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GRÜMPTOBERFEST! 2022

# Readlyn Savings Bank thanks all who came to party

Thursday, October 27, was Readlyn in our community? They help those that Old Grump, Larry Pavelec. Savings Bank's 17th Annual Community Appreciation Party, GRÜMPTOBER-FEST! which has been held annually on the Thursday before Halloween since 2005. Only COVID-19 could break the streak in 2020, so it's been nice to get things back on track the last couple of years. Thanks so much to everyone who came out to celebrate our wonderful community. It is the bank's pleasure to serve a free meal and put on the party as a small token of gratitude for the trust that the customers in the community have in the Bank. For everyone to share in the good cheer is something that truly makes our community such a special place. Plus, the kids get to fine-tune their costumes before the "main event" of Halloween – and everyone loves seeing the kids decked out! RSB is proud and honored to serve and support our wonderful com-

The Party is a good opportunity for friends, family, and neighbors to gather for a harvest-time celebration. Indeed, a great many to-go meals are packaged up for farmers out in the fields – be safe out there! It's been an absolutely beautiful harvest season and Thursday night was no exception. The Party at Grumpy's Event Center attracted a great many revelers and a host of volunteers from the Readlyn communi-

Every year there are many people that help RSB make the party such a big success. Jim & Bev Collins and their staff at Sunrise Catering prepared the excellent meal: brats with sauerkraut, hot dogs, mac'n cheese, baked beans, potato salad, chips, pumpkin bars and huge cookies! In fact, a very, very special thanks goes out to Jim & Bev for all their great work because this is their final GRÜMPTOBER-FEST! as they are retiring later this year. Thank you and congratulations, Jim & Bev! How will The Bank ever pull this off without you? Thanks also to the new operators of Grumpy's Bar & Event Center, Mike & Samantha Keeran, as well as their great staff and bartenders. What an amazing job they have done with the place! The bank appreciates your gracious hospitality and community-minded cooperation with putting on this unique tradition known as GRÜMPTOBERFEST! That night Mike & Samantha also welcomed the Wapsie Valley Warriors' Football team for a team dinner - it was awesome to have those guys "in the house" for the party! Thanks also to our entertainment for the night, "DJ with a Beat" Nick Tobey. The Bank really appreciates not only the sweet tunes but also the positive energy and good vibes you bring to your show! Great food, and fun music make all cool atmosphere the difference!

Readlyn Savings Bank also wants to thank all the volunteers within the community that make GRÜMPTOBERFEST! so successful year in and year out. Thanks to the elementary schools and churches who helped again with spreading the word of the event to kids and their families. A big Thank You to our Silver Cord Volunteers from Wapsie Valley High School who volunteered their time to help throughout the night. How awesome are the young people

need an extra hand, or parents with young kids, to get their food and drinks to their tables – and they help clean-up too, which is so great! Also, thanks to the Readlyn Firemen and First Responders who every year help serve the "German Beer." Also, thanks to all who sampled the beer – the bank pays for the keg and all of your "beer donations" go straight to the Readlyn Firemen and First Responders. Way to drink up!

A majorly fun aspect of GRÜMPTO-BERFEST! is the Costume Contest. There are 5 age groups with each one receiving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cash prizes and piggy banks. While not everyone receives a trophy, all contestants do get a little treat. Thanks very, very much to the children and everyone who came in costume - it's always fun to see the creative and spooky ideas everyone comes up with. Along with traditional witches, skeletons, and zombies, we had Mr. Clean, The Iron Chef, The Hulk, Spider-Man and vast array of characters! With so many totally awesome costumes the tricky part of the contest is the judging. Thank you so very much to our three judges: Mayor Dan Wiedemeier, Miss Readlyn, Sydney Matthias, and The

Finally thank you to RSB Directors & Staff, their spouses and children who helped to serve the meal, decorate the hall and clean up afterwards. It's a lot of extra work and it is greatly appreciated every

The Bank hopes everyone had fun and hopes to see you all again at next year's **GRÜMPTOBERFEST!** Prost!



8-9 Year Olds: 2nd place Layla Broten-Hot Dog, 3rd place Ellie Mason-Scarecrow, 1st place Reed Brunscheon-Bull



2-3 Year Olds: (top photo) 2nd place William Happel-Lumberjack, 3rd place Molly Kuhlmann-Anna. Bottom: 1st place Austin McCabe-Thomas the Train.





0-1 Year Olds: 3rd place Jack Gates- Winnie the Pooh, 2nd place 6-7 Year Olds: 3rd place Savina Perez—Zombies 3 Cheerlead-Waylon Kuhlmann-Pumpkin, 1st place Isaiah Happel- Mr. Clean. er, 2nd place Addison Broten-Lego Bat Girl, 1st place Kaden Hesse-Joe Dirt.



er, 3rd place Sophia Happel-Witch, 2nd place Hannah



Nick Tobey served as our DJ and MC for the night.



Age 10-Adults: 3rd place Cameron Szurley-Cereal Killer, 2nd place 4-5 Year Olds: 1st place Barrett Meyer-Dinosaur Rid- Makayla McCabe-Butterfly, 1st Place Kenzie, Dawn & Kayla Scribner-Hocus Pocus



Readlyn Firemen served the German beer all night.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Pavelec, 2022 Grump

Another month has gone by already; where did it go? First, I want to congratulate the volleyball, cross country, and football teams on their success during their tournaments. Let's face it; we can't win them all, but I see sports as a way to promote peace, tolerance, understanding, and bringing people together across boundaries and cultures. Its values, such as teamwork, fairness, discipline, and respect, can be utilized in the advancement of students and social wellness of our community. I think our community is doing well.

