

## Four fantastic candidates vie for the title of Miss Readlyn

Four well-qualified Wapsie Valley seniors ~ Emma Jones, Sophia Kohl, Sydney Matthias, and Kalvyn Rosengarten ~ are candidates for Readlyn's 2022 Queen Contest. Each contestant will have a private interview Thursday, June 16, with three out-of-town judges. After receiving gift baskets arranged by Inspired, interviews will be followed by a luncheon prepared by Sunrise Catering.

### Meet the Candidates:

Emma Jones is the daughter of Andrea and Joey Jones; TruServe is her sponsor. Emma feels her strengths are being a hard-working, optimistic person who treats everybody fairly. She is involved in

volleyball, track, silver cord, and honor society. This summer, Emma will work at the Iowa Trapshoot Tournament and play volleyball. Her future plans include playing volleyball in college while majoring in biology to become a sonographer.



Emma Jones

Sophia Kohl is the daughter of Zachariah and Amy Kohl; Grumpy's Bar and



Sophia Kohl

Grill is her sponsor. Sophia's strength is her creativity; she enjoys designing and creating things. She is on Wapsie Valley's golf team and enjoys playing golf with her dad. Attending a two and one-half week college course at Cornell College and working at Grumpy's Bar and Grill are a part of her summer plans. After graduating from high school, Sophia plans to attend college and take classes to prepare her to be a college English professor.

able. She has participated in five sports plus is member of FFA, National Catholic Youth Conference, SIAC, IJBBA, president of Rainbow Clovers 4H club, and a 3-year member of Student Ambassadors for the Class of 2023. Her summer plans include playing softball, working with her show calves and pigs, and possibly umpiring little league softball games. Becoming a large animal veterinarian orembryologist are two ideas she is considering for future careers.



Kalvyn Rosengarten

Kalvyn Rosengarten is the daughter of Jim and Sheila Rosengarten; Inspired is her sponsor. Kalvyn feels she is a hard worker who is passionate about everything she focuses on. Volleyball, basketball, prom committee, and honor society are her school activities. Kalvyn's summer plans include getting a summer job as well as playing club volleyball plus staying active outside. She plans to continue her academic career at Iowa State preparing for a future in fashion design so that she can possibly work for a fashion magazine or fashion company.

The winner will be announced Friday, June 17, at 6:30 pm., at the Readlyn City Park. Eric Johnston will introduce the candidates, and last year's Miss Readlyn, Lydia Imbrogno, will announce the first runner-up and crown this year's queen. Please bring a lawn chair and join us.



Sydney Matthias

Sydney Matthias is the daughter of Aaron and Mischa Matthias; Readlyn Savings Bank is her sponsor. Strengths for Sydney include being independent and approach-

## June, July yard winners will be announced in June

Due to the cooler weather and slow garden growths, June and July winners will be announced in the June edition of the *Readlyn Chronicle*. Stay tuned.



## Grump Days starts June 17

Make plans today to enjoy the 2022 Readlyn Grump Days! The event will be celebrated from Friday, June 17 through Sunday morning, June 19. For a complete list of events, see page 8.

A special event, Grumpsters Chipped and Treasured Market, will be located on

Main Street in Readlyn on Saturday, June 18 from 9 AM-1 PM.

More than 30 vendors will participate this year as well as two beverage vendors, Midwest Sips and Jennings Winery. Rustic, homemade items, unique items and more will be available.



Grumpsters' Chipped and Treasured Market will be open from 9 AM-1 PM on Saturday, June 18. For more information, contact Lynn Ott at 319-415-1620.



**Kleiss & STINE Seed Big Winners** — Adam Kleiss of Fredericksburg had a very successful night at The Contest banquet on February 24, 2022. Adam was chosen as the "Vernon Tonne Spirit of the Contest" winner, which honors the contestant who is enthusiastic, has a passion for farming, and has the heart of a champion. Adam exemplifies the competitive spirited nature of the contest and is well-deserving of such an award. When the yield awards were handed out to the top 3 places, Adam landed 2 places, second place in Conventional Beans with a yield of 84.36 bushels using STINE 28EC32 and a first place award in Conventional Corn with a yield of 278.57 bushels using STINE 9655. Pictured with Adam, left to right, are Doug Sheppard, Readlyn Savings Bank Vice President; Tony Pleggenkuhle, STINE Seed Dealer; Tim Kleiss, brother; son, Troy, and daughter, Lucille, with Adam; and his grandfather, Hadwen Kleiss.

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# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lydia Imbrogno

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Welcome back to the mystery image game! Last month's mystery picture was of an egg at the Readlyn Easter Egg Hunt! It was super fun to see all of the kids race for eggs and go find their goodies! Thanks to everyone who made that morning smooth and fun! This month's mystery image (at left) is 1. Of something that symbolizes Readlyn 2. Starts on June 17, and 3. Is the event where the crown of Miss Readlyn is handed off!

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# Readlyn Community Happenings



**Officers** were elected at the May 10 Auxiliary meeting. They include: President: Verdeen Pavelec, Vice-President: Darlene Peters, (acting) Secretary: Betty Power, Treasurer: Ellen Thies. Installing Officer was Marjorie Macken. Photo by Chaplain Wilda Albrecht

## V.F.W. Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary met at the home of Darlene Peters with 6 members present on May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Verdeen Pavelec and opened with prayer by Wilda Albrecht and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read by acting secretary Betty Power. The motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies to accept them and was carried. The Treasurer's Report was read by Ellen Thies and is subject to audit. The audit was held April 21, 2022. The motion was made to accept the audit by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Verdeen Pavelec and was carried. General orders and chairman reports were read by members.

**Old Business:** Volunteer Hours were turned in. Ellen Thies and Wilda Albrecht attended the 3rd district meeting at Osage on April 30, 2022. The state convention

will be held June 2-5 at Des Moines. The National convention will be held July 16-21 at Kansas City, MO. Newspaper clipping was sent to historian. Six V.F.W. members attended the funeral of Burton Thies. Five V.F.W. members had military service at Zion Cemetery for Marvin Sommerfeldt's funeral.

A garage sale was discussed, also an earlier time for the meeting. Installation of officers was held: President: Verdeen Pavelec, Vice-President: Darlene Peters, (acting) Secretary: Betty Power, Treasurer: Ellen Thies. Installing Officer was Marjorie Macken and Chaplain Wilda Albrecht took the picture.

