

A picture-perfect day for a golf cart ride

As you can see in the pictures, nearly thirty golf carts enjoyed the picture-perfect day traveling on the bike trail Sunday, September 11. Royalty 2019 Grump, Roland Schmidt, and Miss Readlyn/Bremer County, Sydney Matthias, led the ride. A huge thank you to Esther Wittenburg's family for sending their generous donation to cover the cost of the twelve rented carts. The Readlyn Community Club also deserves a thank you.

New this year, Readlyn Gardeners generously served cookies and water at the gazebo as a reminder that the gazebo is open to the public. It has a circular table inside which makes it a great place to enjoy a picnic lunch. If you've never enjoyed this amenity, don't hesitate to try it.

It has been suggested that next year we extend the trip on the bike trail to include circling around the new wetlands near the gazebo.

Although Esther can no longer enjoy the ride, her memory lives on!



Leading the golf cart ride was 2019 Readlyn Grump, Roland Schmidt (center). At the end of the ride, he's enjoying cookies provided by the Readlyn Gardeners with his son and Readlyn Gardener Millie Crawford.



Readlyn Gardener Bonnie Erickson offers cookies to Esther Pooch, center, and her son, Steve Pooch, right.



Miss Readlyn, also crowned Miss Bremer County, Sydney Matthias, prepares with her driver, Kalvyn Rosengarten, to help lead the golf cart ride.



At the end of the ride, some of the riders gather outside the gazebo.

See more photos on page 16

Leaf burning Oct. 1-Nov. 15

The City of Readlyn will permit burning of leaves, but not the burning of building materials or other household wastes.

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Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Pavelec, 2022 Grump

Still part of the World Grump tour: Vicki and I are theater fans; this was a tour we were looking forward to. It was just lovely to connect with your inner self with a visit to this small Bavarian village alongside of the Alps. The church and cathedrals offer rest for the spirit, but this place was unique in that sense! Somehow, I got the same feeling in the wood shops.

The play was 6 hours long with a 3-hour break about halfway through in order to get dinner. The theater itself was open on one end but covered on the top and sides. I am 6'-4" and 295#. Those seats were not designed for someone of my size.

As far as the play is concerned, it was all in German. I brushed up before we left but not being fluent, I still enjoyed the German rendition, I carefully read the textbook before the show and that helped to understand the words. Very similar to seeing an Italian opera, one just feels what they are saying.

Considering the fact that the reason the people of Oberammergau have been doing the play was to thank God for sparing them from the 15 century plague. You would think that they would have done a better job following the scriptures. Annual Lenten and Easter stories services at Zion may lack the beautiful theatrics, but they better convey the spiritual passion message for me.

However, the Passion play was superb: Brilliantly acted; the sets were fantastic! We were blown away by the talent (singing, orchestras) and the vast numbers of community folks in the larger scenes.

For an amateur production, the standard was good. So, there were a few glitches, but the overall impression was one of awe.

The animals (donkey, horses, goats, sheep, doves, camels) were so well trained. The choir was brilliant, and the big scenes with huge cast were so good. Every person stayed in character. The last supper was particularly special. The tableau between scenes were so clever and tied in with the story of Jesus. The mass scenes gives the audience a real feeling of how it could have looked in Jesus's time.

My takeaway of this play, as a believer, this gave me something to remember in my heart. It is something special. No one would regret seeing the passion play in Oberammergau.

In the end, I was happy we went, but it is a once-in-a-lifetime show. When you see me in Readlyn, ask me about the other stops on our tour.

The Big Old Grump



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Sydney Matthias

Hi!
It's hard to believe that I'm already two weeks into my senior year! I ended my summer representing Bremer County at the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant! I had so much fun getting to meet all of the counties' Fair Queens! Did you know that some counties have two fair queens? There were 102 Queens and I got the opportunity to meet every single one of them. Over the three days, I had several individual and group interviews, as well as tons of fun workshops!

After the competition was over, I spent another 4 days showing my livestock. My gilt got a purple ribbon and my barrow got

a blue ribbon! Sadly, it was my final time showing my heifer Bonnie. She got a purple in her market heifer class!

Volleyball is now in full swing! We have been playing really fun volleyball recently and have beaten ranked opponents. My teammates and I have also been accomplishing individual goals this season! I'm so excited to see how far we get into postseason and how many more goals as a team we will meet!

I am so happy that the weather allowed me to participate in the golf cart ride. I hope everyone that attended had a great time!

Sydney

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Readlyn Community Happenings



Garylee Thurm

Garylee Thurm notes 80th birthday Oct. 30

Garylee Thurm will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Sunday, October 30 with an open house from 1-4 PM at Grumpy's in Readlyn.

Garylee was born October 31, 1942 and has lived most of his life in Readlyn. He was Readlyn's Grump in 2013.

Cards may be sent to 405 5th St. Place, Readlyn, IA 50668. Hope you can stop by and wish him a happy birthday. He would love to see you!

V.F.W. Auxiliary meets September 13 at library

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary members and two guests present on September 13, 2022 at 6 pm. The 3rd district Presi-



Verdeen Pavelec presented the missing man's table at a recent Auxiliary meeting.



Ladies of the Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary received a visit from 3rd District President Kathryn McDonald (second from the right).

dent, Kathryn McDonald, Waterloo came to inspect the Auxiliary books at 5 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Verdeen Pavelec and opened with prayer read by Verdeen and Pledge of Allegiance by all. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Luann Happel. A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Darlene Peters to accept the minutes. Carried. The treasurer's report was read by Ellen Thies which is subject to audit.