I planted an Exclamation London Planetree this last month in the front yard. We got it from Tiedt Nursery in Waverly. It is a very nice big tree, about 16 feet tall. I used an ancient engineering trick to measure its height by holding a straight stick vertically at arm's length and aimed at the base of the tree. To do this correctly, I used one eye. The stick's length above my hand is equal the height of the tree. I, then, turned the stick to the side while keeping the base of the tree. Then I had Vicki mark the spot I sighted at the end of the stick. This spot was at a right angle of my line of sight of the tree and the distance to the base of the tree is the height of the tree One's hand, eyes, and stick are pretty good measuring tools. I had Blake Michael help me plant the tree He not only takes down trees, he helped me put this one in the ground. A few years ago, he took down our two 95-foot-tall highbred Cottonwoods. So sad that they had gotten bugs in them and they were dying. The trees were almost five feet across. It was wonderful Blake had a saw to put these big trees down. The London planetree I believed to have resulted from a cross between the Oriental planetree and the American Sycamore. The tree should grow for 600 years. This tree will soon be making some shade for our home and my neighbors.

We went to the Poor Farm dinner for fundraising. It had a very good show and good meal. The potatoes with pork were excellent. A Minnesota gentleman (Gary Froiland – The Froiland Family Band) provided the entertainment. For a one-man show, it was great. We will have to do this again next year; I hope you will join us.

Ron Ingersoll and I also worked at RBG (Readlyn Betterment Group) projects around the building at Grumpy's Bar. We worked at installing a few additions to the beer garden area. Ron is great help; I would not have gotten it done without him. Since I am having trouble with both hands right now, it was wonderful to have someone like Ron to work with. Thank you, Ron.

I judged the Halloween costume contest for the Readlyn bank's GRÜMPTOBER-FEST! The two other judges, Miss Readlyn Sydney Matthias and our honorable Mayor Dan Wedemeier did a fantastic job. In several age groups there were over 15 contestants. It was tough. Since Our decision had to be made in a few minutes, we had to take one good look at all of them and then go with our first impression and judge from our hearts.

Vicki and I had a good time serving at Zion's Fall Dinner. I baked two pecan and two apple pies. The apples were from our day trip to Gays Mills. They made very good pies. To whomever had my pie, I hope you enjoyed the pie. We even took a dinner over to Willow Winds for my mom to enjoy.

Fall is a great time to feed the birds. The right Autumn feeding tips can help birders attract a wide variety of both resident species and migrating birds to their backyard buffet. I have red house finches, cardinals, blue jays, downy woodpeckers, mourning doves, and a nuthatch. I have a deep fondness for wild things, except for house (English House) sparrows. They throw the sunflower seeds to the ground while looking for something else. When I was a young boy, my dad would give us kids a penny- a leg bounty- to keep them out of the barn. I honed my shooting skills with our old Daisy BB gun by picking off house sparrows and starlings that constantly tried to nest in the rafters. Today I am not shooting them, but I did build a magic halo to put on top of one of my feeders. Now I see just a few sparrows sit and watch the feeder; they do not come in. I am getting chickadees and goldfinches. I am so amazed at how nature works sometimes.

We made a trip to Madison, Wisconsin to see our granddaughter and daughter-inlaw run in a fundraiser. Girls on the Run inspires girls of all abilities to recognize their individual strengths while building a sense of connection in a team setting. Volunteer coaches facilitate whatever comes their way. It was a cold, rainy day. Still, thousands of girls completed the 5K.

Let's slow down and enjoy life...

 $The \ Big \ Old \ Grump$ 



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Sydney Matthias

The last couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity!!

A highlight of my senior year at Wapsie Valley without question will be qualifying for the volleyball state tournament for a 3rd year. My teammates and I had an incredible year with many accomplishments, it's just hard still to believe high school volleyball is over

Basketball practices have started for all levels - here is to a healthy, fun season for everyone.

This is the first year that the Iowa Girls Athletic Union will sponsor wrestling for girls. Last year, we did have our first girl wrestler at Wapsie; this year the group is growing. Congratulations to those willing to start something new as they wrestle with Sumner-Fredricksburg this year.

I had a great time helping with the ATV ride in October. I was amazed by the turnout. Hopefully that becomes an annual event.

But even better was getting to help with the costume contest for Grumptoberfest!! I loved seeing everyone dressed up for Halloween. It is such a great community event that I remember participating in when I was little.

With the holidays coming, I can't wait to see all of the decorations around town to celebrate!

Syd

# Deadline for the Dec. 28 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., Dec. 15 at 5 PM Send news to ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com





## Readlyn

# **Community Happenings**

# Pepper tournament winners are named; next tourney is Sat., December 3

The pepper tournament was held on Saturday, November 5 at Grumpy's. The winners and their scores were:

1st: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 244

2nd: Barb Meyer and Grace Kuethe - 172

3rd: Joan Matthias and Jackson Brunscheon - 155

4th: Suzy Heineman and Shirley Kuker

The next tournament will be at 2 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 3 at Grumpy's. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner and join in the fun!

# Readlyn EMS: Did you know

We have had new crew members and new community members in Readlyn over the past few years so wanted 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:

#### **Scott Broten**

Scott grew up in our neighboring community of Dunkerton and moved just outside of Readlyn with his wife, Haley, in 2014. There they live with their 3 children, Layla - 8, Addison - 6 and Wyatt - 6. Additionally, they have Hailey's siblings, Maci Bergmann - 16, and Tanner Bergmann - 15, living with them. To add to the mix, they also have a German Shepherd and 2 cats. Their home never has a dull moment. Scott and Hailey both work from home as well.

Scott joined the EMS crew in March of 2021 and jumped right in going to class and getting EMT-certified August 2021.

When not attending calls or meetings for EMS, you can find him helping in the community or outdoors. Scott is also on the Readlyn Fire Department where he has over 8 years of service, having served as a firefighter, lieutenant, and treasurer. He and his family enjoy camping and offroad trail riding with side-by-side UTVs. You can also catch Scott at Wapsie football games, coaching Wyatt's flag football team or glued to the TV with any football game but especially Iowa Hawkeyes.