A motion was made to adjourn by Betty Power and seconded by Marjorie Macken and was carried. The meeting closed with prayer by Wilda Albrecht. Hostess was Darlene Peters.

## Senior Citizens meet May 11

On May 11, 2022, 21 members attended the 11:30 meal at the Readlyn Library for the Senior Citizens' lunch (catered by Jim Collins) and our meeting.

Ron Leistikow led us in prayer before our delicious noon meal and called the meeting to order.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Marylou Billhorn, Joyce Heineman, Frederic Bast, Roland Schmidt, and Wayne Kuethe as they all had birthdays either in April or May.

Sonja Bast thanked everyone for the prayers and cards as she had been in the hospital, is now home and doing better.

Judy Leistikow also thanked everyone for their prayers, cards and concerns as she was also in the hospital after her major surgery and now home again and doing well. It was so great to see both of them again at the meeting!

There were no couples celebrating anniversaries in the month of May.

The secretary's minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting were read. Secretary's report was approved by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Marlys Deterding. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after the expenses was \$114.00. The treasurer's report was approved as read by those attending.

Charlie Albrecht read a thank you note from the Readlyn First Responders thanking us for our donation to them of \$100.00. No Old Business.

### New Business:

Grump Day T-shirts are still for sale until May 20. Forms can be obtained from the Readlyn Library or Megan Kuker. The shirts will be \$20.00 each and adding \$2.00 for 2X and \$3.00 for 3XL

Ron Leistikow reported that about 10 grumps will be riding in the parade for Grump Days.

Charlie Albrecht reported that anyone that likes to play cribbage can join at the Readlyn Library every Thursday morning at 10 am for a friendly game!

It was brought up by Ron Leistikow that we should vote for new officers. Sonja Bast made a motion, seconded by Marylou Billhorn to keep the officers that we have now: Ron Leistikow President, Charlie Albrecht Treasurer, Lois Thacher, Secretary. Motion carried.

Bob Thran, who writes the articles in the *Readlyn Chronicle* each month, stated that the article coming out would be about the Readlyn VFW and that Charlie Albrecht was mentioned three times in this article. We all thanked Bob Thran for the fantastic articles that everyone enjoys in the *Chronicle* each month.

Marlys Deterding made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judy Leistikow seconded it. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 15, 2022 at the Readlyn Community Library at 11:30 AM.



**I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, well wishes, food, flowers and acts of kindness shown to me since I was diagnosed with rectal cancer a year ago.**

I have been overwhelmed and humbled by all the kindness.

Thanks also for the great care given to me by the doctors and medical staff and to Pastor Rabary for his calls and visits.

Jesus has been my strength in recovery.

*With gratitude,  
Judy Leistikow*

**Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for remembering my 95th birthday with cards, gifts, and phone calls. We had a wonderful meal, catered by Sunrise Catering, with family. It was a great day with a wonderful turnout (even a surprise visit from Germany).  
*God Bless!! Darlene Peters*

**Thank You**


Thanks to all who gave some sort of memorial, flowers, cards, etc., and sympathy at the time of Burton's passing.  
*God's Blessings!  
Ellen Thies*



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## Local Author Visit

Linda McCann will be visiting the Readlyn Community Library on June 10th at 11:00 a.m. to talk about her book 'Prisoners of War in Iowa'. Stop by to hear Linda speak and have coffee and donuts. Linda will have copies of her books for sale, as well.



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## Community Wellness Event

Wednesday, June 15th  
7:00 am—8:30am

*Thank you for your  
generosity*

In an effort to make lab testing available at affordable prices, CMH is extending its Community Wellness Program to Readlyn. Tests available will be:

- Basic Wellness Panel: blood counts, blood salts, blood sugar, cholesterol, kidney functions and liver enzymes—\$25
- Blood Typing—\$15
- Hemoglobin A1c (diabetes monitoring) - \$20
- PSA (prostate cancer screening) - \$20
- TSH (thyroid screening) - \$15
- Vitamin D level (essential for bone health) - \$40
- Hepatitis C—\$25

To schedule, please call CMH at (563) 578-3275. CMH recommends fasting for 12 hours prior to testing if you plan to have the Basic Wellness Panel done. It's also recommended to avoid drinking alcoholic beverages 24 hours prior to testing. Payment must be received at time of service in the form of cash or check; Insurance will not be billed. Test Results will be mailed via USPS within five business days.

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## Summer Reading at the Library

Our Summer Reading Program Activity List is now available on Facebook and on our website! You can register your little ones in person, by phone or by email. Detailed brochures are available in the library and if you register in person, your child can pick up their Summer Reading Program Toolkit to get them ready for Summer Reading! Scheduled activities include:

- May 23 @11:30am —Pre-school Dance Party
- May 27 @2pm—We'll make ocean-themed snacks!
- May 30 @11:30am—We're making Slime. You won't want to miss it!
- June 1 @2:00pm—Learn to create files in Blocks-CAD for your own 3-D project!
- June 3 @2:00pm—Rick Eugene is bringing the Magic Show.
- June 6 @11:30am—Rainbow Fish & Foil Fish Craft
- June 13 @2:00pm—Pirate Eye-patches and Parrot Craft!
- June 15 @ 2:00pm—Mario Kart Tournament!
- June 20 @2:00pm—Bremer County Conservation is here to share wildlife!
- June 24 @2:00pm—Absolute Science will be here to help us close out the summer with their Big Bang Bubbles Show. You'll be able to make some HUGE bubbles!



### Hours:

Monday	10:00 - 7:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	10:00 - 7:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00

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# Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran

## Readlyn Veterans of Foreign Wars

Before World War II had ended, my father, Oscar Thran, and several others formed a committee. Its purpose: to invite a veterans organization to be available to assist the many men from Readlyn who were returning from service. The committee's decision: Denver had an American Legion Post serving Readlyn World War I veterans.

The other option was to invite the Veteran of Foreign Wars organization. The VFW organization granted the Readlyn veterans a charter, shown at right, creating Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5661. The

charter displays the names of its original members. The veterans voted to name their post, Wayne Teisinger Post, in memory of a comrade who was killed in Europe in the Battle of the Bulge.