A corsage of poppies with a \$10 bill was presented to Kathryn and she gave all the auxiliary members a Busy Bee pin from her.

General orders and chairman reports were read by all.

Old business: volunteer hours were turned in. Have address for canceled stamps.

New Business: Big Ten Conference is October 14-16 and will be in Waterloo Oct. 17. Fall Pow-Wow conference will be October 21-24 in Des Moines. We're having a poppyless poppy sale. September is National Suicide Prevention month.

3rd District President Kathryn McDonald commented on our auxiliary. Verdeen presented the missing man's table. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The prayer was read by Kathryn McDonald. A delicious meal was served by Hostess Betty Power.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all of the cards, phone calls and gifts given to me for my 80th birthday. It made my day special. Thank you for your kindness.
*God's Blessings,
 Lavonne Oltrogge*

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, food and visits since my fall. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless you all.
Jane Meier

Thank You

We'd like to thank Pastor Phil for his prayers, visit and beautiful funeral service for Don. Also, thank you to the staff at the Waverly Health Center, Hillcrest Home, Cedar Valley Hospice and Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home for their care and concern. Thank you to everyone for remembering us with cards, memorials, food and visits. A special thanks to our family for their help and support. God bless you all.
-Family of Don Soldwisch

Thank You

I'd like to thank everyone who sent me well wishes during my recent recovery. They were very much appreciated.
Garylee Thurm

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, food, text messages and phone calls after my recent surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Phil and my family for taking care of me during that time. God bless you all.
Luann Happel

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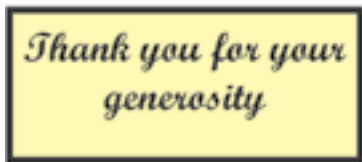
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Another New Face at the Library!

Beth Kingdon has joined our team here at Readlyn Community Library! Beth will be keeping things running in the library a couple of days a week, so stop by to say hello!

Beth joins us from Marcus Public Library and brings great experience with her. We're quite excited to have her join us.

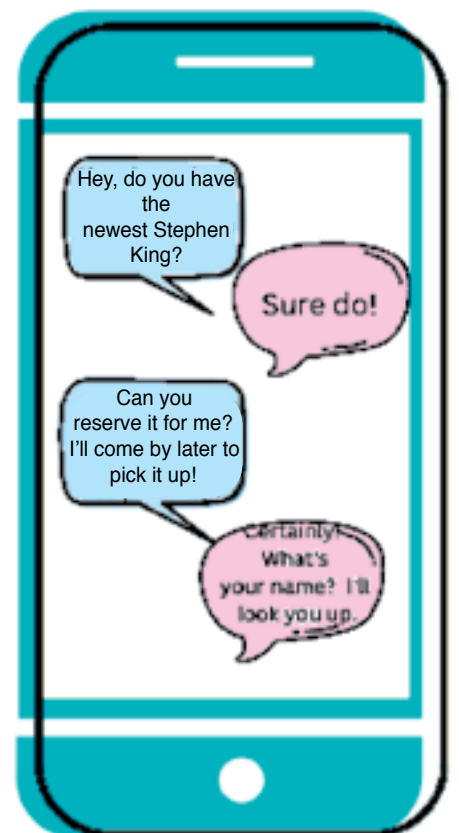


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I didn't know you guys did THAT!

We have a few services here at the Library that are sometimes forgotten about, but are still available to our community. Here are a few!

- Have a bunch of photos that you'd like to make into a collage, but don't have the software? Let us know—odds are we can help!
- Know someone who's expecting a baby? We'd love to send them their very first book! Let us know!
- Looking for old yearbooks? We've got 'em.
- Need a green screen for a project? You can use ours! We'll even take your picture!
- Need a meeting space? And a whiteboard? We've got both.
- Want to print a 3-D file? We've got you covered.
- Need a basic flyer made? We can usually help!
- Want a few books checked out and brought out to your car? Send us a chat!
- Having a community gathering and want to get the word out? Our digital sign can help you with that!
- Need a smile and a friendly word? Come on by—we'll even help you pick out a book. :)



Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

The Big Little Town

By Roger Detterding

What I remember of the town of Artesian would take too many pages in the *Chronicle*, so I am just going to make a few notes about the Big Little Town. It was located 3/4 mile north of the junction of Highway 3 and 63. It consisted of one house and creamery on the west side of the highway and two houses and the general store on the east side of the highway.

The general store was owned and operated by my grandparents, F.F. and Minnie Moeller. They bought the store in 1900. They operated it as a general store because they sold groceries, clothing, shoes, and many other hardware items. F.F. also sold feed, fertilizer, and many farm-related items, along with a post office. In the late '30s, he sold Case steel wheel tractors.

They had five children; four girls and one boy. After the death of my grandparents, the estate was pur-

chased by their son, Erhard, and his wife, Geraldine, who continued operating the business along with a plumbing business with the help of his nephew, Orlyn Schroeder, which he later sold the business to. Orlyn then moved his plumbing business to Denver.

Erhard and his wife continued operating the store until 1984 when the state of Iowa condemned the store and some property so they could widen Highway 63. The larger house was moved to the north part of the property and the other house to the east was sold after Erhard and Geri retired and moved to California to be with their son, Dan.