When asked what advice you would give to someone thinking about joining



Scott Broten

an ambulance service, Scott says, "Don't let the upfront training requirements scare you away from being there to help your family, friends, and community (as well as complete strangers) when they need you most. If you are passionate about helping others, the knowledge will come with time and repetition - take it from me who had no prior medical background. The satisfaction of knowing you did everything you could to make an impact on someone in their darkest moment is something you will cherish for the rest of your life!"

Scott's advice for the community is "Seat belts save lives. No matter how far or fast you are traveling, buckle up!"

Meet another Readlyn EMS volunteer on Page 15 of this month's *Chronicle!* 



**Community Club's Annual** 

# **Christmas Lighting Contest!**

**Prizes:** First - \$75 Second - \$50 Third - \$30

Judging of homes will take place December 3-9. Readlyn homes will automatically be judged unless they were winners last year. Pictures of the winning yards will appear in the December issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*..

Please take time to drive by and enjoy last year's winners:

Scott and Denise Shock – **123 Highland**Kyle and Kelly Shores – **503 Malone**Eric and Aubrey Johnston - **308 Magill** 







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The Bremer County Health Department holds foot clinics at the Readlyn Library on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Visit Our Webpage @ https:// www.readlyn.lib.ia.us/ to view our calendar or chat with a librarian!

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

### Storytime returns on December 7th!

Join us on Wednesdays at 11:00 am for a preschool story-time! We'll read a book or two and do a craft together!

## 2022 Readlyn Cookie Walk

What: The Annual Cookie Walk!

Where: The Readlyn Community Library

When: Saturday, December 10th—9am to noon Why: You get to take home some delicious holiday treats and all proceeds benefit our library How: Bring your donated, homemade treats to the library on Friday, December 9th. The more donations we receive, the more we have to offer! All donated treats will be available for purchase on



Saturday, December 10th. Boxes and gift cards provided; cookies weighed and sold for \$8/lb

Cookie samples, hot cider and coffee provided. If you'd like to donate your delicious baked treats, stop by the library to sign up or email us at read-lynlib@gmail.com to let us know. Thank you all so much for supporting our library—we really can't do this without you!

### Giving Thanks at the Library



Stop by the Library on November 28th to receive a free book for your child! We'll have easy reader and juvenile chapter books primarily and will have them out for selection until we run out!

It's a small way for us to thank the community for supporting our mission which is to promote reading and provide access to materials in all

formats to meet residents' informational, cultural, educational and recreational needs. The Library fosters lifelong learning and enjoyment to all residents of Readlyn and the surrounding area in a thoughtful and fiscally responsible way.

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." - Andrew Carnegie



# Readlyn, Long Ago

**Compiled by Bob Thran** 

Editor's Note: Read the Chronicle, including "Readlyn, Long Ago," online at: https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us

# Adolph Steinbronn: Farmer, musician, mechanic

In the December 2021 issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*, four subjects relating to the Wapsie River were reported: Wapsie Valley Schools, Wapsie Valley Creamery, Wapsie Valley Corn and Wapsie, Valley Whiskey. Following is what was written about Wapsie Valley Corn on a web search that was conducted for that article. The information relating to the origin of Wapsie Valley Corn in that article was incorrect. The following is an excerpt of that false information:

#### **Wapsie Valley Corn**

[Wapsie Valley Corn dates back to the early 1850s in Iowa and has become a staple in the Amish communities for years. It is an heirloom variety passed down from generation to generation for years, much like jewelry and furniture.] It is of two-color producing ears of either coppery red or dark yellow kernels. Wapsie Valley Corn likes high fertility soil and does not like wet feet. It does not compete well with weeds and requires frequent fertilization to perform well. Wapsie Valley is named for the region in Iowa, in turn named for the Wapsipinicon River. Wapsie Valley Corn can be ordered from Fedco Feeds, Clinton, Maine at a cost of 2 lbs. for \$15.00 or 50 lbs. for \$213.75 or from Hoss Tools, Norman Park, Georgia, 150 seeds for \$3.99 or 1 lb. for \$13.99 - 94,100 seeds per pound.

In 1969, a farmer near Readlyn became interested in organic farming and growing his own crops from his own saved seed. This led Adolph Steinbronn, who farmed two miles south and two miles east of Readlyn, to develop Wapsie Valley Corn variety in 1971. This local variety came about after a lot of research, and growing multiple varieties of different open pollinated varieties. The cross between Reid's Yellow Dent and Golden Glow led to what is now nationally and internationally known as Wapsie Valley Dent Corn.

During the years that Adolph raised and sold seed corn, he shipped it to all points in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. It has since found its way to Africa and has even been grown at 10,000 feet in Afghanistan. It is now one of the most widely raised and sought-after varieties of open pollinated corn. Adolph did not patent his corn as he believed that no one should patent what God has given us. As documented in his sales sheets, when selling corn to farmers interested in raising open pollinated corn, he encouraged them to save some seed to plant for their next year's crop. Saving their own seed from their best plants helped them grow their own version of Wapsie Valley Corn best suited to their location and growing conditions

### Adolph the Musician

Adolph taught himself, at age 3, to play the concertina. He went on to master the accordion, and the harmonica. As a teenager, he played the accordion in a band. While playing the accordion in a band at a barn dance at the Bill Steinbronn farm in 1948, he met his future wife, Lucille Huck. The barn still stands about a mile north of Artesian, and about 2 miles from the Huck farm where Lucille was born and raised. They were married less than a year later in October of 1950.

In the early 1960s, Adolph purchased a



Cordovox accordion. The Cordavox combined organ sounds with the full accordion. He was able to add different organ voices and combine them for a variety of rich orchestral effects. Adolph bought the oldest four of their seven children bass guitar, 6 string guitar, a steel guitar, and drum. They went on to be known as "Adolph and His Musical Chips." They continued to play together until they all married.

Due to the effects of surgeries and radiation treatments for Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer in 1975, Adolph was no longer able to play the Cordovox which is strapped around the shoulders. The Cordovox was sold, and Adolph then bought a Hammond organ.

