

And the winners are ...

The top winners of the annual Grump Days Parade are shown below. First place (top photo) went to Tyson Foods. Second place (middle

photo) was won by Wounded Warriors, and third place (bottom two photos) was won by Community Lutheran School, Readlyn.



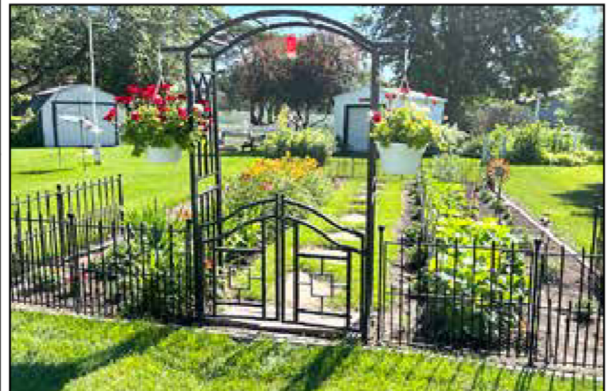
John and Sherry Tiedt are the winners of Yard of the Month for August.

Yard of the Month

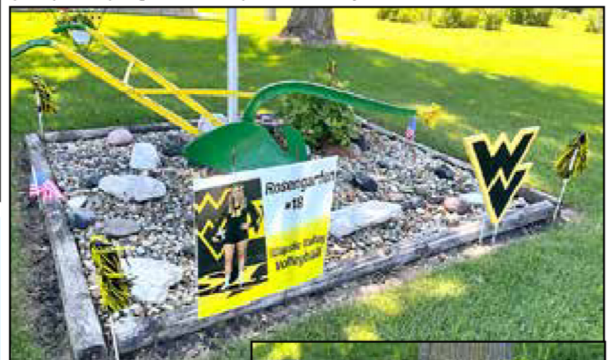
"Awesome," was the resounding word John and Sherry Tiedt, 207 Wilmont, used when they learned they were the winners of August's Yard of the Month. "Especially," Sherry modestly pointed out, "when there are so many beautiful yards in town." They would like to thank

Weeds on Fire for the honor of being chosen for the recognition.

They both love to garden: Sherry pulls weeds and John hoes. The pictures tell the rest of their story. They added that they enjoy Readlyn with its "857 people and one old Grump."



This is the entrance to their garden and flower bed. The garden fence was put up this spring with the help of their family.



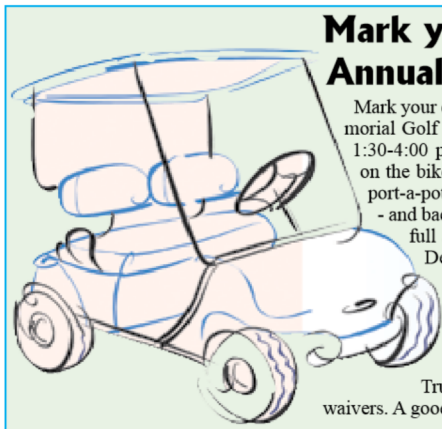
John salvaged the John Deere plow from an old building on an acreage where they lived before moving to Readlyn. The rocks are a souvenir from a Wyoming deer hunting trip. The sign at right serves dual purpose. Most of the grandkids are here, but some are in Norwalk ... also the Warriors.



Mark your calendar for Annual Golf Cart Ride

Mark your calendar!! Esther Wittenburg's Annual Memorial Golf Cart ride will be Saturday, September 10, 1:30-4:00 pm. As usual, we will ride golf carts only on the bike trail from Readlyn to Killdeer - where a port-a-potty, water, and small treats will be available - and back. Readlyn Community Club is paying the full amount for the cart rental from Rudy's in Denver. Private golf carts are invited to join us; no reservation necessary.

Interested? To reserve a golf cart, contact Pat Wehr: cell 319-415-2001 or email wehr@rtc279.com by Sat., September 3. The day of the ride, please meet at the TruServe parking lot by 1:15 pm. to sign waivers. A good time will be had by all!



See more Yard of the Month photos on page 11.



Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Pavelec, 2022 Grump

June Grump Article

This was such a very special weekend for Grump Days with perfect weather and a great presentation for the Little Grumpsters, Corbin and Addison. The excitement built as Miss Readlyn Sydney Matthias was crowned. Congratulations to all.

I loved having Vicki, my mom, my boys, their families, my brother, Steve, and my sister, Kathy, at the Grump ceremony. Thanks to everyone in the community who voted for me to be the Grump. Whoever did the video of me on stage, I enjoyed your post so much! Hundreds of people congratulated me which totally fits our Readlyn folks are. Wherever I went on Grump Days, so many kids said, "It's the Grump." That made my head spin. In fact, I was totally taken aback after winning the 2022 Grump for Readlyn. Then, on Facebook, Grumpy's Bar already had my name on its Wall of Fame. I was posted on the wall & Facebook 35 minutes after I read my own name at the crowning ceremony.