The creamery and house on the west side of the highway, which was once operated by Harold and Delores Meier for a time, was later condemned by the state and tore down due to the widening of the highway.

Artesian, Iowa Creamery

By Delores Meier, Readlyn

Artesian was called "The Big Little Town in Iowa." The Artesian Creamery was established in 1887. At that time, the farmers in the area brought milk in large cans to the creamery in their wagons pulled by teams of horses. The creamery was located on the west side of the road and across to the east side of a store, built by a man by the name of Henry Boedecker. The store included a post office. The first mail to the Artesian post office was brought by a team from Waverly. In 1900, F. F. Moeller bought the store from Mr. Boedecker. At that time, the first post office was re-established with F.F. Moeller as Postmaster.

In 1916, Carl Meier accepted the position of butter maker in the Artesian Creamery. His home was south of the creamery. He moved there from the Grove Hill Creamery with his family. During the 32 years he was butter maker, a lot of changes took place -- from the patrons bringing in whole milk, to having it separated at the creamery and filling their empty cans with skim milk to feed to the pigs. Then the change of farmers investing in separators and bringing in their cream in cans. They delivered their cream by truck or car.

There was also a flowing artesian well in the creamery and one in the store across the road. It was the best tasting water you could get. Many pounds of butter were printed and packed in boxes and delivered to Waterloo stores besides what the patrons would order. Some were packed in tubs and shipped out east.

There was a certain time in the winter when the river nearby would freeze over and the patrons would have a session to cut ice and haul it to an icehouse next to the creamery. They packed the ice in sawdust to keep for the year. The chunks of ice would then be taken into the cream-

ery to place in a built-in icebox for the butter.

The Meiers and Mr. Moeller would feed the men at noon in the creamery. The men seemed to enjoy it and made a real party of that event yearly. Some years later, remodeling was done and an ice machine was installed and a walk-in cooler was built. That became quite modern.

There were eight children in the Carl Meier family and they all did their share in helping in the creamery. After the Meier's quit the creamery business and moved to Waverly, Iowa, their son Harold W. became the butter maker for a few years before he established the "Tastie Creme" business in Denver, Iowa. Erwin Kueker became the next butter maker for several more years.

In 1967, the Artesian Creamery was dissolved and the property was sold to Melvin Bond who manufactured fishing lures in the creamery and called it the "Do-It Mfg. Co." By 1985, the creamery and most of Artesian was demolished due to the widening of the highway. The "Do-It Mfg. Co." moved to the north edge of Denver, Iowa. His business continues from there, but he still has a few buildings remaining in Artesian for storage.

Minnie & Fred Moeller

From a 1950 *Waverly Democrat*

Minnie Drewes and Fred Moeller were married Feb 8, 1900 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Artesian. Soon after their marriage, the couple made their home in Artesian where Mr. Moeller owns and operates a general store. They have five children: Mrs. Edward Schroeder, Mrs. Paul Schaefer, Mrs. Clarence Detterding, Mrs. Wilbert Schultz and son, Erhard.

Artesian – Now Vanished

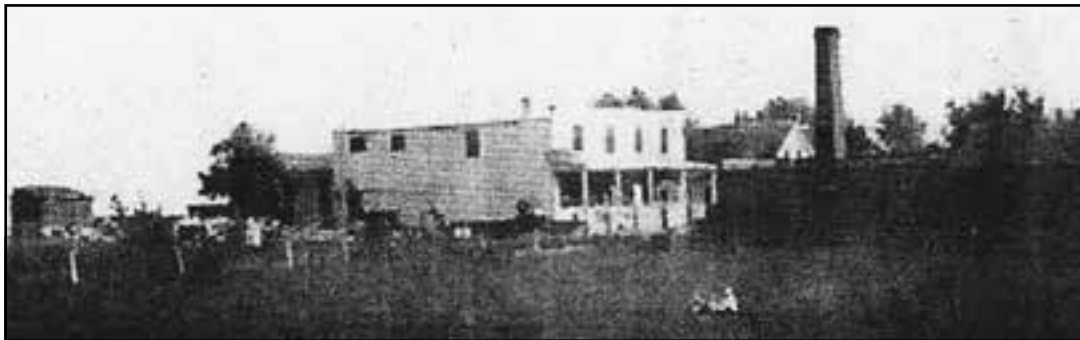
Artesian was located three miles north of Denver less than one mile north of Highway 3 on Highway 63. It was at one time referred to as The Big Little Town in Iowa. It took its name from the number of artesian wells in the area. These wells

are also called flowing wells. Water pressure in the aquifer forces water to the surface.

Three articles about Artesian history appear on this page. Roger Detterding of Readlyn is the grandson of F.F. Moeller, longtime owner of Moeller's

General Store. Delores, wife of Harold Meier, a former butter-maker at the Artesian Creamery, resided in Artesian for two years, from 1950–1952.

The third article was printed in the *Waterloo Courier*, Sunday, June 2, 1984.



Artesian, located three miles north of Denver and less than one mile north of Highway 3 on Highway 63, is viewed from the southeast.

Nothing was ever discarded at Moeller's General Store

Reprinted from the *Waterloo Courier*, Sunday, June 2, 1984

ARTESIAN — Erhard Moeller yanked an aged, crisp piece of paper from beneath the mustard spice bin.

He gently pulled the letter from the envelope and studied the script handwriting.