The charter contains 38 names. Most are World War II veterans, however, some are veterans who served overseas in Europe in World War I. World War I charter members are Herman Everding, who was disabled from inhaling poison gas, Louis Maurer, John Maurer, Herman Bahe, Herman Oltrogge, Fred Stoffregen and Edward Westendorf.

### The Readlyn VFW Post Home

My Dad's tavern, Thran's Tavern, had an empty upstairs. VFW members helped Dad in cleaning and decorating. The upstairs became known as the VFW Hall. The hall was made available to the VFW post at no charge from 1945 until Dad sold the tavern in 1959. A later tavern owner converted the VFW Hall into an apartment, leaving the post without a home.

A new VFW home was established by a group of veterans who formed the Readlyn Veterans Club, for the purpose of purchasing the building adjoining Jim Wolff's garage to the south, a building that I remem-

ber as Ernie Dettmering's Hardware. This building served as the post home for many years. Fish fries, dances, bingo, etc. raised money to maintain the post.

Membership dropped to a point where it was difficult to maintain a post home. The building was sold to Roger Dettmering, circa 1995.

Meetings since then have been held in the Readlyn Telephone Office. Jim Wolff maintains post records at his garage. The Readlyn Veterans of Foreign Wars charter is displayed in the Readlyn Historical Society building.

### Declining Membership

At one time, the Veterans of Foreign Wars membership consisted of World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans. VFW Posts had many members. Now, with the lack of eligible living veterans, the VFW is fading out of existence.

All veterans serving in World War II are gone. Paul Tiedt entered the service shortly after World War II, but is considered a World War II veteran. A few Korean veterans, R. J. Freitag, Arlen Poock, Lavern Spier and I, are still alive, but we are in our 90s. Vietnam veterans now are growing older and are of retirement age and beyond. Soon there will only be a small pool of veterans eligible to join the VFW, those assigned to Desert Storm, and others involved in Middle East Asia deployments. Do not feel sorry for the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. We do not need additional wars and conflicts in order to sustain the membership of the VFW.

Declining membership of the VFW is making it difficult to perform the traditional duties of the post - veterans' funerals along with placing United States flags at veterans' graves. With the death of Burton Thies, only 10 veterans remain as members of the Readlyn VFW: Patrick Brodigan (Commander), James Wolff, R. J. Freitag, Charlie Albrecht, Colby Withers, Gary McElhose, Eugene Thurm, Paul Tiedt, Tom Powers and Lavern Spier.

Having so few members makes it impossible for a depleted post to assemble enough veterans to bid the final farewell to one of its comrades. The Denver American Legion assists the Readlyn Veterans of Foreign Wars at funerals by providing riflemen, a commendable gesture.

A call to all former veterans: additional veterans, non-VFW eligible members, are needed at funerals. Please contact Commander Patrick Brodigan.

### Farewell to Burton Thies

Burton Thies, an active, longtime member of the Readlyn Veterans of Foreign Wars who served in Alaska during the Korean War, received full military honors at his funeral, April 25, 2022.

Fellow veterans honoring Burton were: Squad Leader Jim Wolff; Honor Guard, Colby Withers, Eugene Thurm; Riflemen, Readlyn Veterans of Foreign Wars, Charles Albrecht, Gary McElhose, Patrick Brodigan; Denver American Legion, Butch Milius, Jim Kurtt, Jim Jensen, Larry Oltrogge, Jess Meyer; Bugler, James Wright, Sumner.

Jim Wolff brought the squad to attention. Riflemen, on command, fired three volleys. The bugler blew Taps. Jim Wolff and Charles Albrecht folded the United States flag. Jim Wolff presented the flag to Ellen Thies, Burton's widow. Jim Wolff gave the order to dismiss.

Burton was honored on a very cold, very windy April day.



Charter members of the Readlyn VFW included: Arthur Albrecht, Manfred E. Heinemann, Ernest W. Poock, Floyd W. Albrecht, Arnold W. Hesse, Rueben C. Poock, Herman W. Bahe, Walter L. Hesse, Clarence W. Pries, Leroy H. Bauer, Walter H. Johnson, Eldon L. Richman, Melvin E. Boehme, Jim P. Klodt, Melvin L. Richman, Elmer L. Bruns, Murl A. Lockard, Earl N. Rommel, Stanley Buhr, John H. Maurer, Edwin H. Schroeder, Lester H. Diekmann, Louis F. Maurer, Fred A. Stoffregen, Roland E. Drewis, Leo A. Moeller, Merle E. Teisinger, Herman Everding, Chris W. Muellenhaupt, Harry Watts, Jr., Stanley E. Gehrke, Herman J. Oltrogge, Russel L. Watts, Eric F. Harms, Lester E. Peters, Andrew J. Westendorf, Arlen C. Platte, Edward C. Westendorf.

### How times have changed

When I came home from Korea, I was proud to become a member of the Readlyn Veteran of Foreign Wars. At the first meeting I attended, I was shocked when Adrian Lockard nominated me for commander. Over 20 Korean War veterans joined.

Our only fundraiser at that time was an annual Stag Night. Gambling and liquor by the drink were outlawed in Iowa at that time. Dubuque County and the town of Carroll, Iowa, were two of the few areas

where liquor laws were not enforced. Our Readlyn VFW raised money at stags by serving liquor by the drink. Funds were also generated at poker tables by taking a small percentage from each pot. Chuck-a-luck, raffles, etc. brought in money. Harley Ehlert, Bremer County Sheriff, was always informed of our upcoming Stag Night. The sheriff's department did not interfere, a courtesy extended to our veterans' organization.

### Corrections

There were a couple of errors in last month's article about John and Engel Matthias. The German town from which the Matthias family came is Algesdorf. (It was incorrectly identified as Agelsdorf.)

One of John and Engel Matthias's daughters was incorrectly identified

as Louise (Mrs. Henry) Schradt. It should have read Louise (Mrs. Henry) Schnadt.

The *Readlyn Chronicle* staff appreciates readers bringing errors or omissions to the attention of the paper for possible correction.