I said at the Grump ceremony that I wanted everyone to wave to me as I walked in the parade. I always love the little kids' reaction to the big old grump, and it gives me so much pleasure. However, when I got dressed at my son's house, I was sitting there and thought, "Well Louie (Hartman) had gone to the work and got Joe Regenold to drive his cool, cool, cool Mustang in the parade. It's the newest, sweetest, best convertible in Readlyn," so I felt conflicted. After everything Louie had done, I felt bad, I told her I would only walk part of the parade. Then, after pondering it a bit, since in the past I walk so slowly because I zig-zag back-and-forth to see the kids in each group, that it would mess up the parade because so many floats would have to pass Joe. Thus, I decided to ride the whole parade with Joe. It's too bad, with less than 1,000 miles on the car, he couldn't take it out and see if it really does fly.

This weekend was also a photo taking weekend for our family. My middle son, Brett, will be moving to Texas soon so family pictures were in order. My favorite one is of me in the big old grump mascot costume and all the grandkids by the Freedom Rock (below). A gentleman from Waterloo who just wanted to see the Freedom Rock helped us out and snapped

the photo. We took a lot of pictures and everyone got his own family group picture taken.

After the photo shoot, I took everyone out to eat at Grumpy's Bar. They were amazed at the homemade fried pickle. Craig started eating it, and then everyone had to share. Even my daughter-in-law, who really doesn't like pickles, said the combination of the crunch and the vinegary pickle and the cheese with jelly is amazing. So many memories from the weekend. I hope all of you had as great and happy time as I did during Readlyn Days.

July Grump Article

I recently was recognized as the Readlyn Grump when I gave a talk at the Oelwein Public Library summer reading program. This was fun to share the knowledge I have of finding gold and other natural treasures in the area around Readlyn. So far this year, the river has not been low enough to flare up my gold fever. However, I do think I got some people at the presentation thinking about looking for some Iowa yellow gold.

Gold is not native to Iowa. Iowa has no gold-bearing mountains. This land once was an ocean. Our gold was brought by glaciers during the ice ages. Many geological treasures that we have traveled to Iowa in the glacier drift, including all the rocks I picked up in my grandparents' fields as a young boy. The gold I find in the area is placer gold. The key to finding the gold is water, such as in a stream bed, where it will concentrate gold on the upstream side of certain sandbars. Gravel bars are better and still better is a river bottom with large cobbles.

Panning is the basic way prospectors find all gold. So, I sample to find the pay streak that runs from inside bend to inside bend. Gold is twice as heavy as lead. There is nothing like swirling the black sand away until you see specs of gold sticking to the bottom of the pan.

So far, it has been very good being a grump. As I travel around eastern Iowa, people recognize me as the Readlyn Grump and start a conversation with me. It always amazes me how many things we have in common and can talk up a storm like we are old friends.



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Sydney Matthias

Hello all!

My name is Sydney Matthias and I am serving as the 2022 Miss Readlyn! I'm excited to start this new journey!

A little bit about me, I am going to be a senior at Wapsie Valley where I am involved in 4 sports as well as FFA. I also show cattle and pigs. In July, I saw the end

of my junior softball season. It sure was a fun one! The volleyball team and I went to a team camp at UNI and at the University of Nebraska.

I am running for Bremer County Fair Queen in July and I will share the results next month!

- Sydney

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Historical Society meets July 11

The Readlyn Historical Society met July 11 at 6:30 p.m. with 10 members and new member, Keith Fettkether, present. We are happy to have Keith join us and invite anyone else interested in the history of Readlyn to come to our next meeting September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the museum.

A committee of Janet Huebner, Judy Leistikow, Grace Kuethe, Charlie Albrecht, and Judy Henn has been set up to start working on the calendar we will be

making to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Readlyn in 2024.

Keith showed and told about some interesting antique items he plans to donate to the museum.

Janet Huebner will be the new secretary of the Historical Society replacing Judy Henn who wishes to "retire" after 11 years.

Judy Henn, Secretary



Meet the Readlyn Gardeners!

Dedicated Readlyn Gardeners include, left to right, Roger Deterding, Dan Platte, Bonnie Wittenburg, Ruth Happel, Ruth Wittenburg, Janet Ladage, Deb Sauerbrei, Doris Hagenow, Connie Sauerbrei, and Bonnie Erickson; Not pictured: Marlys Deterding, Gene Thurm, Sam Platte, Linda Baumgartner, Millie Crawford, and Velda Hagenow. Photo courtesy Pat Wehr



New members of the Readlyn Historical Society are, left to right, Charlie Albrecht, Wilda Albrecht, Keith Fettkether, and Ellen Thies.