"This is to my mother, Minnie," he said, inspecting the letter's contents. "And it's from Alma. I don't know any Alma."

Then he looked at the postmark, and chuckled. The letter was dated 1903.

Yet, rather than tossing it aside, he opened his shirt pocket and dropped the letter into it. "I'll just have to read this another time," he said, patting his pocket shut.

Erhard stepped back and turned to face the dusty, dingy aisle. As he reached to turn on a light bulb hanging from the cracked ceiling, the aisle became a walkway through the early 1900s.

WARPED cardboard boxes, filled with bottles of rheumatism remedy and gout medicine, headache powders and corn salve, were sitting atop each other.

An oyster cooler, dating

back to the early 1900s, rested on the floor. A Beals and Torrey Shoe Co. bench was laden with rusty, colorful spice bins and wooden crates were filled with paraphernalia from a bygone era.

Erhard was walking through the second floor of Moeller's General Store, located on Highway 63 just north of the intersection of 3 and 63. He and his wife, Geraldine, have been running the general store since 1952; it's been in the family since 1900.

As years passed by, stock was replaced with more modern supplies. Nothing was ever discarded, as anyone can witness by rummaging through the second floor.

That will change Saturday. Gerhard and Geraldine are being forced to move from their property. They'll sell the contents of their store at auction.

The Iowa Department of Transportation as condemned the Moellers' home and general store was part of a project to construct 10-foot wide shoulders on Highway 63. The work, scheduled to begin this summer, is being done along 25 miles of the highway from just south of New Hampton to just north of the 3 and 63 intersection.

ERHARD backtracks and moves into the next aisle. A square, three-tiered candy display case sat atop another round, three-tiered, beveled glass case. A smoothly-worn, wooden coin drawer stood empty on top of a rolltop desk.

"Oh, we used to use this all the time," Erhard said, grabbing the coin drawer. "It has this catch here, underneath. Every time you pulled it out,

the bell would ring. That way, merchants always knew if a burglar was in the store."

Just beyond the rolltop desk was a pump organ, probably 1930s vintage. Dust covered the keys but could not hide the carving that decorated it.

"My Dad loved to play this organ," Erhard said, dusting off a spot. "I don't know if it's ever been anywhere else but here. But he played to beat the band. I think he even played in church."

A Philco radio, with not a scratch on it, sat nearby. A massive 1900-era china cabinet stood at attention across the aisle, its glass windows grimy from years of storage.

Gerhard stooped down to move aside more boxes of paraphernalia. Then he led the way up two narrow wooden stairs to yet another room.

JUST INSIDE the doorway, A Borden's Ice Cream sign, dating back to the early 1900s, rested against a faded wall. A spinning wheel rested on a simple wooden table, surrounded by box after box of pictures and postcards. Pairs of high button shoes sat neglected in a bushel basket.

Tucked away on shelves were a J&P Coats Spool Cotton wooden display case, two crank phones, and a crystal set radio.

"We've got a lot of stuff here," Erhard said to his wife, Geraldine. "It's gonna take us awhile to go through all of it."

Gerry nodded her head, as if to say it's time to close shop — forever.

The Moellers, 69 and 64 respectively, will close Moeller's General Store for the last time at the end of the month.



Minnie & Fred Moeller

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Bremer County 4-H to hold Open House October 3

On Monday, October 3, 2022, Bremer County 4-H will host a "Nacho Average 4-H Night" from 6-8 PM at the Bremer County ISU Extension and Outreach Office in Tripoli. A presentation will be given by Nicole Reynolds-Thimmesch, County Youth Coordinator, at 6 PM to start off the evening. Following the presentation will be an Open House with activities, food, meet and greets, and giveaways. Each area club will be present with a "stop" on the 4-H tour.

to chat with them. We want 4-Hers to feel welcome and enjoy their 4-H club experiences! Finding a club they are excited to be a part of and comfortable in is part of that experience."



When asked who 4-H is for, Nicole stated, "Everyone. 4-H has the stereotype of being for farmers' kids or only those who want to show livestock. While we do have many farming families in 4-H, and livestock is a large part of fair, 4-H is so much more than that! We have five priority areas we focus on in 4-H: STEM, Leadership & Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, Art & Communication, and Ag & Natural Resources. These areas help guide our programming and areas of interest for youth. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, serving over 6 million youth. 4-H is really for everyone!"

If you have questions about joining 4-H or how you can support 4-H in Bremer County, call Nicole at the Bremer County ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 319-882-4275 or email xbremer@iastate.edu.

"Our 4-H Night is a great opportunity for families and youth to learn more about what 4-H has to offer!" Nicole Reynolds-Thimmesch shares, "Whether you are a new 4-H family, thinking about joining 4-H, transitioning from Clover Kid to 4-Her, or wanting to learn more about 4-H, this night is for you!"

One of Nicole's favorite parts of the night is the meet and greet potential. "We have eleven 4-H Clubs in Bremer County. Our 4-H Night will give families the opportunity to meet leaders and members from each club, along with allowing time

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Readlyn EMS: Did you know

We have had new crew members and new community members in Readlyn over the past few years so we want to take some time to introduce you to the Readlyn EMS Crew.

These are the people who are volunteers, showing up day or night, holiday or not, to provide you, the community, service in time of need.

Let me introduce to you:

Steve Aiello

My wife and I moved to Readlyn in 2001. We were married here in 2002. We have 3 beautiful daughters, Jada (18), who just moved away to college, Danica (15), and Ava (13).