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# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Fourth grade farm safety



Third grade making simple machines with Kleenex



Third & 4th grade Spring Concert



Fifth grade EWALU trip



Sixth grade orientation at the high school



Sixth graders tie dying project (above and below)



Dissecting owl pellets, running the mile and (below) playing as a class at an extra recess



Sixth grade visiting our rural schools to present about Leader in Me.

A few pictures of kindergarten



Teacher Appreciation Week (above and below)



Preschool working on plant journals and spending time with 6th grade helpers

# News from Community Lutheran School



God's blessings to Theodore as we celebrated his baptismal birthday in April.



God be with you Lawson! We celebrated our May baptismal birthday at the Readlyn campus.



Klinger campus baptismal birthdays. God be with you, Blakey and Macie Jo!



The first and second grade students visited the botanical garden in April!



Heather Gamm from Bremer County Conservation visited with the kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades about severe weather and tornadoes.



The first and second grade students met their farmer pen pals in April! All year long they have been writing letters to an area farmer learning about agriculture and farm life. Thank you to these area farmers for taking the time to make such a meaningful and authentic experience for our students.



The students performed "Noah's Rockin' Ark Adventure" as their spring musical on May 4! The message was God's love for us gives us hope for a future filled with eternal life with Him!

# READLYN GRUMP DAYS

## OH THE THINGS WE WILL DO IN 2022



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY JUNE 17

**8:00AM**  
**GRUMPSTERS' READLYN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY**  
4-Person Best Shot  
@ Maple Hills Tripoli Golf Course  
CALL 319.882.4229 TO RESERVE A SPOT

**4:00PM - 1:00AM**  
**BEER TENT**  
No Charge for Required Wristband.  
No Coolers or Insulated Cups.  
No One Under 21 Allowed in the Beer Tent After 10:00PM.

**4:30PM-7:00PM**  
**ICE CREAM SUNDAES @ GAZEBO**  
Sponsored by Readlyn Savings Bank

**5:00PM**  
**VENDORS' FOOD STANDS OPEN**

**5:00PM**  
**WAPSIE VALLEY FFA PEDAL PULL**  
Between Park & School; Ages 10 & Under

**6:00PM**  
**CROWNING CEREMONY**  
Little "Grumpsters" 2022 Miss Readlyn

**7:00PM-8:30PM**  
**PEPPER TOURNEY @ GAZEBO**  
No Registration Needed.

**8:30PM-12:30AM**  
**THE CHOCOLATE CRACKERS (BEER TENT)**

**10:00PM**  
**FIREWORKS**  
Seating on East Side of Zion Lutheran Church.  
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**11:00PM - 1:00AM**  
**BREAKFAST BURRITOS (BEER TENT)**  
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**1:00AM**  
**BEER TENT CLOSES**

#### SATURDAY JUNE 18

**10:00AM**  
**PARADE**

**AFTER PARADE**  
**FOOD STANDS & BEER TENT OPEN**  
No Charge for Required Wristband.  
No Coolers or Insulated Cups.  
No One Under 21 Allowed in the Beer Tent After 10PM.

**9:00AM - 1:00PM**  
**GRUMPSTERS' CHIPPED & TREASURED MARKET**  
Vendors Welcome  
CONTACT KIM BROWN 319.415.9675

**11:00AM - 1:00PM**  
**KIDS IN THE PARK**  
Inflatables, Face Painting, Casting Contest, Cake Walk, Balloon Man, & Wapsie Robo Warriors Robotics Team  
Ages 0-2 are FREE, \$5 Entry for Children 3+

**12:30PM - 1:30PM**  
**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AIR CARE HELICOPTER & STAFF READLYN AMBULANCE & FIRST RESPONDERS**  
Viewing of the Helicopter in Front of Readlyn Elementary (Weather Permitting)

**1:00PM**  
**SCHAFFSKOPF CARD TOURNEY**  
In The Tent

**1:00PM**  
**REGISTER FOR MINNOW RACES**  
North End of City Park

**1:30PM - 3:00PM**  
**MINNOW RACES BEGIN!**  
Sponsored by Hanks Live Bait & Tackle

**2:30PM - 4:00PM**  
**BINGO @ GAZEBO FOR ALL AGES**  
No Charge.

**2:45PM**  
**REGISTER FOR "BRING THE HEAT OR GET BEAT" OBSTACLE COURSE**

**3:00PM - 5:00PM**  
**"BRING THE HEAT OR GET BEAT" OBSTACLE COURSE**  
Ages 8+; \$2 Per Run or 3 for \$5  
Sponsored by Heat Baseball Club 12U White  
Across from the Park in the Lot Behind CLS

**5:00-8:00PM**  
**DJ WITH A BEAT**

**8:30PM-12:30AM**  
**NEVER THE LESS (BEER TENT)**

**11:00PM - 1:00AM**  
**BREAKFAST BURRITOS (BEER TENT)**  
Sponsored by CLS

**1:00AM**  
**BEER TENT CLOSES**

#### SUNDAY JUNE 19

**9:00AM**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE IN THE PARK**  
WITH PASTOR PHIL GIRARDIN FROM ST. PAUL'S & INMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Remember Your Lawn Chair!



# Former Wapsie Valley grad is new Readlyn/Rural principal

The Wapsie Valley Community School District is excited to announce that Alyson Forsyth will be the new Readlyn Elementary and Rural Principal for the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Forsyth taught for 14 years in the Waterloo CSD as a Title One/Reading Recovery teacher. She joined WVCSD as a Title One/Special Education teacher for two years before becoming a Lead Teacher/Instructional Coach for the past three years.

Alyson graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in elementary education and received her Master of Arts degree in Education from Viterbo University. Currently, Mrs. Forsyth is obtaining an administrative license through the Iowa Principal Leadership Academy.

Alyson attended Fairbank Elementary and graduated from Wapsie Valley High

School in 1999. She currently resides in rural Readlyn with her husband, Chris, and three children, Gwen, Jack, and Madeline. Her parents, Jack and Connie Rechkemer, live in Fairbank. Her in-laws, Rick and Barb Forsyth, live in rural Readlyn.

Mrs. Forsyth states her educational philosophy as, "I am a student-focused leader with my passion for creating strong support systems for staff in working together to strengthen the whole child (socially, emotionally, and academically). I am honored to continue serving the Wapsie Valley community and look forward to continuing to grow my established relationships with staff, students, and families over the past five years at Readlyn Elementary and Rural Schools."