Pepper tournament results are given

On Friday night of Grump Days, 20 players enjoyed participating in the pepper tournament.

The winners and their scores were:

- 1st: Judy Henn and Shirley Kuker - 180
- 2nd: Coty Albers and Sean Van Natta - 159

- 3rd: Charlie and Wilda Albrecht - 144
- 4th: Dale Busch and Corey Buss - 139

Thanks for playing! Hope to see you next year at Grump Days!

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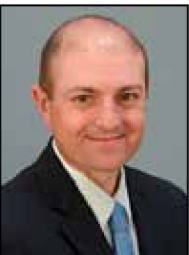
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The Readlyn Community Library is in need of volunteers in the coming months to help us man upcoming book sales, shelve, move books and help us manage programs that we'd like to offer to the community. If you have a great idea for a program or would just like to volunteer your time, please reach out to us at readlynlib@gmail.com—we'd love to hear from you!



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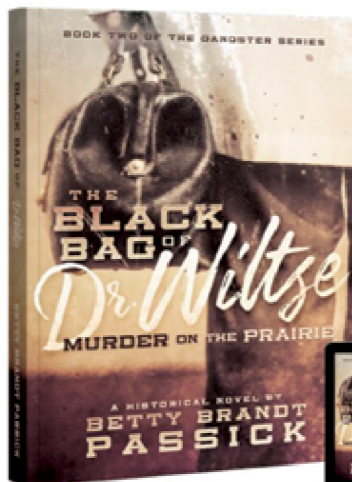
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Betty Brandt Passick will be visiting the Readlyn Community Library on August 9, 2022 @10:30am. She'll have copies of her novels (and two anthologies) available for purchase and signing during her visit. Come out and meet her and enjoy coffee and donuts, as well!



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READLYN COMMUNITY LIBRARY RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

DES MOINES—The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Readlyn Community Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition." Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Readlyn Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status begins July 1, 2022, and is valid through June 30, 2025.

As always, our goal is to serve our community—if you have suggestions or comments, they are always welcome!



Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

Old friends, fond memories

Editor's Note:

Read the *Chronicle*, including "Readlyn, Long Ago," online at: <https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us>

This article is about the children and grandchildren of Louis and Clara Everding Schweer.

Louis was born July 1, 1899 and died October 12, 1966. Clara was born August 15, 1899 and died April 20, 1969. Louie and Clara had two children, Vern and Elda. Louis and Clara are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

I received a call from Ann Bachman McIntosh several weeks ago. She inquired as to my knowledge of her father, Vern Schweer. I assured her that I knew Vern well, having been in Vern and Orlie's wedding, being one year behind him in school, on the same sports teams, and that I had worked with Vern on his dad's carpentry crew, etc.

Ann was concerned about the possibility of her father having suffered from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), a condition often affecting those who served under much stress in the military. Throughout his life, Vern exhibited periods of anxiety and depression, at times withdrawing from crowds, wanting to be alone and having trouble sleeping, etc. Ann arranged a three-way call which included her sister,

Cathey. We spoke for well over an hour.

Vern shared little with his family about his experiences in the Korean War. A few days after I came home from Korea, Vern asked me to work on his Dad's carpenter crew. We worked side-by-side for weeks, talked



Vern, proud of the First Cavalry patch.

about many subjects, but not once did we discuss our experiences in Korea. I knew Vern served with the 1st Cavalry Division. The 1st Cav was involved in vicious fighting and suffered heavy casualties.

The only experience Vern told me was that his unit was dug in in foxholes on the front line. A listening post was established in a foxhole forward of the MLR (main line of resistance); its purpose was to give a warning in the event of an attack. Vern and another soldier were assigned to this foxhole, each man having two hours of sleep and two hours on alert. Vern woke up and found the other soldier sleeping when he was to be on alert. Vern told me he reacted, threatening the other soldier, "If this happens again, I will kill you!"

Vern never exposed his daughters to his struggles during the Korean War. He opened up on only two instances to members of his family. His nephew, Jerry Wittenburg, remembers Vern saying that two of his buddies were killed

and fell on him.

To Ann's husband, Vern said that his unit was being overrun by the Chinese. He was wounded but able to walk. He carried two men back to an aid station where wounded were treated before being sent on to a M.A.S.H. At the end of the attack, Vern said he was one of only three men left in his squad. The men lost were casualties, either killed or wounded. An infantry squad usually consists of 9 soldiers.

Cathey said Vern did not like cold weather. It reminded him of being in a foxhole during that cold Korean winter.

Ann recalled that Vern often said, "War is hell!" Seeing the war in Vietnam on television affected Vern. Vern hated guns. He never owned one.