As most of you reading this probably know, I am also Readlyn's Police Chief. I have been working as a Residential Counselor at North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services in Waterloo part time since 2005. I represent Readlyn, (District#1) on the Wapsie Valley School Board for about 12+ years and counting.

Other random boards I sit on are Bremer County Conference Board, Bremer County 911 Board, Bremer County Peace Officer Association, etc. I stay busy! My favorite pastime is golf. Anyone who has golfed with me will tell you I'm not that good, but I enjoy the challenge, an occasional cold beverage, and the company of my golf buddies. I also enjoy deer hunting, watching Hawkeyes sports, and going to the games at Kinnick.

I was hired as Readlyn's Chief of Police in 2004. I was aware the previous chief, (Gary Everding) had been on the Readlyn First Responders before me and I agreed that with my law enforcement medical training, it would be a good partnership to work and train with the First Responders. The First Responders took me into their close knit, caring, super talented, devoted, family.

Because my ILEECP (Iowa Law Enforcement Emergency Care Provider) accreditation doesn't align with Iowa's EMT licensing, I joined and have maintained the title of driver for the First Responders. I am also an officer of our association and have been our Treasurer for many years.

Our services that we provide to the community are all voluntary. Thanks to taxpayer monies, support from the Mayors and City Councils, and many of your donations through the years, we are better equipped to provide those services.

I enjoy helping people and want to make the world a better place. The great thing about being on an ambulance crew is helping people and their families, and, in return, they thank you for your service and respect what you have done for them or their loved one.

Some advice from the Readlyn First Responders: Wear your seat belts. Even in town. You don't have to be going fast to be hurt. Be mindful of people and children on and near the streets.

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We have such a nice little town here, with great schools and parks. I am glad we chose to raise our children here in Readlyn. We have so many great citizens, businesses, and volunteers that make this whole thing work.

Thank You, for letting me be part of it.

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Readlyn First Responder

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RCC to host first ever UTV Poker Ride

Readlyn Community Club will be hosting the first ever UTV Poker Ride to be held in Readlyn! The event will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2022. The group is planning to raise funds to help complete various projects in town. The primary goals are to build a dugout over the youth baseball/softball field by Kwik Star, donate funds to help elementary teachers expand their classrooms as well as upgrade some of the equipment the community club uses for their events. We are also seeking donations to for our raffle - if you'd like to donate, please contact Hailey Broten at 319-415-5797, Eric Johnston at 319-404-8968 or email us at ReadlynIA-CommunityClub@gmail.com.

Below are the details about the event! If you would like to pre-register for the event, please see the Readlyn Community Club Facebook page for further details!!

Poker Ride Stops:



Readlyn: Grumpy's Bar and Grill (209 Main St.)
 Denver: Allycatz (107 S. State St.) &

Whiskey Junction (101 S. State St.)
 Tripoli: VFW Post 4013 (803 S. Main St.) & Oliver's Grub & Hub (200 S. Main St.)

Sumner: SWARM Sports Bar (108 E 1st St.) & American Legion (113 E 1st St.)

Westgate: Bank Bar & Grill (140 Main St.)

Fairbank: Costa's Sports Bar and Grill (99 Main St. E) & Boyd's (108 Main St. E)

Registration will take place from 9-11am at Grumpy's. At registration you will be required to sign a liability waiver. First machine out will be at 9:30 am.

Parking:

There is plenty of truck and trailer parking available at TruServe Insurance Group, Wittenburg Trucking, Wapsie Valley Elementary, Readlyn Savings Bank

and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Raffle:

There will be various raffle prizes as well as a 50/50 drawing during this event. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or 5 for \$20.

Rules:

* Each poker hand is \$20 - you may purchase as many hands as you'd like.

* Players will collect stamps on their poker card at each stop.

* There will be a bonus card awarded if you wear a costume during our Halloween ride!

* Card drawing will take place between 5-6 pm. Please plan accordingly!

* A minimum of 5 stops are required to play each poker hand.

* Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 hands. In case of a tie, winners will be notified and cards will be redrawn to determine a winner.

* Starting at 6:15 PM, we will begin announcing prize winners for the ride and various raffle prizes.

During the Event:

During the event we ask that you please be courteous to those around you, the various locations you stop at and people you interact with. Do not drive through any farmer's crops or anyone's personal property. Please stay on designated paths and follow city instructions (this will be found on the card you'll receive the day of the event). If you choose to drink, please do so responsibly.

After the Event:

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News from Community Lutheran School