We welcome Alyson Forsyth to the Wapsie Family and our administrative team!



**New Readlyn/Rural Principal** Alyson Forsyth and her husband, Chris, are the parents of three children (left to right), Gwen, Jack, and Madeline.

## June 12 Bremer Co. Historical Society Car Cruise spotlights Sumner history



The 2nd Annual "Cruising through History" car cruise will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022 spotlighting the community of Sumner and its history.

The event is being sponsored by the Bremer County Historical Society in Waverly which is celebrating the 160th birthday of their museum and Sumner's state and national historical sight, Memories Are Forever, the city's 1901 school and community museum.

Anyone may join the cruise by pre-registering at [www.bremercountyhistorical-society.org](http://www.bremercountyhistorical-society.org) or phone 319-352-1862. Registration starts at noon at the Bremer County Historical Museum at 402 W. Bremer Ave. Waverly, Iowa with the Cruise expected to arrive in Sumner at 1:30 p.m.

Cruisers traveling directly to Sumner should register at 1 p.m. at Memories Are Forever at 300 W 4th St.

Included in the cruise is a tour of Memories Are Forever, which has more than 20 rooms filled with historical exhibits.

Award-winning book author Betty Brandt Passick will speak to the cruisers at the school and answer questions about

Sumner's John Bartels Family of 1889 and her book *Gangster in Our Mist* featuring four classic cars.

They will hear about Sumner's founders, Carpenter and Cass, while visiting the grave sites at Union Mound Cemetery.

Cruisers will also see Sumner historic homes, the Pennington House and will get a porch view of the Wescott Home.

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### Ayden Michael Powell

Ayden Michael Powell is the son of Andrea Buehler and David Powell and has a brother, Andrew Powell.



During his time at Wapsie Valley High School, Ayden earned the Steve Phalen Memorial Scholarship, Wapsie Valley Archery Scholarship, American Red Cross Red Cord, Silver Cord, President's Award for Academic Achievement and was on the Honor Roll.

He was involved in archery, choir, track, FFA, football and basketball manager, and the "Wizard of Oz" musical.

His future plan is to attend the Project Search program at Allen Hospital in the fall.

### Brady Walker Sauerbrei

Brady Walker Sauerbrei is the son of Aaron and Dani Sauerbrei. His siblings include Drew, Logan and Ty Sauerbrei.



Brady was a 4-year member of the baseball team, 3-year member of the basketball team, 2 years on the football and track teams, and was a CAPS Associate.

His future plan is to attend Hawkeye Community College

then transfer to UNI with a double major in Political Science and Finance.

### Brody Blaylock

Brody Blaylock is the son of Dan and Kristin Blaylock and has a brother, Tanner Blaylock.

Brody is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2022, a Silver Cord recipient, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, and earned North Iowa Cedar League Academic Achievement.



In high school, he participated in golf, baseball, basketball, and track & field.

His future plan is to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in Business.

### Jada Aiello

Jada Aiello is the daughter of Jen and Steve Aiello. She has two sisters, Danica and Ava Aiello.

At Wapsie Valley High School, Jada was a Borlaug Scholar and a member of the Honor Roll. She was active in FFA, Silver Cord, TAG, and Art Club.



Jada is going to attend Kirkwood this summer to become a veterinary technician.

### Kenidie Franzen

Kenidie Franzen is the daughter of Jeremy and Tina Franzen and has a brother, Connor, and a sister, Kallie.



As a freshman, Kenidie was in volleyball and was a wrestling cheerleader, she was a football cheerleader her sophomore and junior years, and a football manager her senior year.

After graduation, she plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for the Early Childhood Education program, then transfer to UNI to finish her 4-year degree in teaching to become a pre-school teacher.

### Lydia R. Imbrogno

Lydia Imbrogno is the daughter of Rocco and Teresa Imbrogno and has a sister, Grace Imbrogno.

Her honors/awards during four years at Wapsie Valley High School include: Governor's Scholar Award, D.A.R.E. Role Model, Honor Roll all four years, Local and State level awards in volleyball and basketball, Miss Readlyn 2021, Class of 2022 Valedictorian, and Silver Cord Program recognition (volunteering).



Her high school activities include: volleyball, basketball, track, golf, softball, Wapsie Honor Society, TAG Program, and Silver Cord Program.

Lydia plans to attend Upper Iowa University to major in Life Science with a Pre-Nursing emphasis and Criminal Justice as well as play volleyball.

### Paige Burgart

Paige Burgart is the daughter of Merri and Rick Burgart, and has three siblings, Reyce, Raiden and Ryker.



Paige was on the Wapsie Valley Honor Roll and was a varsity volleyball letter winner.

Her high school activities included volleyball (4 years), basketball (1 year), and track & field (2 years).

Paige plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for Dental Hygiene for two years and obtain her AS (Associate of Science) degree.

### Ronald "Ronnie" Wilcox

Ronald "Ronnie" Wilcox is the son of Duane and Brandy Wilcox, and has two sisters, Treasa and Hannah Wilcox.

Ronnie received multiple scholarships through Central College including the Presidential Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, Journey Scholarship, Distinguished Scholarship, and Waalkes Music Scholarship for a total of \$7000. He also received the President's Award for Educational Achievement, the Red Cord of Honor



from the American Red Cross, and recognition for being a part of Student Ambassadors and the Honor Roll.

Ronnie was active in cross country, track, band, choir, speech, musical, Student Ambassadors, robotics and archery.

He will be attending Central College in the fall to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

# From the Wapsie Valley Class of 1972: Let's meet together to reminisce, catch up and celebrate!

The Wapsie Valley High School - Class of 1972 is celebrating with a 50-year class reunion on Sunday, June 19, 2022. We are extending an invitation to friends/relatives and former teachers/school mates, etc. to attend a social time to reminisce, catch up and celebrate together with us at The Center Inn, 209 Main Street, Readlyn on Sunday, June 19, starting at 2:00 PM -? Hope to see you then! Email for details, wapsievalleyclassof1972@gmail.com.