Vern and Orlie Schweer

Vern was born September 19, 1928 to Louis and Clara Everding Schweer. He graduated from Readlyn High School in 1946. Orlie was born in Hawkeye, Iowa May 27, 1934, the daughter of Fred Henry and Olive Louise Cummings Fedeler. She graduated from Hawkeye High School in 1952, where she earned honors as an all-state basketball player.

Vern and Orlie were married May 9, 1954 at the United Methodist Church in Hawkeye. They made their home in Readlyn where they built three homes together working side-by-side. Their two daughters, Cathey and Ann, attended Wapsie Valley schools.

When Vern was sixty, he and Orlie moved to Waterloo to be closer to their work. Vern had worked many years for John G. Miller Construction as an estimator. When Orlie began working for Baird Industries in Cedar Falls, her entry position was as a secretary. She retired 36 years later as president of the company. Ann reported that her mother worked long hours and never took a vacation, even working while ill. Orlie was successful in management years before women were readily accepted as executives. Cathey retired at 55, Ann will retire at 60.

Vern and Orly had two daughters, Cathey and Ann, born 8 years apart. Both graduated from Wapsie Valley, Cathey in 1973 and Ann in 1982. Cathey, the older daughter, resides in Robins, Iowa. Cathey graduated from Kirkwood with a fashion merchandising degree and had a successful career in sales at Grainger Industrial Supplies in Cedar Rapids. Among her many customers was Arlin Pooch, who bought overalls for the Klinger Store. Cathey retired at age 55. She and David have a son, Adam, 33, who will marry in November.

Ann Bachman McIntosh lives in Naperville, Illinois. Ann graduated from Iowa State in 1986 and taught in Lisle, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1989. After 20 years, she left teaching and now is employed by the Illinois Education Association NEA, as uniserv director, advocating for teachers in disputes with administration. She has a son, Tyler Bachmann, 31, who will soon be married. Her husband, Scott, brought twins, Jason and Kayla McIntosh, into their marriage.

Vern died in 2001. Orlie outlived Vern by 8 years and died in 2009 from complications of a stroke. Orlie was an active member of the Readlyn VFW Auxiliary, a 49-year member of the Fairbank United Methodist Church where she served on the church board, UMW and pastor parish relations. Vern and Orlie are buried in

the Fairbank Cemetery.

Elda and Delbert Wittenburg

Elda Schweer was born August 29, 1921. She married Delbert Wittenburg, September 8, 1938 in



Vern and Orlie taken after basic training

Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Delbert and Elda farmed in the Klinger area. They had two children, Jerry and Bonnie.

Delbert Wittenburg died October 1, 2001. Elda died August 22, 2009. They are buried in St Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Jerry Wittenburg graduated in 1960, the first graduating class at Wapsie Valley. He married Bonnie Pooch in Maxfield Lutheran Church, Denver. Jerry retired from John Deere in 2003 after 30 years. Bonnie was employed by Lutheran Mutual and Terex as a secretary. Jerry and Bonnie have two children, Randy and Rhonda. They have a home in Readlyn, a cabin in Harpers Ferry and spend winters in Texas.

Bonnie Wittenburg graduated from Wapsie Valley in 1964. She married Roger Zars in Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Bonnie worked at farming with Roger and for Denver Mutual Insurance Agency. They had three children, Pam, Angie and Todd. Bonnie died August 22, 2019 and is buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery near Klinger. Roger remains on the farm. Roger and Bonnie enjoyed playing Schafskopf.

The Last Dance

After I left Readlyn in 1959, I saw Vern and Orlie only one time. It was on the dance floor of the Electric Park in Waterloo. We were dancing. The music stopped playing for a few seconds between numbers. Vern and Orlie happened to be near. We exchanged pleasantries. The band resumed playing and we resumed dancing. Those few seconds were the last time I had any contact with Vern and Orlie. That memory brings tears to my eyes. Vern and Orlie were the best dressed, the best looking and the best dancers on the floor.

This article has been a tribute to an old friend, Vern Schweer. It hurt to lose another old friend recently, Reiny Freitag. My old, close friends are almost all gone. Why am I still here? I thank God that, at 92, I can still see, walk, talk, hear (somewhat), drive, and have a sound mind. As a tribute to yourself, ponder for a moment after you ask, "What are the treasures in my life for which I should be thankful?"

Louie's Band

Vern was an outstanding musician, his specialty, the trumpet. He was a member of the Readlyn High School Band. You can see a youthful Vern in the foreground with the members of his father's band, below. The picture was taken circa 1940. Louis is on the right with a concertina. I cannot identify others. I doubt that I could find anybody who can.

When I asked a good friend of Vern's, Al Judas, the name of the band he replied, "Louie Schweer and his Wapsie Nightingales." Louie's band, along with Elmer Otto's band, The Music Makers, played at barn dances, wedding dances and other activities in the area.

