  
 Mary-Martha Circle  
 1st Wednesday 7 p.m.



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
 240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668  
 Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor  
 (319) 279-3643  
 Sunday Services 8:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:05 - 9:45 a.m.  
 Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday  
 Ruth Circle 1st Thursday 1:00 p.m.

**Deadline for the March 26  
 Readlyn Chronicle is  
 Thurs., March 13 at 5 PM  
 Send news to  
 ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com**

**#3 Ag Lender in Iowa\***  
**Top 50 Ag Lender in the Nation\***  
\* Source: Top 100 Farm Lenders Ranked by Dollar Volume, FDIC, Data as of 3Q 2024.

**FIDELITY BANK & TRUST**  
 www.bankfidelity.bank | 800.403.8333

Adam Schaufenbuel  
 Vice President, Waverly

Megan Baumgartner  
 Loan Officer, Oelwein

**Helping Hands Clothing Closet**  
 2029 Viking Ave.  
 Hwy. V56 - Sumner

Hours: Tuesdays, 9-11 AM  
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM  
 First Saturday of the month 9-11 AM

Brief application required;  
 providing FREE clothing to those in need

**His Hands Food Pantry**  
 5002 Main Street  
 Oran

Hours: Tuesdays, 5-8 PM  
 Fridays 9 AM-12 Noon

Brief application required  
 Currently serving Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Westgate area residents  
 319-638-4357

Send news to the *Chronicle*: **ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com**



**730 PROSPECT ST.,  
 LAMONT  
 \$219,900**

Move into Luxury Character! 4 bed, 2 baths, New Updates!



**16283 50TH ST.,  
 1 MILE N. OF OELWEIN  
 \$275,000**

Bigger than it Looks Ranch, 2 Car 'Tuck Under' Garages, 3 L Bedrms, 2 baths up, 3/4 bath LL, Lg Family Rm, Extra Gar / Hobby Shop.



**1115 2ND ST. SE,  
 OELWEIN  
 \$219,000**

3 Bedrms, 1.5 Baths, 2 Car Garage



**NEW LISTING  
 107 WASHINGTON ST, WEST UNION  
 \$28,000**

Fixer Upper, 2 Bdrm., 2 Car. Det. Gar., Cash Buyers Needed!



**510 1ST ST. S.W., OELWEIN  
 \$120,000**

Impressive 1-1/2 Story, 3 Bdrms, 1-3/4 Baths, Main Flr. Laundry, Htd 2 Car Det Gar!



**CORNER LOT  
 2ND ST. NW/8TH AVE. NW, OELWEIN  
 \$10,000  
 100' x 150'**



**ADVANCED, REALTORS® , LLC**

814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242

**Lori Beierschmitt, Broker/Owner**

**Cell: 319-238-1700**



REALTOR.COM

REALTOR.COM

REALTOR.COM