Over the years, Adolph purchased countless 45, 78 and 33 vinyl records. From these records Adolph would write down and memorize the words to the song, while listening to the melody, learning the melody by ear. He never felt the need to learn to read music. Adolph enjoyed playing for others, entertaining at anniversaries, barn dances, family gatherings, nursing homes. etc. Adolph played for many occasions and dances, but, much to his wife's dismay, never danced.

Shorty Diercks told me that he and his son, Gary, owned a tavern in Denver, located in the old Denver bank building. Adolph proved great entertainment for their customers. In his later years, they would drive to Adolph's farm, load up Adolph and his Hammond organ in a van, and bring him to Denver, where he gave a well-appreciated performance.

As a final act of sharing his love of music and his love of playing for others, Adolph recorded songs played at his funeral. The hymns that were recorded were in German and English. It was fitting that he recorded songs in German as he didn't really learn English until the age of five. His gift of music was the final, lasting gesture of sharing his favorite talent, a life of unselfishness and an interest in promoting and preserving the lands God entrusted us with.

#### **Adolph the Mechanic**

Adolph baled hay on his farm and custom baled for neighbors far and wide with

a New Holland baler. Between hay, oat straw, bean straw and corn stalks, Adolph and his crews of local young men would put up around 150,000 bales a year. Dissatisfied with some of the mechanical features on the balers, Adolph often made changes to improve their operation.

The New Holland factory sent engineers to his farm to observe the changes made by Adolph on more than one occasion to document Adolph's recommended improvements. The factory adapted Adolph's recommendations in the production of their balers, some which New Holland patented. Adolph never requested or received any monetary reward for his advice. Adolph just wanted a better baler for himself and anyone else that purchased a New Holland.

After Adolph's dairy cattle barn burned down in 1970, Adolph began milking goats, with a herd of dairy goats at one time reaching around 70 head. Adolph began working for Farmers Grain and Feed which was also a New Holland dealer that later went by Midway Implement when they moved from Sumner to a location between Sumner and Tripoli. Even after his music, farm and custom baling kept him busy, Adolph remained on call to repair New Holland balers in their area. When Adolph would get a call to repair a New Holland baler, his son, Larry, or others would take his place in the baling operation.

From his humble beginnings on the farm southeast of Readlyn on March 21, 1924, speaking only German until the age of five and achieving only an eighth-grade education at Immanuel Lutheran School in Klinger, Adolph went on to share much of himself with many. Adolph endured many trials in life including being disabled in 1980 from his second bout with cancer. Adolph, with his wife steadfast by his side, along with a deep faith in God, achieved a level of personal contentment with what he had and who he was. He was highly intelligent and very gifted in many areas while living. His knowledge and skill produced results in music, farming, mechanics, Wapsie Valley Dent Corn, are just a few of his many passions and skills most could only dream of having. He has left much behind including a lasting legacy in over 90 lineal descendants and counting.

Martin Matthias once commented to one of Adolph's sons that, had Adolph been born in Germany and had the advantage of attending Heidelberg University, he would have changed the scientific world. Martin held Adolph as one of the few true geniuses of our time.

Adolph Steinbronn's life was shortened from his third bout with Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer at the age of 66 on March 2,1991. His funeral was standing room only. This is one of his favorite scriptures and one that exemplified his life passions: "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man"- *Psalm 118:8*.

### **Obituary**

Adolph C. Steinbronn, 66, of Rural Route 2, Box 69, Fairbank, Iowa, died on March 2, 1991, of cancer.

Adolph Christ Steinbron was born on March 21, 1924, in Bremer County, Iowa, the son of Gottlob Carl and Meta Thies Steinbronn. He was baptized on April 20, 1924, and confirmed on May 16, 1937, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger. He attended country school in Bremer County and, following his schooling, he helped his father on the family farm which is located 2 miles south, 2 miles east and 1 mile south of Readlyn. Adolph also worked as a farmhand for many area farmers in Bremer and Black Hawk Counties.

On October 14, 1950, he was united in marriage to Lucille Mae Huck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Artesian. The couple made their home on a farm 2 miles south and 2 miles east of Readlyn, where Adolph continued farm, and was actively involved with his music.

In 1981, ill health forced Adolph to retire from farming, but he still managed to stay busy with his garden, craft work, and continued to give of his time and talent with his music.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, his children and their spouses, Susan and Rick Schlatter of Cresco, Sandra and Ed Shekleton of New Hampton, Richard and Sonoko Steinbronn of Red Hook, New York, Roger and Ann Steinbronn of Falls Church, Virginia, Ardith and Roger Rustad of Spencer, Imogene and Robert Wilkinson and Larry and Janine Steinbronn, all of Fairbank; 17 grandchildren, and expecting the birth of Roger & Ann's new baby which is due in the next few days; three sisters, Linda (Mrs. Ervin) Schneider of Fairbank, Marlys (Mrs. Russell) Bennett of Streamwood, Illinois, and Mary Hoppenworth of Belvidere, Illinois; two brothers, Edwin Steinbronn of Fairbank, and Rev. Reuben Steinbronn of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Paul.

Following the graveside service, relatives and friends are invited back to the church for fellowship with the family.



Immanuel's LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) was organized October 12, 1932 with 11 charter members: Eleanore Hesse, Martha Huebner, Ester Matthias, Kate Matthias, Martha Moeller, Hertha Moeller, Emma Otto, Emilee Poock, Louise Schutte, Otillie Widdel and Emma Yockey. Immanuel's LWML, or Ladies Aid Society as it was originally known, was formed 10 years prior to the official formation of the LWML through the Synod. In 2022, Immanuel's LWML celebrates 90 years and the LWML as an organization is observing its 80th anniversary.

In the early days, this group met in the K-2nd grade room of the school as there was not yet a basement under the church. Any children still at home also attended the meetings. In those days, there were not as many social outlets so the meetings were also a time of much fun. Besides business meetings, women shared their talents by creating/sharing skits, leading Bible study, singing and making quilts. In the photo of the Ladies' Kitchen Band (above), taken in 1951, how many kitchen utensils can you identify?!