Louie played the bass fiddle in addition to the concertina. He was proud of his band and especially his fiddle, which was displayed on a stand in the living room.



Family of Vern and Orlie — Front row, left to right: Adam Barth, Tyler Bachman, Vern Schweer; back row: Orlie Schweer, Ann Bachman, Larry Bachman, David Barth, Cathey Barth. Photo from Dec. 2001.



Class of '72 reunites

The Wapsie Valley High School class of 1972 met to celebrate their 50-year graduation anniversary in June.

On Friday night, June 17 class members decorated the float trailer. We rode the float in the Readlyn Grump Days parade on June 18 and again on Saturday, June 25 for Fairbank Island Days.

After the Readlyn parade, we took a Wapsie Valley School bus out to the high school and had a tour to notice all the changes made in the past 50 years. Our class photo still hangs on the wall in the hallway to the music room, but it does show just a few signs of age to it.

On Sunday, June 19 there was a noon

buffet meal at The Center Inn-Readlyn. Classmates, along with others, were there- with total attendance around 50. Teachers - Miss Janice Moon (Mrs. Kurt Lehmkuhl), Mr. Mel Neil and wife and Mr. Colby Withers and wife - were there and shared memories. A remembrance board had photos and candles burned for those deceased from our class. Thanks to those in attendance and to those unable to be there-you were truly missed!

The Reunion Committee gives thanks to each and everyone from our class, our teachers and communities for your part in making our 50-year class reunion a total success!



Wapsie Valley's Class of 1972 got together Sunday, June 19 at The Center Inn-Readlyn. Front row, left to right, are: Lori Kane Zuck, Margaret Herman Kistler, Beverly Leistikow Herman, Sharon Corcoran Rogers, Karen Kaufmann Coffin and Linda Heineman VanDaele; second row, Jack Ryan, Steve Warneke, Janice Moon Lehmkuhl-vocal teacher, Virginia Wedemeier Bruster, Karen Kehe Boehme, Rhonda Schutte, Clara Diers Wendt, and Keith Westendorf; back row, Phil Halstead, Gary Lehmkuhl, Layton Tiedt, Tom Willwerth, Nancy Hesse Happel, John Rich, Jim Boehme, Rick VanDaele, Mike Buentzow, Steve Franck, Pat Burke, Paul Leistikow, Randy Menuey, Kraig Niebuhr and Mr Mel Neil-teacher. Photo courtesy Gayle Lehmkuhl



1971 Homecoming Queen Lori Kane Zuck is shown above with candidates Kathy Boevers Traetow and Linda Heineman VanDaele. Not pictured: Penny Buhr Kohagen and Eileen Peters Klemme.

(Above left) **The Wapsie Valley Class of 1972** were represented at the Fairbank Island Days and Grump Days Parades. Photo courtesy Rod Zuck

"**These candles** burn in loving memory of those who are not here today, but who are forever present in our hearts." Lisa Albrecht-2004; Wayne Bantz 2020; Rick Brickman 2005; Kevin Cripe 1995; Debbie Hein-2015; Ellen Klemp Anderson-2021; Bill Langholz-2018; Jean Leuenberger-2016; Joan Leuenberger-2018; James Richards-2003; Craig Schmidt-2021; Gary Schneider-2021; Jerry Tinkey-2014; Ken Ungs-2021; Bonnie Warnke Brockmeyer-2014; Rick Wagner-1974; Steve Wenger-2000; Jim Wierck-2017.



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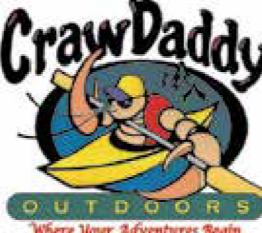


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Business Spotlight Grumpy's Spirits, Suds and Grub & Event Center

They may not be grumpy, but they've got it down. If not the role, at least the spirit. This couple have taken on the challenge of reviving a once popular bar and grill in Readlyn, and they are determined not just to make a go at it, but rather, to make it a destination for area communities.

Mike and Samantha Keeran are the brainpower, the investment power and the hands-on power behind Grumpy's Spirits, Suds and Grub, Readlyn's new old place for fun and food on Main Street.

They have put together a dynamic team of employees, friends and old classmates and have invested their hard-earned money to transform the building at 209 Main Street in Readlyn into a hub for great food and entertainment.

Just like building any business or team, you can't do it yourself. We continue to add key players to our team, having part ownership added with Mike and Karrie Nicholas, Kelly Bockholt as our General Manager, Noah Freebury as our Bar Manager, and Heather Collins as our Kitchen Manager to our management team. This team has been amazing and already are working on other business adventures in the coming months.

The name they came up with reflects the town's tradition, which is spelled out on a sign on the highway, which says "857 friendly people and one old Grump."