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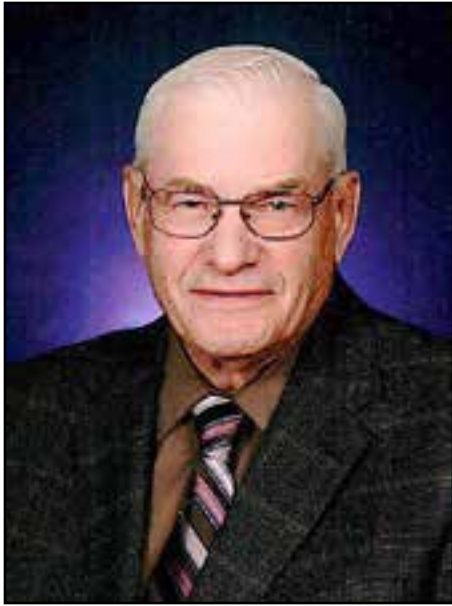




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# Obituaries



### Burton Henry Thies

Burton Henry Thies, 92 of Readlyn, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Denver Sunset Home.

Burton was born on October 28, 1929, in rural Readlyn, the son of John and Maria (Schaal) Thies. He was stationed in Alaska while serving in the United States Army from 1951-1953. He was united in marriage to Ellen Weisbrodt on May 31, 1953, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly.

After their marriage, Burton and Ellen made their home in Readlyn for over 68 years. Burton built many barns, sheds, churches, and homes in the area and also remodeled many of the same. In 1963, Burton and Ellen started Readlyn Farm Automation in Readlyn.

Burton served the community of Readlyn in many capacities over the years. He was a lifetime member of St. Paul's

Lutheran Church in Readlyn; a lifetime member of the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661 of Readlyn; past member of the Readlyn Community Club and a member of the Readlyn Historical Society. He served as the Readlyn Telephone Company president and served as chief of the Readlyn Fire Department. He was voted Readlyn's Grump in 2004 and was honored in 2011, as the first recipient of the Readlyn Volunteer of the year award. Burton traveled to Washington, D.C. in 2014 on the Honor Flight. In December of 2021, Burton received the Quilt of Valor for his military service.

Burton is survived by his wife, Ellen Thies of Readlyn; a sister, Margaret Henning of Shell Rock; a brother-in-law, William Weisbrodt of Waverly; his nieces and nephews, Ken (Lorie) Henning; Audrey (Jerry) Elsamiller; Joanne Henning; Jody Thies and Mike Weisbrodt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William in infancy; brothers, Wilbert and Erwin Thies; a sister, Charlotte in infancy; a nephew, Ricky Thies; two sisters-in-law, Genevieve Weisbrodt and Dorothy Thies and a brother-in-law, Harold Henning

Visitation was held on Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 25 at the church where there was an hour of visitation prior to the service. Military rites at the church were conducted by the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661 of Readlyn. Private burial of his remains were held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Community Lutheran School; Readlyn First Responders, or to the Waverly Health Center.

### Marvin LeRoy Sommerfeldt

Marvin LeRoy Sommerfeldt, 89, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on April 26, 2022, at his home in Readlyn.

Marvin was born on September 25, 1932, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the son of Henry Max and Ella Helen (Abraham) Sommerfeldt. He was baptized in 1932 at St. John's Lutheran Church and confirmed in 1945, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, both in Eau Claire. He graduated from Eau Claire Memorial High School in 1951. He entered the United States Army in 1952, where he served in Panama and was honorably discharged in 1958. He was united in marriage to Karen Kathleen Aiken on April 23, 1960, at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Karen passed away on May 21, 2010.

Marvin worked for H.L. Green Dime Stores in Eau Claire, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Seattle, Washington from 1950-52; Peters Meat Production from 1954-1960; Chamberlain in Waterloo from 1960-1974; and for the Wapsie Valley School District from 1974 until his retirement in

1994.

Marvin enjoyed doing crafts, puzzles and working in his flower garden.

Marvin is survived by three sons, Kenneth Sommerfeldt of Readlyn; Timothy and Vicki (Steege) Sommerfeldt of Lino Lakes, Minnesota, Paul and Suzie (Tassin) Sommerfeldt of Readlyn; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Woodcock of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Karen, sisters, Mabel, Avis and Darlene; and brothers, Elmer and LaVerne.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. The family greeted family and friends an hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. During a private committal at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post #5661 of Readlyn presented military honors. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com)

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Warrior Way & More



May 2022

May has arrived at WVCSD so the ending activities of the school year have been in full force! I attended Prom 2022 this past weekend at the Centre Events Center in Waverly. It was a wonderful night of celebration with glitz and glamour in abundance. This location offered a nice open area for the Grand March and dance. Thank you to the parents and community who organized a Post Prom event at the W on the Wartburg College campus.

I would like to also mention that Alyson Forsyth has accepted a new administrative position at Readlyn Elementary and at the Rural buildings for the 2022-23 school year. Mrs. Forsyth has a wealth of teaching specialties in the reading, special education, and leadership areas. She has deep ties to the WVCSD and is a 1999 alumnus of our district.

I would like to wish the graduating senior class of 2022 the best in their future endeavors with continued education or entering the workforce. They have endured many challenges in their high school careers and they have handled these challenges very well. Good luck to all of these young adults!

I would like to thank the WVCSD staff, students, families, and communities for your dedication and commitment during the past three years. My wife, Julie, and I were welcomed with open arms. We know that there are many lasting friendships that have been established that will carry on for many years to come. I know this will be the same for our next superintendent, Chris Hoover, and his family as this transition of leadership takes place. I truly appreciated the "We Are Family" attitude that prevails in our district. So once again, a huge thank you to all in the WVCSD and I can honestly say we are in a better place in many ways than when we arrived three years ago.

Last, many of you know that I am a huge quote person. I have a weekly newsletter that goes out to our staff and board members. I am currently at number 144 and I start or end these newsletters with quotes. So I am going to end the monthly Warrior Way & More newsletter with the following quote from A.A. Milne (Winnie-the-Pooh):

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."*

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By: Eric Johnston

**“Food Plots”**

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The year was 2001. I had been watching many hunting shows that profiled this “new” phenomenon of planting small plots of clover and alfalfa and various brassicas to attract deer and increase your odds of harvesting deer. As I witnessed more and more successful hunts on the Outdoor Channel using this strategy, I began to plan how I could incorporate this tactic into my hunting.