This group has also served in many servant capacities including fundraising for the needs of Immanuel and Community Lutheran School as well as serving those in need in the community. In recent years,

servant projects include making quilts and donating clothing to the Helping Hands Clothing Closet, food drives for His Hands food pantry, monthly visits to shut-ins and ill, pie auctions to lift up individuals or families in need and, most recently, a baby shower is underway to support the Alternatives Pregnancy Center. As our mission states, the Immanuel LWML joyfully proclaims Christ, supports missions, and equips women to honor God by serving others.

This link provides an overview of 90 years of LWML history through the years: https://youtube/NWjVYBM1Ixs. How many individuals do you recognize in this YouTube presentation?

Last article's trivia question: What year was the English language introduced to church services? **Answer:** 1922 with services in English held once a month.

**Trivia Question:** What year did the Immanuel congregation extend the church and put a full basement under it?

Immanuel Lutheran - Klinger is planning its 150th Anniversary celebration on August 6, 2023. Theme: "O God, Our help in ages past, our hope for years to come."

### **RSB Holiday Schedule**



#### 2022 Holiday Hours

Posting for 2022 Business will end at 12:00 pm on December 23, 2022\*\*

Friday, December 31, 2022: ...... Open until Noon Saturday, January 1, 2023: ...... Closed Monday, January 2, 2023: ...... Closed \*Regular Hours Resume January 4, 2023



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# News from Community Lutheran School

# **Deadline**

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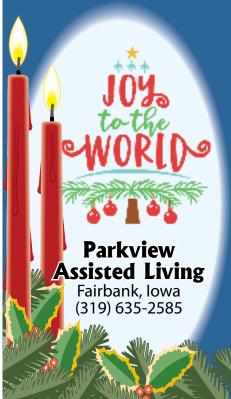




Our students sang in worship at Immanuel Klinger on November 13. Sing a song of praise to the Lord!



**Celebrating** our veterans' service and duty with an artfully created American flag by the third through sixth grades.











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# News from Community Lutheran School





Thank you Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department for serving our community!







Thank you WV Superintendent Hoover for visiting our school with your therapy doos!



**Feed** My Starving Children mission field trip: The third through sixth graders, parents and teachers packed 57 boxes....each box contained 36 bags....each bag feeds 6 people. They packed food to feed over 12,000 meals. By assembling these meal packets they helped 33 children for an entire year!





**Our students** worshiped with song on October 23 at St. Paul! Thank you Beth Foster for sharing your time and talent for music with our students by serving as our music teacher!



**Thank you** TruServe Insurance for sharing your giant pumpkins again this year with our three-year-old preschool friends!











# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary Leader in Me

By Weston Shores and Delana Johnston

Here at Wapsie Valley we do Leader in Me and Leader in Me helps kids have a happy mindset and be happy with what they're doing. Leader in Me is about getting people to be the best person they can be with some short

little steps to help on the way. We also are encouraging people to care about their responsibilities and find ways to help out when needed. There are habits to get everyone to the leader level. Once a month, the 6th graders teach a habit and here are the two habits we have taught so far.



#### Habit 1

Habit 1 is about being proactive. We taught kids how to be proactive and not reactive by showing them the difference. We always have a choice whether we want to be proactive or reactive. When you are proactive, you look for ways to be positive and stay in control.

Let's say you're working on a math test and you get frustrated, but instead of giving up or quitting, you take a walk to clear your mind. That's what being proactive is. Being proactive keeps everyone in a happy, healthy mindset.



#### Habit 2

Habit 2 is begin with the end in mind which tells you to have a plan so you are ready for anything at any time. The 6th graders have worked so hard trying to get their little leaders to look up to them and do the right thing even if no one is watching. The little leaders have done great jobs working together and helping someone who needs a reminder to begin with the end in mind or to refocus so they don't get in trouble.



# Fifth Grade Highlights

By Drew Destival, Evelynn Boyle, and Elis Behnke

Every morning, Mrs. Busch's fifth grade class gets together and does a morning greeting. Kennett Hesse's leadership role is to teach and lead the greetings each

We work on making eye contact and being sincere. The greeting makes everyone feel welcome in our class.







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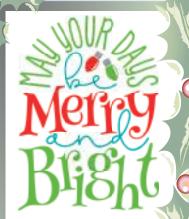
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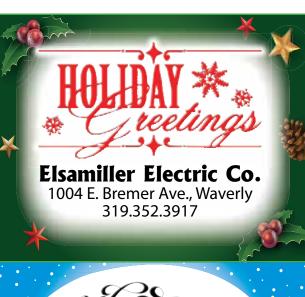
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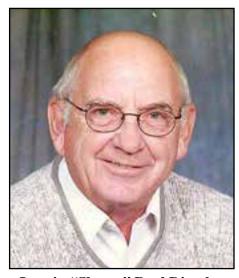




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## **Obituaries**



### Lorain "Shorty" Paul Diercks,

Lorain "Shorty" Paul Diercks, 88, of Waverly and formerly of Denver, passed away on Friday, October 14, 2022, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, Waverly.

Shorty was born on November 18, 1933, in Black Hawk County, Iowa, the son of Theodore Ernst and Martha Caroline (Schutte) Diercks. Shorty was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger, on December 3, 1933, and attended elementary school at St. Paul's Lutheran, Readlyn. He entered the United States Army on April 6, 1954, and was stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas. While serving, he was united in marriage to Darlene Wright on June 13, 1954, and the couple was later divorced. He was honorably discharged on April 5, 1956.

After his discharge, he enrolled in Gates Business College in Waterloo and later started working for John Deere. Shorty retired on December 23, 1992, after 36 years.

Shorty was a member of the Denver American Legion Post #653, UAW Union Local 838, Cedar Valley Polka Club and counseled heart patients with the Mended Hearts Group.