The Old Grump folklore goes back to 1990 when the first Grump, Sam Sickles, was crowned during the town's annual summer celebration, held the third week of June.

Beyond the sign on Highway 3, the lineage of the town's quirky Grumps, who are 65 or older, lives in the symbolic gifts that the Grumps, the town's ceremonial ambassadors, receive, such as a hat and a license plate.

But that history is also honored at a special oval table at Grumpy's, where news clippings of each Grump are bonded into a tabletop, which provides a unique display.

The new owners also created a wall of fame, right next to that table, which will list each Grump, honoring the town's tradition.

Like any old building, this one needed upgrades and re-envisioning to make it an accessible and desirable destination.

An access ramp for wheelchair accessibility is in the works and the city is pitching in with sidewalk improvements for 2023 and the Betterment Group of Readlyn is helping with updating the exterior of the building and many other inside projects to make this Event Center a beautiful place to holding weddings and celebrations.

Meanwhile, a beer garden is currently being installed in the back which will add to the atmosphere and opportunities for a unique experience.

On the events side, they have a lineup of exciting live performances planned.

We planned to have country and rock bands, comedy performers, even a dueling pianos act already scheduled with many more being added weekly.

Mike Keeran (owner) oversees the entertainment, and he plans to make a mark in the area so that fans from near and far have a reason to hop in the car and drive to Grumpy's for an evening of memorable food and fun.

They have learned to listen to the feedback of the staff and the community and have lunches starting July 26 with some amazing pies being added to the lunch hour, along with coffee and muffins in the morning for those early birds that need that cup of joe to get that day going to avoid those Grumpy ways... along with a favorite Tuesday night menu with tacos and margaritas starting July 26 at 4pm.

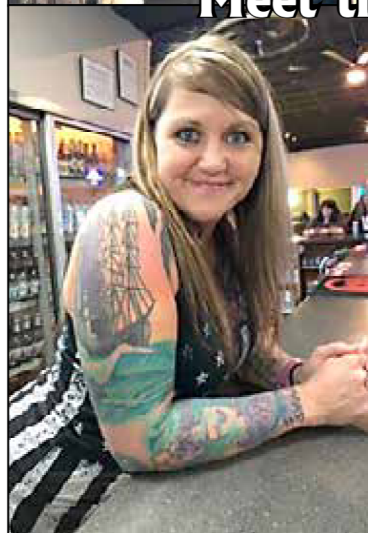
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It wouldn't be a Readlyn Grump Days Parade without the Readlyn Grumps! Left to right are 2022 Miss Readlyn Sydney Matthias, Larry Ladage (Grump 2018), Verdeen Pavelec (2010), Ron Leistikow (2009), Charlie Albrecht (2016), Marlys Deterding (Co-Grump 2021), Roger Deterding (2006) and Don Billhorn (2007). Photo by Brandi Marticoff



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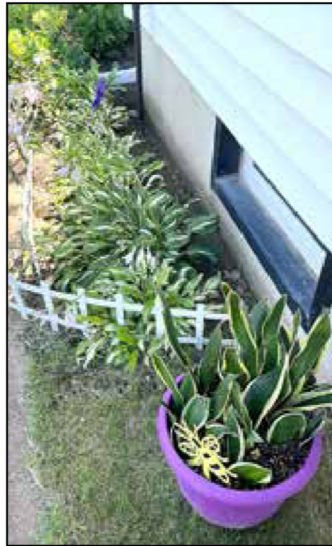
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The yellow whirlygig was a Father's Day gift from John's family and purchased from one of the Grump Day vendors.



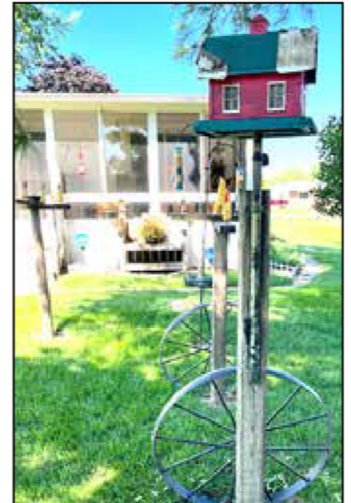
The Tiedts enjoy the view from their three-season porch; notice the squirrel and the blue jay.