We did not own any of our own ground and hunted my friend’s family farm. The first step was to secure permission from my friend’s dad to tear up a small section of ground along his field edge to make a food plot.

“You want to do what?” he said almost laughing. “Sure, give them deer something to chew on besides my corn,” he laughed.

I was all of 20 years old at the time so I’m sure he thought it was just one of my and his son’s crazy dreams. My dad even kind of chuckled at the thought, but said give it a try if you want to put in the work.

The plan then began on how I would have my plot lay out. I decided on a small clearing in the timber, 10 yards or so in from the cornfield edge and maybe a mere ¼ acre in diameter. I had done enough research at the time to know I needed to seed in mid-August to give the mix enough time to grow before the first frost.

With that knowledge, I bought a small bag of seed called “Secret Spot.” Looking back, it was just a mix of mostly grasses, oats, a little clover and a small amount of brassicas. For the small area I was seeding, it was actually the perfect choice. The bag stated minimal tools, and the ground needed minimal tillage. I could handle that as all I had was a hand sickle, a rake, and a small ATV.

The plan was set and I made the hour and a half drive to the farm by myself to seed my plot. I remember it was blazing hot that day as I started into the timber on the ATV. But, when I get an idea in my head, I have to see it through and, with the distance of travel back to the farm, I had to go when the schedule allowed.

As I got to the “clearing,” I quickly realized the weeds had grown over my head through the summer. I started to chop away at the weeds with the hand sickle and quickly realized this was a bigger job than I had imagined. I was in over my head, in more ways than one at this point, but I had to see it through as I stated. I kept chopping away at the nettles and thorn bushes. The bugs, humidity, and heat, made the job even worse. I remember looking up a couple times thinking, “I’m getting nowhere.” I kept at it, dripping in sweat, for a couple hours and finally had an opening about 20 yards wide by 20 yards long.

I now needed to rake all the debris off the area and had noticed my hands were bleeding. Remember, here I was, 19 or 20, so preparedness was not part of the game yet. I had failed to even think of gloves and now my hands were raw from all the weed chopping. I continued to work through the pain like a true moron, ;), and, after another solid hour of raking, had most of the debris off.

“Great,” I thought, “now to work up the

soil...” In my head, I had envisioned my little garden rake digging right into the soil and ripping all the weed stumps and roots right out of the ground .... WRONG! The garden rake barely made a scratch in the rock hard soil.

“What can I do? Do I just spread the seed and call it good?” I thought, sitting there exhausted and probably, by this point, dehydrated from my preparedness of NOT packing any water either. I knew if I just spread the seed on the unworked ground it most likely would not germinate, I’d be laughed at, and my career as a food plot artist would end as quickly as it began.

That’s when I remembered I had my ATV and at that age I was a master of the “donut.” I suddenly had a spark of energy and fired up my ATV. I started spinning the tires, whipping donuts, and power braking all over the little plot. After about a half hour of craziness and a nearly overheated ATV, I had the plot worked up to a nice powder of soil on top. I then gave it a light raking and spread the seed by hand. A light drive over it to pack it in and I was set!

I felt so accomplished that day and, on my way home, it started to rain. At the time, I didn’t realize just how important that was. A couple weeks later, my dad and I drove down to take a look and he was quite impressed. The seed had germinated well and the plot was growing.

We actually harvested a fair amount of deer from that plot and it got progressively bigger each year. In 2011, we lost the plot due to clearing of the land and the crop fields expanding. But, I’ll never forget that first plot and all I learned from it.

Over time, our equipment got better and I learned more about seed, pH levels, fertilizer, and annual and perennial plots. As I’ve gotten older and am now on the other side of forty, my mindset has changed on food plots and their purpose.

When I first started out, food plots were for attraction and harvesting animals. Plots were planted with the sole intention and position of killing a nice deer. I still incorporate annual growing “harvest” plots into my hunting strategy, but my main focus now is the nutrition and health of the deer herd, along with feeding the pheasants, turkeys, and all the other game through the winter. As some loyal readers probably remember, I spent a great deal of time last winter hauling corn around the farms where I hunt. While I will continue to do so, I, along with help from the landowners where I hunt, have incorporated perennial food plots to sustain forage throughout the entire year.

To get started with your own plots, there’s some homework to do beforehand. First off, if, like me, you don’t have land to call your own, you must get permission from the landowner of the farm you intend to plant. Some farms have different rules and regulations on what can and cannot be done on the property. And it’s just good practice to involve the landowner of anything you do to his or her land. I am very blessed with the landowners where I hunt locally in that they allow me to carry out the dreams I think up of taking care of the wildlife I love to hunt. The same holds true to the friend’s family farm I men-



tioned previously back home in Delhi. I don’t make it back there much anymore, but know I’m always welcome.

Next, you need to figure out the size, and placement of your plot. This is critical as you don’t want to have it in an area prone to flooding, but also not on a slope losing water and eroding. Placement also depends on the purpose of the plot. If it’s a plot intended for hunting, placement in the woods along a known travel corridor is needed. If it’s a perennial intended for sustained wildlife nutrition, I like a more open area with good cover nearby so the wildlife have good winter cover to shelter in.

After you’ve determined where and the size of your plot will be and its purpose, it’s time to begin the treatment of the soil. A good practice is to first flag out the area and spray the vegetation with Round-Up or a type of weed killer. Let the vegetation die off for a couple weeks - this will aid in your fight against weeds. While you wait for the weed killer, you can take a soil sample to determine the pH level in your soil. Most seed will state on the bag the desired pH level and amount of fertilizer to be used per acre. I generally follow everything on the seed bag except one thing. I always seed more than what is instructed on the bag. Overseeding can sometimes hurt your plot, but I like to make sure there’s plenty of seed to germinate and choke out weeds. Birds and wildlife can also take some of your seed off the plot while you wait for precious rain. That’s why, in my mind, overseeding is a must.

Speaking of seed, while waiting for the weed killer to take effect, it’s time to pick out your seed. For perennial forage plots, you can’t go wrong with clover and alfalfa mixes. Add in some corn or sorghum along with it to benefit the turkeys and pheasants and you’ve got a plot to sustain the wildlife year round.