Shorty is survived by six children, Sherry (Bryan) Barker of Nevada; Dennis Diercks of Waterloo; Julie (Dorsey) Steere of Tripoli; Vicki (Randy) Kaufman of Fairbank; Gary Diercks of Denver and Michael (Carolyn) Diercks of Denver; nine grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; his very special friend, Patsy Davis of Waverly; and a brother, Burton (Sharon) Diercks of Denver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Eldon Diercks and Hank Diercks. and an infant brother, Jeroyd Diercks; three sisters, Lois Golz, Janice Isreal, and Naomi Bonorden; a grandchild, Andy Kaufman, a great-grandchild, Beckett Kaufman and a great-grandchild, Landree Bradley.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver with Pastor Larry Stumme officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Denver with military rites by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 of Denver. Visitation was held on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver and also for one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be directed to St. Peter Lutheran Church or the Denver American Legion Post #653. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver assisted the family.



### Douglas "Doug" Lee Kiefer

Douglas "Doug" Lee Kiefer, 77, of Cedar Falls, passed away Monday, October 17, 2022, at his home.

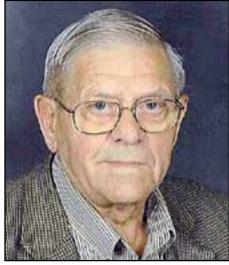
Doug was born January 14, 1945, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Ernest and Velma (Schmidt) Kiefer. He attended Janesville High School where he was a four-year letterwinner in four sports: football, track, basketball and baseball, graduating in 1963. He then attended Upper Iowa University where he was a member of the 1964 National Championship football team. He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1966 until his honorable discharge in 1970. He then returned to Upper Iowa to earn his bachelor's degree in business. On February 25, 1984, he was united in marriage to Nancy Sorge at Mt. Hope Methodist Church. Doug farmed his entire working life on the Rockin-K Dairy Farm and was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office from 2003 until his retirement in 2020. Doug remained active on the farm until the time of his passing.

Doug enjoyed woodworking, making barn quilts and watching Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball. He loved being on the farm and working outside. Together with his family, they showed dairy cattle for several years and was just starting to get into beef cattle. Doug was the dairy superintendent at the National Cattle Congress for over ten years. He also enjoyed fishing, playing cards and watching Fox News.

Doug is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Cedar Falls, three children; Patty (Patrice) Rietveld of Woerden, Netherlands, Dustin (Amber) Kiefer of Cedar Falls and Danielle (Nick) Teisinger of Denver, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Lauren Rietveld, Dallas, Addilynn and Dalton "Sparky" Kiefer, Lydia, Kylee and Kamden Teisinger; and two sisters, Judy (Duane) Judisch of Cedar Falls and Sue (Wyatt) Reynolds of Norman, Oklahoma. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Lloyd, and a sister, Laura.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 24, at the Waverly Area Veterans Post in Waverly. Military rites followed at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Waterloo. Memorials may be directed to the family and on-line condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver was in charge of arrangements.



#### **Erwin Koschmeder**

Erwin Koschmeder, 92, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at the Tripoli Nursing and Rehab in Tripoli.

Erwin was born on August 13, 1930, in Bremer County, Iowa, the son of Leslie and Adele (Moeller) Koschmeder. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He attended country school at Fremont #8 and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1948. He entered the United States Marines in 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1954.

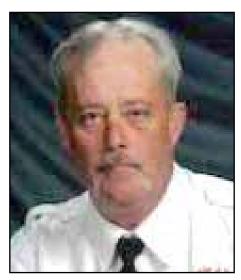
Erwin was united in marriage to Carol Beisner on May 23, 1954, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Erwin was a longtime dairy farmer, and he also had a part-time painting business.

Erwin is survived by his children, Mary Jo (Jim) Rathe, Mikel (Cyndi DeLuca) Koschmeder, Mira (Jeff) Dolter, Max (Marlene Asche) Koschmeder, and Melanie (James Miller) Koschmeder; eight grandchildren, Beth (Dan) Wienhold, Paul (Janice Yoshizawa) Rathe, Hung (Sonny Ta) Duyen Pham, Chase Koschmeder, Jared (Jennifer) Dolter, Matthew (Elizabeth) Dolter, Morgan (Alex) Bitton, and Audrey Miller; eleven great-grandchildren, Ellie and Simon Wienhold, Brian and Brandon Ta, Natalie Salter, Lorelei, and Frank Dolter; Maddox, Emmet, Owen Dolter and Elizabeth Bitton; and a brother-in-law, Floyd (Betty) Beisner

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mark, in 1971; his wife, Carol, in 1992; two sisters, Alice (Stanley) Buhr and Alene (Alfred) Schweer; and his brother-in-law, Jim (Ruth) Beisner.

A memorial visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn and also for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. Private burial was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn with military rites by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 of Denver. In lieu of flowers or memorials, the family requests that you do an act of kindness such as visiting a nursing home. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.



#### **Timothy Todd Miller**

Timothy Todd Miller, 58, previously from Oran and Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away at his home on October 23, 2022.

Tim was born on November 23, 1963, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the son of Clarence Leo and Mary Darlene (McKillip) Miller. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1982. Tim lived in Tuscan, Arizona for several years and worked as a pressman. After moving back to the Cedar Valley, he completed the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers apprenticeship program. On October 3, 1998, Tim was united in marriage to Tamara Schupbach; the couple later divorced. Tim worked as a journeyman electrician for numerous contractors in the area.

Tim was a member of IBEW Local #288, the Iowa Firefighters Association, Whitetails Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited. He served for 14 years as a volunteer firefighter for the Oran Fire Department and was chief for three years. He then volunteered on the Hudson Fire Department. Tim really loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was extremely proud of his children and grandson. He was kind and caring and loved his family and friends fiercely.

Tim is survived by three children, Jordan Cornwell of Sioux Falls, SD, Todd (Brooke) Miller of Waterloo, and Hannah Miller of Hiawatha; a grandson, Noah Cornwell, and another grandchild due spring of 2023; six siblings, Joy Adams of Monticello, Tom Miller of New London, WI, Mike (Denise Kremer) Miller of Cedar Falls, Mark (Nancy) Miller of Cedar Falls, Matt (Barb) Miller of Indianapolis, IN, and Terrie (David) Hoefer of Ames; sister-in-law, Nanny Miller; and many nieces and nephews that he dearly loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, John.