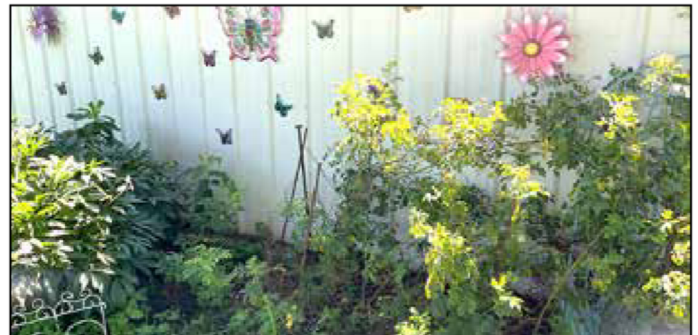
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Obituary



Lavern Spier

Lavern Spier, 92, of rural Sumner, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Lavern was born on February 2, 1930, on the century family farm in rural Sumner, Iowa, the son of Emil and Bertha (Steidler) Spier. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church, Buck Creek. He attended country school in rural Sumner at Dayton township and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1948. He entered the United States Army on July 9, 1952, where he served during the Korean Conflict in Germany. He was honorably discharged on June 15, 1954; and returned to the Sumner area to assist on the farm with his parents. While farming with his parents he worked at Rath Packing for the next nine years, eventually taking over the family farm raising hogs and dairy cattle. He was united in

marriage to Betty Mitchell on November 22, 1964, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

Lavern enjoyed many visits with his grandkids and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events. He had a love for dancing, fishing, raising chickens and going to the casino. As a lifelong farmer, he always was willing to lend Tom and Jacquie a hand on the farm and helped with the grandkids when Jacquie was recalled to Desert Storm.

Lavern is survived by his son, Tom (Jacquie) Spier of rural Sumner; his grandchildren, Melissa (Tommy) Stewart, Kevin Spier, David Spier; and great-grandchildren Carter Stewart, Autumn Stewart, Sawyer Stewart, Hunter Stewart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty, in 1969 and two sisters, Dorothy Spier and Norma Zummak; and a brother-in-law, Lorenz Zummak.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Buck Creek, rural Sumner with Pastor Tracy Hinkel officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Military rites at the grave were conducted by the American Legion - Thomas E Woods Post 223 of Sumner. Visitation was held on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and also for one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be directed to His Hands Food Pantry, Oran.

Pallbearers were Tom Spier, Jacquie Spier, Melissa Stewart, Carter Stewart, Kevin Spier and David Spier. Honorary Pallbearers were Tommy Stewart, Maggie Pyke, and Erin Niewoehner.

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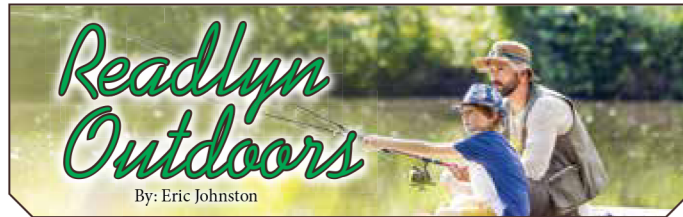
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The year was maybe 2004 or 2005, somewhere in that time frame. I was an eager, early 20s, very inexperienced, yet very driven, bass tournament angler. I had finally put together a small 14 foot flatbottom jon boat with a 25 horsepower Johnson outboard and a small 36 pound thrust trolling motor with a small livewell and now had a rig capable of competing in the local Tuesday night tournament series.

I had fished it since 2001, but always hitching a ride in someone else’s boat. I was now on my own with my decisions and could compete how I wanted to! The scene was set on a stretch of the Cedar River in downtown Waterloo near the ballpark. I readied and launched my boat and paid my entry. As I waited on the water for takeoff at 5:30 pm, I devised a plan to jump out ahead of everyone at the start in this little boat.

Cue the word “inexperience” again...

At this time, all these tournaments were a “shotgun” start which meant, at the sound of the horn, the entire field of 30 or so boats could take off all at once. The danger factor of this is high and no longer happens these days in tournaments. You can imagine the chaos as boats with 25 to 250 horsepower all mixed together hammering the gas at the same time take off.

Well, my eagerness of getting to “my spot” first, overshadowed the danger factor. As the horn blew, I was a good forty yards up river from everyone else and already in the gas. I ended up with about a 100-yard lead on the field and was feeling pretty good about myself for about 15 seconds until the field of boats caught me and were passing on each side and my little boat was being slammed with waves.

I found myself towards the bank as we all ended up where the river necked down to one narrow path that had deep water. I quickly took a hard right without even looking behind me, and shot through the narrow channel. Little did I know at the time that I had totally cut off Jim Mastain

and Paul Herron and they had to nearly run into the bank and kill the motor to avoid running into the back of me. I hadn’t a clue of this mishap as I fished all evening.

As I made my way back to the ramp for check-in at 8:30, I was walking to my truck to pull my boat out and heard, “You in the red shirt! I need to talk to you!” I did not know this guy at all and he told me what I did and gave me quite a talking to. I gained a little experience that evening for sure and felt sick over it. It was Paul that was talking to me and, later, Jim came up and talked to me as well and relayed the danger and what I’d done. As I said, I was sick, the last thing I wanted to do was have a reputation of recklessness.