For hunting plots, I like to use annual seed blends like turnips, rye, oats, and grasses that can be planted in mid-August and lush and green by October 1. For perennials, plant in spring and, with some mowing and fertilizer maintenance, it can last up to five years. I prefer Mossy Oak Biologic blends as they are specifically designed for wildlife food, but whatever seed brands you prefer is fine. And again, follow whatever is listed on the bag for pH and fertilizer.

Now that the weed killer has done its magic, it’s time to prepare the seed bed. I’ve known some that simply burn off the dead vegetation, but proceed with caution. While it can save time, depending on the dryness it can also get away from you. I usually use a rake or mower to remove the debris. Next, work up the soil as best you can. I’ve come a long way since that hot august day attempting to blow up my ATV. I’m fortunate to have landowner friends with equipment to make the job easy, but the old school methods like I started out with still work, but I suggest finding a friend with the proper equipment.

Once the soil is worked, I first apply the fertilizer and then seed. It’s best to start seeding in a cross pattern with a light spread so you don’t run out of seed before the whole plot is seeded. I like to go back and forth with my broadcast spreader as many times as necessary with a light spread until the seed is all distributed.

The last step is to pack in your seed to get the good seed to soil contact to promote germination. Most clover and alfalfa seed needs no deeper than a quarter inch into the soil. But always check on the bag for instruction on this. I’m still using my ATV to pack my seed in. I simply drive slowly in circles, tire track to tire track, until the entire plot looks packed down. If you have a cultipacker or lawn roller, that will work even better. You can also use a drag across your plot, but be careful as sometimes a drag can bury the seed too deep in my experience.

The last step is pray for RAIN!!! This year, rain has been hard to come by in our area and my wife is so tired of me staring at my radar on my phone, rooting for storms to make it to us like I’m watching a sporting event.

As I said, these days food plots are different for me than 20 years ago. I get so much enjoyment and satisfaction out of taking care of the food plots and watching them grow. It’s really become an obsession and, to watch the wildlife utilizing them and stay healthy because of it, is a gratifying feeling from a conservation standpoint. If you’re fortunate enough to have the ability to add some plots to your hunting area, I highly recommend it! Not only will it improve your hunting, but it helps the wildlife and is a year-round hobby in itself.

Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!

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# Readlyn City Council Meetings - April 11 and May 9, 2022

## April 11, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes in the chair and the following named council members present: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Keith Brunscheon, Jason Jones. Absent: Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the March 14, 2022 council meeting, with the correction that council person Franck was present and not absent. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve budget report. Library report was not available. All

said yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes opened the Public Hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. Notice of time and place had been published in the Waverly Newspapers on March 24, 2022. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to introduce Resolution No. 2022-06 entitled "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor Pro-Tem declared Resolution No. 2022-06 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to

introduce Resolution No. 2022-07 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT". Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor Pro-Tem declared Resolution No. 2022-07 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Resolution No. 2022-08 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF SLFRF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF READLYN". Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor Pro-Tem declared Resolution No. 2022-08 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 2022-09 entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND AMENDED CONTRACT WITH INRCOG FOR THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor Pro-Tem, declared Resolution No. 2022-09 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to introduce Resolution No. 2022-10 entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA, ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-10 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Spring Clean Up from May 2-4, 2022. The latest anything may be set out is 8:00AM on May 4. Rules will be posted at city hall. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to set the public hearing date for amending the FY21/22 budget for May 9, 2022 at 7:00PM. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve contracting with Dunkerton Coop for two applications of dust control. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Ball diamond dugouts to be studied further. Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Option #3 and presented by Creative Decorating for window treatment. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve liquor license and Sunday sales for MKTC Enterprises, LLC dba Grump's. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Barney Wiersma and Austin Matthias to attend water workshop on April 27, 2022 sponsored by Iowa Rural Water. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.

Nicole Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: Lois J. Buhr, City Clerk

## May 9, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Keith Brunscheon, Jason Franck. Absent: Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias, Heidi Kuhl, Dave Panos, Louie Hartman, Hailey Broten, Eric Johnston, Ed Hood.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the April 11, 2022 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve budget report. Library report was not available. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the proposed FY21/22 Budget Amendment. Notice of time and place had been published in the Waverly Newspapers on April 28, 2022. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 2022-11 entitled "RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2022". Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-11 duly adopted.

Council received an update on upcoming Grump Day Activities June 17-19, 2022. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve use of city park for Grump Days and beer garden activities. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck approve beer license and Sunday sales permit for the Readlyn Community Club for Readlyn Grump Days, June 17-19, 2022. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve cost share with the Readlyn Community Club yearly insurance policy. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project. Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to defer consideration of bids and to set a public hearing for May 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvements. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the recent EBRR meeting. Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve "MODIFIED 28E AGREEMENT CREATING THE EAST BREMER REGIONAL RECYCLING AUTHORITY, L.L.C." Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation meeting. Discussion on dugouts at the ball park. Discussion on fire station.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J. Buhr, City Clerk

## Sign up for Homestead Credit, Military Exemption

The Bremer County Assessor's Office would like to remind property owners to sign up for the Homestead Tax Credit if you have purchased or built a new home within the last 12 months.

To qualify for the credit you must own and occupy the property as a homestead on July 1 of each year, declare residency in Iowa for income tax purposes and occupy the property for at least six months each year. Once a property owner qualifies for the credit, the credit continues until the property is sold or until the owner no longer qualifies. Please refer to Iowa Code, Chapter 425.

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Filing deadline for the Homestead Tax Credit & Military Exemption for the 2022 valuation is July 1, 2022. After July 1 all applications would be considered for the following year.

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Our crew in Readlyn is all 100% volunteer based. We have a total of 10 EMTs and 2 drivers. We also have 2 associate members who receive our pages as well and assist us when they are in the area.

- Call numbers for April - 7
- Average time from dispatch to scene - 6.5 mins.

We recently created information cards to help you and the responding EMS crew if there is an emergency. They are yellow quarter sheets with information on both sides that you can fill out. They are simple but very important things like your name, birthdate, and medications, and some other things you may not know what they stand for, like, DNR.

When we show up to a call it can sometimes be hectic. We try to ask questions and get information as well as provide treatment.

Our hope is that these cards will help with communicating some general information quickly and allow us more time to provide the best treatment possible.

If you fill these cards out with pencil, it will be easy to update the information in the event you have a medication change.

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