A Celebratory Gathering was held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 11:30 to 1:00 at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. There was a Celebration of Life Time of Sharing at 1:00 p.m. Burial followed at 2:00 in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, with a Bell Ceremony provided by the Buchanan County Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to Tim's family for later designation and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson. com. Another way to honor Tim's memory would be to become an organ donor.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly assisted the family.

Deadline for the December 28

Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., Dec. 15

at 5 PM

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See Genevieve Schrage obituary on Page 14

# Senior Citizens met Nov. 16; enjoyed lunch, discussed Christmas events in Readlyn

Twenty-one members of the Readlyn Senior Citizens and three guests met on November 16, 2022 at 11:30 AM at the Readlyn Library for lunch and a meeting.

We welcomed as guests Jeff Bast, son of Frederic Bast and the late Sonja Bast, and Tony Thran, the son of Bob Thran. Millie Crawford was a guest, but would like to become a new member.

Ron Leistikow led us in prayer before our delicious meal that was catered by Sunrise Catering. The meeting after lunch was called to order.

Bob Thran started the meeting off by stating in the next *Chronicle* we would find out what genius from Readlyn developed the Wapsie Valley Seed Corn in 1975 (**Hint**: *Read page 5*). The corn is now sold all over. He also stated that he has enough information compiled to have articles in the *Chronicle* until July 2023. Bob has also started to include Denver in some of his stories for the *Chronicle*. We thanked Bob for having such interesting articles for everyone to read and enjoy.

We all signed and gave get-well cards to Don Billhorn and Joyce Heineman as they both had been in the hospital, but are home now.

We all signed a retirement/thank you card for Jim and Bev Collins. They both will be retiring December 1 from their Sunrise Catering business. We will miss them and the great food that they have always prepared for us for our meetings each month. A big thank you for all these years!

We had no birthdays for the month of November to celebrate. We had no anniversaries to celebrate for the month of November.

The secretary's minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting were read. Secretary's report was approved by Janet Ladage and seconded by Verdeen Pavelec. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was not read as Charlie Albrecht was not present.

**Old Business:** November 18, 2022 was the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation's 20th Annual Fall Dinner and Auction at Grumpy's Event Center in Readlyn. Dinner was from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and the Live Auction and 50/50 raffle started at 7:00 PM.

**New Business:** November 20 will be the decorating of Main Street for Christmas at 11:00 AM. Help will be needed.

On November 23, the Grumps planned to pack sacks at the Readlyn Library for Santa's arrival on Friday, November 25, 2022 from 4 to 6 PM. Santa was to be at the Readlyn Elementary School Gym. Seniors were encouraged to go and enjoy soup and cookies and share their Christmas wishes with Santa. After the Santa visit, participants will be welcomed to head down to the TruServe building for s'mores. Then at 7:00 PM, fireworks were to be set off behind TruServe.

December 10 will be the Readlyn Annual Cookie Walk from 9 AM to 12 PM. Donations of cookies will be needed to make this event a success.

What child would love to go shopping with the 2022 Grump? Every time a child eats at Grumpy's they can enter for a chance to win shopping with the Grump! The more times they eat at Grumpy's the better chance they have. Six winners will be drawn on December 19.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Marilyn Lampe. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be at Grumpy's Event Center at 11:30 on December 21.

Lois Thacher, Secretary























# V.F.W. Auxiliary meets November 8

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary met at the home of Luann Happel with 5 members present on November 8, 2022 at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Verdeen Pavelec. It opened with prayer read by Wilda Albrecht and the Pledge of Allegiance by all.

The minutes were read by Luann. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies to accept minutes. Carried. The treasurer's report was read by Ellen, which is subject to audit. The General Orders and Chairman reports were read. Wilda made motion and was seconded by Luann to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Volunteer hours were turned in and last month's sent in. 535 canceled stamps were sent to Wounded Veterans in Virginia and a thank-you was read from them. V.F.W. Auxiliary to Wayne Teisinger #5661 are 100% in membership.

A motion was made by Wilda to send veterans a card on Veterans Day. Carried. 17 cards were sent to veterans. There was discussion about December's meeting. The prayer was read by Wilda. A motion was made by Darlene and seconded by Marj Macken to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Hostess was Luann.





#### **Genevieve Schrage**

Genevieve Schrage, 96, of Waverly, Iowa passed away on November 2, 2022 at the Shell Rock Healthcare Center in Shell Rock.

She was born on December 14, 1925, in Readlyn, IA. She was the daughter of Louis Frank and Lila Marie (Summer) Maurer. Genevieve attended Maxfield #1, new Readlyn, through the fourth grade. Then she attended the Readlyn Elementary and High School, just three blocks from home, and graduated from high school in 1944. She taught in the rural schools in the Readlyn-Denver area for four years, after attending Iowa State Teacher's College. (UNI.)

On April 26, 1947, she was united in marriage to William (Bill) Jake Schrage of Clarksville, IA, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly. The couple settled on the Maurer farm at Artesian, IA, where they raised their family and eventually

# **Obituary**

retired from there in 1983 and moved to Waverly.

Genevieve was an all-around crop-farmer livestock and dairy farmer, alongside her husband. She also participated in many other activities. She gave piano lessons to quite a number of students. When her daughters ran the restaurant at the "Big Corner," she made many pies, rolls and salads over the four-year period. She was a seamstress, making most of her clothing, as well as her five children's clothing. She always had a large garden. She painted the farm buildings, and gave them a shingle job, but not on the barn roof. She painted many pictures and gave them away. When they moved to town, she had many garage sales, and made pies and loaves of bread for the sales.