A couple days later, my phone rang with a number I didn’t recognize, but I answered. It was Jim Mastain. After cutting him off like I did he called to talk fishing and asked if I would like to go with him the next weekend. I said yes and a friendship was born. Somehow, out of an on-the-water confrontation, we became friends and anybody that knows me well knows Jim is one of my best friends and we’ve done lots of tournaments and have been fishing together over the last 17-18 years.

I have met so many great friends over the years through fishing. For many years, I ran that same Tuesday night series alongside Jim and the Cedar Valley Bassmasters Club and made so many friends in those times that still continue today.

Today, running our No Nonsense

Prairie Bass Series, we continue to make more friends and get to know so many people, whether it’s the business relationships, or the comradery of getting to know the anglers, those friendships are made. In my mind, these days this is the best part of tournament fishing and owning a series.

Just recently, Aubrey, Adam, Monica, and myself that own No Nonsense have become great friends with our Angler of the Year in 2021, Joey Renner, and his wife, Leah. They live in Prairie du Chien and invited us to grill out with them. Their daughter and son are around the same age as my daughter, Delana, and they’ve become friends as well and, after that cook-out, we even share a crazy story or two!

Another great story that’s come from owning No Nonsense happened at our last tournament June 23. Young anglers Drew Campbell and Noah Wiegel won our tournament of 69 teams — no easy feat for a couple high school aged young men for sure! As the awards were handed out and checks written, my wife called Drew up to the table as he had some tax info to fill out and his mom came up with him. Many of you know I’ve worked sports shows through each winter in various capacities for over a decade now. When his mom came up to the table she got my attention and relayed to me that Drew had talked with me at a sports show as a very young boy and that had sort of planted a seed in

him on tournament fishing. Fast forward to him winning the series I co-own!

At first, I was just like that’s awesome and congratulated him and thanked his mom for the story. It wasn’t until later, while packing up, Aubrey relayed the story to me again and it hit me, the impact of a conversation from years ago that inspired a youth to take on a sport I’m so passionate about. A little overwhelming to say the least.

The friendship mantra also holds true in the hunting side of the outdoors as I’ve made many friends through hunting as well. Some great friends are the farmers and landowners where I hunt, to the friends I’ve made on trips like last winter in Texas. Being now friends with Jeff Schutte after that trip has led to friendship with Gary Matthias and helping him with his land.

I guess where I’m headed with in this month’s column is, share your outdoor passion with others and a lot of times it leads to friendships and relationships that last many years. I’m so thankful for all the great people in this world that I’ve met through the outdoors and it continues to grow all the time. So, next time you strike up a conversation with someone about the outdoors, share a fishing trip or a duck blind together. It just may lead to a lifelong friendship!

Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!



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College News

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Readlyn City Council Meetings - June 13 and July 11, 2022

June 13, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, June 13, 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 Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon Jason Franck, Joey Jones. Absent: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Rose Phillips, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to approve minutes from the May 9 and 23, 2022 council meetings. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the Adoption of a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Bremer County, Iowa. Notice of time and place had been published in the Waverly Newspapers on May 31, 2022. No written or oral objec-

tions were received. After all desiring to be heard motion by Franck and seconded by Jones to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 2022-17 entitled "RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR BREMER COUNTY, IOWA". Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-17 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 2022-18 entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA, AWARDING AN OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION CONTRACT TO KIRVAN ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR PROJECT #7 OF THE READLYN CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Franck. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-18 duly adopted.

Main Street Reconstruction Project. Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to introduce Resolution No. 2022-19 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BOND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor de-

clared Resolution No. 2022-19 duly adopted.

\$1,600,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2022A. Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 2022-20 entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAYING AGENT, NOTE REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT AND NOTE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT". Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-20 duly adopted.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 2022-21 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY THE NOTES: APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Francie NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-21 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to approve to introduce Resolution No. 2022-22 entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF READLYN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-22 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 2022-23 entitled "RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS BUDGET YEAR 2021/2022". Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-23 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit for the Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Readlyn Kwik Store effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Francie. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Current UTV ordinance was discussed. Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to have city attorney review current ordinance with needed changes due to Iowa law changes effective July 1, 2022. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Jones to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

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

July 11, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon Jason Franck, Joey Jones, Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Eric and Aubrey Johnston, Jimmy Hyde, Ron Oltrogge, Sam Gage, Mike Keeran.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the June 13, 2022 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve budget report. Library report was unavailable. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon 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.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve new fireman Joshua Peters. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve contacting city attorney with changes to Ordinance No. 358 concerning Off-Road Utility Vehicles as discussed. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Maquire Iron representative, Sam Gage, discussed maintenance of the water tower. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Jones to approving signing a Full-Service Maintenance Contract with Maquire Iron for the Readlyn water tower. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

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