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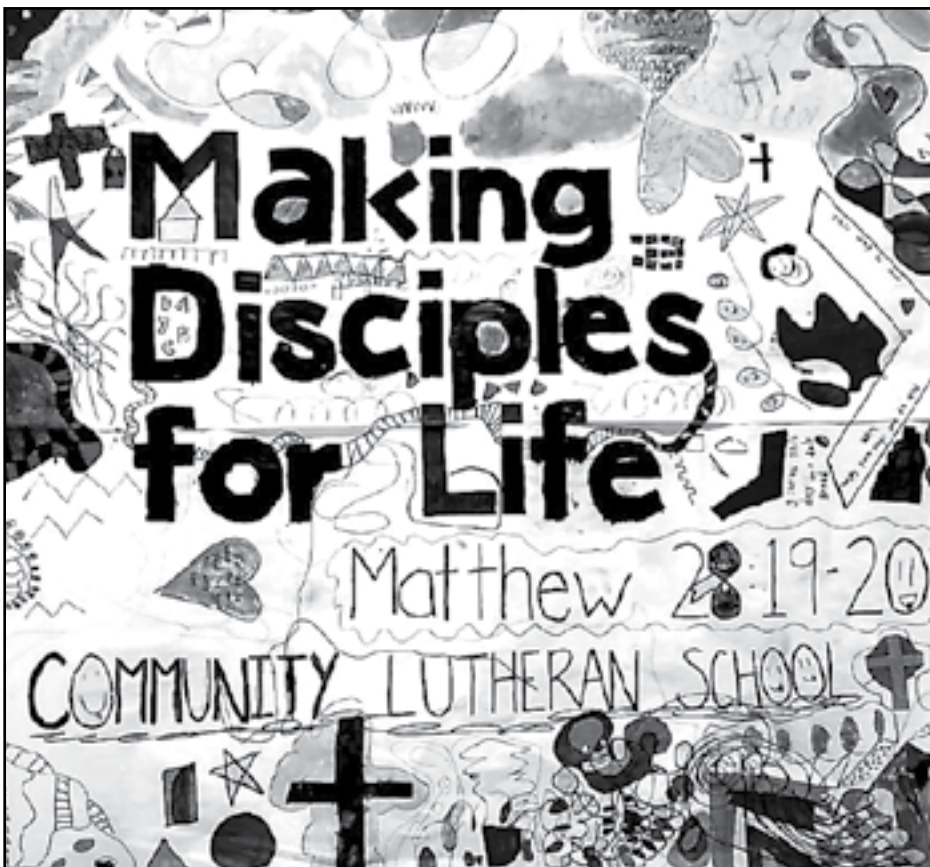


Our first Wildcat Wednesday with our Homeschool Partnership!



Installation Sunday for our 2022-2023 teachers and staff! (Missing Gracie Ditch and Rylee Michels) God bless our staff and students as we go there-fore making disciples for life!

THANK YOU to all of the community members, church members, board members and church trustees who work so hard to maintain our school campuses! We appreciate your time and skills in cleaning, repairing, replacing, building, cooking, serving, volunteering, and subbing to ensure we have safe and happy schools! Thank you to all who continue to support our mission of "making disciples for life" with your generous prayers, service, donations, and positive conversations! We are so excited to live and learn in God's love every day of the school year at Community Lutheran School!



We received a generous donation of SMACK cards to help spread positive and supportive messages among our students and community! On Wildcat Wednesday in art our students made their own SMACK inspired card with our school theme of "Making Disciples for Life!"

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Pavelec Reunion Held

The Ed and Louisa Pavelec's 27th family reunion was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the Readlyn City Park with a noon potluck. Twenty-two family members attended from Janesville; Jacksonville, FL; Waterloo; New Ulm, MN; Swisher, Evansdale, Readlyn, New Hartford, Cedar Falls and Denver.

Tony and Renee Santillo of Jacksonville, FL traveled the longest distance to attend. The youngest family member was 6-year-old Elijah Pavelec, son of Craig and Bailey Pavelec of Readlyn. The oldest family member was 87-year-old Verdeen Pavelec of Denver.

Hosts were Verdeen Pavelec and Connie and Phil Fleshner.

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Readlyn City Council - Sept. 12, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon Jason Franck, Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the August 15,2022 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 Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to set fall leaf burning from October 1 to November 15, 2022. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to set Halloween Trick or Treating for Sunday, October 30 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve the annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year Ending June

30, 2022. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to approve public works employees Bernard Wiersma and Austin Matthias to attend fall wastewater conference. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to approve City Clerk, Lois Buhr to attend fall IMFOA Conference. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve signing a Professional Services Agreement with Shive-Hattery, Inc. for the professional services observation and administration for the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: Motion carried.

City council discussed the proposed C02 Pipeline planned near Readlyn's boundaries. Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 2022-24 entitled "A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY OF READLYN'S POSITION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED C02 PIPELINE NORTH, EAST AND WEST OF READLYN". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-24 duly adopted. A copy of the resolution along with a non-supportive letter will be sent to the Iowa Utilities Board.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk



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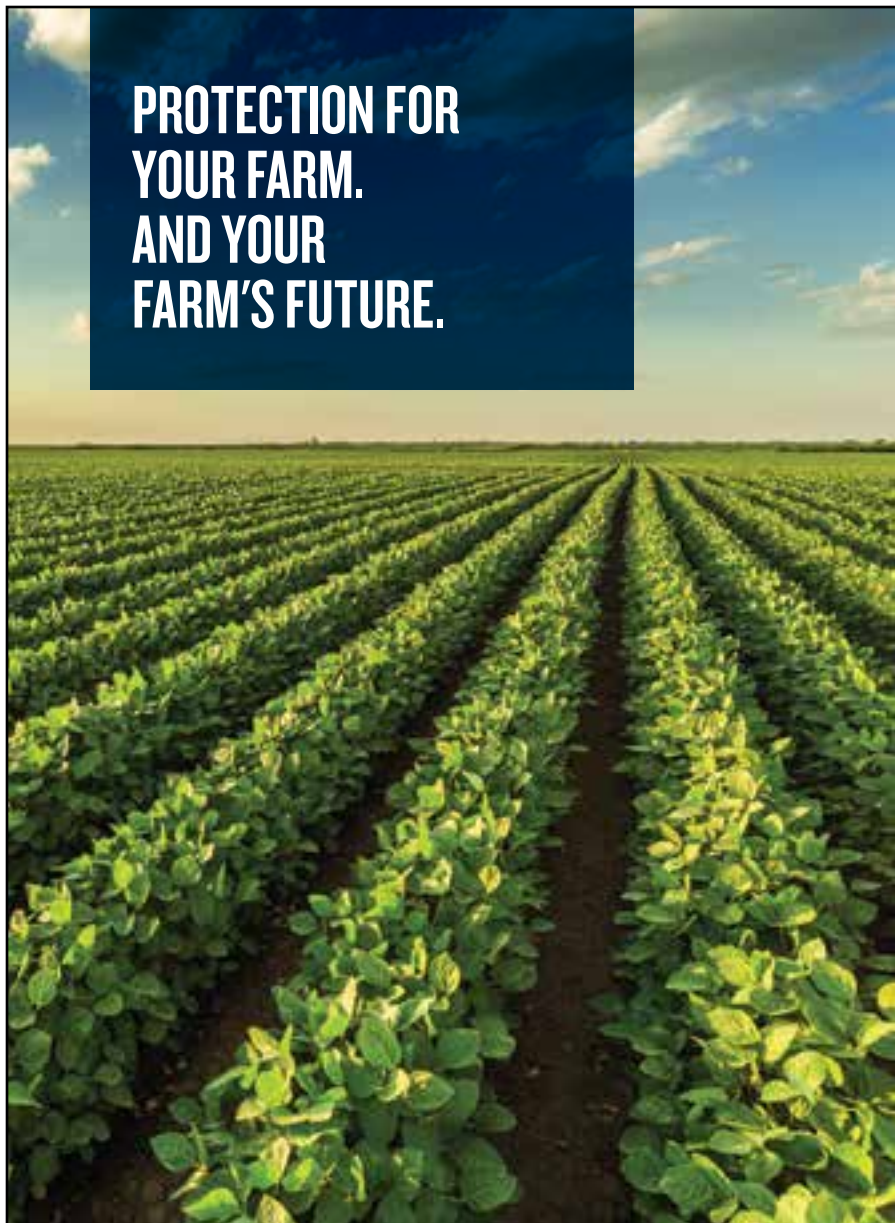
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By: Eric Johnston

“What a Ride”

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“Official weight for Justin Schmadeke and Hunter Patton in the Iowa BASS Nation High School State Championship 12.18 pounds our new leader!!!” the tournament emcee excitedly exclaimed. Unfortunately, we were early to weigh-in and had to nervously watch 25 more teams weigh in. This month, I’m going to take you through the Iowa Bass Nation High School State Championship 2022.

As some of our longtime readers may already know, for the past four or five years I’ve had the honor of being Justin Schmadeke and Hunter Patton’s fishing coach and boat captain for their high school tournaments since they were in eighth grade. Now seniors, and towering over me, we’ve had an incredible run all these years with a State title in 2018, a trip to the National tournament in 2019 and only finishing out of the top 10 once in this stretch - unprecedented numbers for tournament fishing, for sure.

What had eluded the young men the last couple years, however, was a trip back to nationals before they graduate and move on to the college level. Each of the last three years, they have been just outside the top two spots at the state championship to get an invitation back. 2022 would be their last chance as seniors in the Iowa BASS Nation High School Championship in Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin September 11. This tournament is greatly anticipated by the boys each year and this year there was a little extra anxiety as this was it.

Typically, we would have put a lot of time on the water leading up to this tournament, but my work obligations and Justin and Hunter’s obligations with sports and work left us with just Saturday before the tournament to look the river over. I had to work that morning and Justin is quite proficient and has his boater safety course so the boys practiced without me that morning. Using the great phone app “life 360”

that morning, I could see exactly where they were fishing on a GPS map and tell them via text what to try and how to fish certain areas and what to look for. Heavy rain forced them off the water early and, when I arrived to my cabin in Prairie, the boys were dry and napping. Justin woke up as I walked in and gave me a thumbs-up and said, “We’re good.” In tournament fisherman lingo, that means a solid plan has been made. He relayed it to me and we were set for the tournament.

At the pre-tournament meeting, they received their boat takeoff number - 41. This was near the back and Justin got nervous as a few of the first areas he wanted to fish are well known and he worried we would get beat to them. We got to bed early as it continued to rain that evening. Tournament morning, we were up early and to the ramp. We readied the boat and were on the water and in line for takeoff well before daybreak.

The morning dawned cloudy and windy. The air temp was quite cold compared to just two days prior in the 80s - we were now in the upper 40s. Conditions like this can make fishing very difficult as drastic changes can shut the fish off. The goal for the day was to put a limit in the boat (5 bass) and chip away at upgrading that limit. I told the boys I felt like it was going to take 13 pounds to win so that was the goal.

Excitement was high as the boats started leaving and our number was called to take off. We idled out of the marina and hammered the gas to make a 15 minute run north to our starting spot. As we arrived to the area, there are two trees in the water we wanted to fish. Another competitor’s boat was about 100 yards down the bank from the trees and, when we rolled up to the spot, they started troll motoring our way. I felt like they had wanted these trees as well and were just fishing their way to them. Fortunately, I knew their boat captain and texted him, asking if they were headed to these trees and, if so, we would leave. He said yes, that was their target. So we pulled off and headed to a different spot.

Sportsmanship and etiquette is becoming rare in our sport and, in a way, the competitor had beat us to the area so I showed the boys how situations like this should be handled - unwritten rules, so to speak. We made our way to the next area and Justin hooked up with a solid keeper bass quickly. Then short fish after short fish ensued. Bass must be a minimum of 14 inches to be allowed to weigh. Moving on to the next spot, Justin put another bass in the live-well and then Hunter hooked up with a big bass. I saw it roll and pop off the hook as quickly as it was on. Dejection set in and I had to do a little cheerleading to get them back in the game. Shortly after, Hunter had another big bass on and it popped off as well. This is where coaching came in.

Hunter was not getting good hooksets and was in turn losing the fish. A couple quick mechanic’s lessons and he was back to fishing. With still just two fish



in the live-well and now around 10 am, it became very quiet in the boat. Hunter was feeling the pain of lost fish and Justin was upset over it. I once again became the cheerleader and started cracking jokes to get the spirit back up.

Not long after, Justin was throwing a floating frog bait and a big bass swirled on it and he hooked up flawlessly! A short battle and he hoisted a 3.25 pound bass into the boat! This got them both going again and a short while after, Hunter put bass number 4 in the live-well. By this time, it was nearing 12 pm and the sun was finally coming out. The boys had been throwing swim jigs and frogs all morning and, with the sun, it came time to change areas and tactics.

This is the time of year that bass start following around massive schools of shad that school in shallow backwater areas. The bass will follow them and go on feeding frenzies throughout the day especially under sunny conditions as they stand out well in the water. We had just the area in mind and made our way there quickly still sitting on four bass in the live-well. Weigh-in is at 3:30 PM and anxiety is really setting in.

As we rolled into the area, Justin started throwing a rattletrap across the top of the underwater grass through the balls of shad. A rattletrap is a bait designed to look just like a shad and, when you reel it quickly through the schools of shad, it scatters them and puts the bass in chase mode and feeding. On his third cast, Justin hooked up with a 2.75 pound bass and they had five. Relief settled over the boat as they had a limit, but the coach in me quickly told them you don’t have enough to win, keep grinding! Quite a while had passed before Justin set into another nice bass that would cull out their smallest. I knew by looking at the fish, they had right around 12 pounds. I kept telling them they had about 11 pounds and to keep digging.

The fishing became very slow as the wind had really picked up and, at 2:15, I said to the boys, “We have roughly an hour left and I’m not sure if you guys have thought of this, but this may be the last hour we are all together doing this after all these times in your high school careers. Let’s just enjoy and take in this last hour, fish hard, but let’s reflect, joke and have fun.”

That final hour in the boat was price-

less. We talked of lost fish, funny times throughout the years, and busted and joked on each other. I had watched these boys go from tiny little 8th graders with little fishing skills to fine young men that I’d put up against most tournament anglers on the river. At 3:20, we headed to check-in and weigh. We were greeted by Justin and Hunter’s families and it was time to weigh. I still kept telling the boys we had 11 pounds so they would be surprised at the scale. As we stepped up there, Bob Quint, who had weighed all their fish over the years, called out, “12.18# - NEW LEADERS! GREAT JOB, BOYS!”

I was quite nervous as there were still about 24 teams left to weigh. At this moment, Justin and Hunter seemed relaxed and I was the one wound up. I couldn’t bear to watch as bag after bag came in and I had to walk away for a bit. When they called the scale closed, I still didn’t believe it until I heard Shanda Heath, tournament director, tell the emcee of the tournament, “Give me the microphone for this winner announcement.” Shanda had been the director the entire run and is retiring this year. As she called Justin and Hunter the State Champs, she had tears in her eyes and, after I bear hugged Justin and Hunter, I went right to Shanda and hugged and thanked her for all her efforts over the years and she saw the tears coming out from under my sunglasses. After that the celebration ensued! Justin and Hunter started out as State Champs and ended their high school career as Iowa State Champs!!! Our ride isn’t over - I get one more week with this team at the Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster National Championship in Tennessee next August!!

As I leave you this month, it’s hard to put in words what this ride has meant to me over the years. Watching these boys’ progression and honing of their skills has been something to watch. I can’t thank their parents enough for trusting me with them - Paul and Andrea Schmadeke and Wade Patton and Lisa Johnson, it’s truly been an honor and I can’t wait for Nationals! Also, Todd Reed for running such a great program for high school bass fishing at Independence High School and also Shanda Heath, Bob Quint, and the entire Iowa Bass Nation crew for hosting such well-run tournaments for these youth anglers!! Until next time ... GET OUT-DOORS!



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Mental health/ suicide awareness presentation is to be held in Denver

Wednesday, October 5, 2022
7:00pm

St. Paul United Church of Christ
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With the increase of mental health issues, including attempted and completed suicides, there is a need for education on how to discuss and intervene when someone may need help. Bremer County is no exception.

On Wednesday, October 5, starting at 7 pm, the public will have the opportunity to learn about this issue and related trends when Jackie Preston, CPS, MA, Provider Services Coordinator from Pathways Behavioral Services presents on the topic of suicide prevention.

The discussion will include issues with stigmatizing language, how to ask the critical questions, warning signs, key points and resources.

This presentation has earned kudos from across NE Iowa from EMS providers, community members, family and friend survivors, and healthcare workers.

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