During her lifetime, she had always been a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. For fifteen years, she was a 4-H leader, followed by her being Bremer County Farm Bureau Women's Chairman for three years, and on the Bremer County Farm Bureau Women's committee for fourteen years. She also served as superintendent of the open arts and crafts show at the Bremer County Fair for thirty-five years. She made many quilts and afghans for the family.

Their annual trips by auto took them to all the lower forty-eight states with cousins over a period of thirty-two years.

Genevieve and Bill were members of the Waterloo Community Playhouse for twenty-eight years. She also belonged to several bridge clubs for many years.

Following the 2008 flood and the death of her husband, Genevieve came back to her renovated house and once again entertained her family on Sundays. She also

enjoyed reading, writing, and entertaining guests. After spending twenty-eight years in retirement, Genevieve moved to Ledges 2 in Waverly in the eleventh month, on the eleventh day, in 2011.

Genevieve is survived by: two daughters, Charissa (David) Carter of Nashua, IA, and Catherine (Tom) Johnston of Waverly; three sons, Clinton (Linda) and Cameron (Verna) Schrage of Waverly and Curtis (Jenice) Schrage of Wisconsin Rapids, WI; eight grandchildren, Jessica and Jace Johnston, Joseph (fiancée Brittney) and Daniel (Tiffany) Schrage, Andrew (Erin) and Benjamin (Desire') Schrage, and Matthew (Marci) and Myles (Ashley) Schrage; nine great-grandchildren, Lillian, Evelynn, Brigsley, Palmer, Oaklyn, Tucker, Berklee, Brecken, and Eiley; two sisters, Jeanette (Lavern) Brase and Lorraine Pipho. She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; her brother, Vincent; sisters-in-law, Sally Maurer, Elva, Lily, and Leatte Schrage, Rena Rover and Elizabeth Liddle; brother-in-law, Robert Pipho, and Abel, Albert, John Schrage, Lester Rover, and Lawrence Liddle.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 10:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly with Father Doug Wathier presiding. Burial followed in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday from 4:00 until 7:00 pm at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund and online condolences for Genevieve can be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Waverly assisted the Schrage family with arrangements.

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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 wanted 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:

Prior to Readlyn having a service, a community member in need would have to wait until a transport service arrived. Depending on where you reside, this would mean Tripoli, Denver, Sumner, or Dunker-



Deb Buchholz

**Deb Buchholz** 

ton service. Could you imagine calling 911 when you need help and needing to wait 10 or more minutes for any medical care?

When you are in need even one

minute seems like a lifetime and

those are valuable minutes! A group of community members realizing this need got together and, in April 1989, Readlyn 1st Responders became a service for the Readlyn area. Deb Buchholz was one of those members and is the last founding member still on the service today providing care for you and your loved ones in time of need. That's 33 years she has volunteered her

time and knowledge to help those in need.

Now, when Deb or another of the Readlyn EMTs arrive, they collect medical information, treat symptoms, obtain vital signs and prepare the ill or injured for the transport service. Getting this information and getting the person ready for transport means quicker transport to the hospital and doing so has saved many lives.

Deb has lived in the community for the last 48 years with her husband, Jim, where they raised 3 daughters and now have 4 grandkids. She started as a first responder and went back for more training and is an EMT. She also serves on the EMS board. Her years here have been instrumental to the ambulance service. Ultimately, she gained the nickname of "Mom" from the several crew members who have come and gone and those today.

Now retired, Deb enjoys cooking, baking, sewing, crocheting, kitting, watching grandkids, and warm weather.

Deb's words for the community: "Your community needs people to volunteer and provide much needed medical care, to drive the ambulance, begin treatment, stabilize the patient until the transporting service arrives to continue care. Yes, it is time-consuming, but the rewards to the community and yourself are rewarding. You can do it! Training is provided at no cost to you. We do not charge for the care we provide. We run on donations and funding from the city and county trustees.

"Stay up on your medical care. Have a current list of medications and medical history. Call if you need help. We are here for you!"

If you are interested in volunteering and becoming a member, please feel free to email Readlynems@gmail.com for more information.

Also, when you see Deb around the community, take the time to thank her for all she has done for this amazing community we call home.





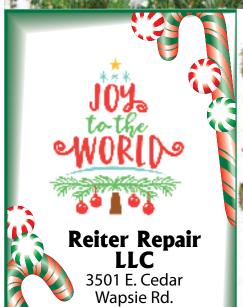
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## Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting - October 17, 2022

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Meeting October 17, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:31PM
- A. Directors: Sauerbrei, Wolfe, Van Daele, Aiello & Auel B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, TJ Murphy. Jayme Hurley, & Alyson Forsyth
- C. Others: Heather Robinson, Korvin Hesse, Addison Franck, Krissy Franck, Nick & Haley Tiedt, Marshall Tiedt, Vaughn Gross, Addysen Wilke, Sylvia Brandenburg, Justin Davie & virtual participants.
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- 3. Public Comment Mr. Gross reported on prom committees, possible increase on prom tickets. Family Consumer Science & Family Career & Community Leaders of America fundraisers, parent teacher conference meal provided by FCS & district data academic scores.
- 4. Consent Items Motion by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Aiello and Carol Westpfahl request to open enroll her 10th grade daughter to Waterloo home school assistance program effective immediately and Gary & Caroline Wilson request to open enroll their 11th grade granddaughter to West Central as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- 5. Spotlight on Education The Readlyn 6th grade Leader In Me students shared what they have been learning through the lighthouse teams. Examples: Can meet new people, talk in front of a group of people, set goals for myself, be proactive, plan activities, and better study habits. Also, have connected with rural school classmates and have discussed their interests in and out of school.

6. Reports-Board - Nothing Superintendent - Report included HVAC updates, professional development, ISASP data, bi-monthly newsletter, and certified enrollment.

District: Report included professional development

7-12 Principal Murphy - Report included concurrent enrollment, professional development , leader in me, future

ready & activities update.
PK-6 Principal Hurley - Leader in Me, professional learning community, MAP growth testing, high school readers, cheer clinic, PTO, fire prevention, and security updates. Readlyn/Rural Principal Forsyth - Leader In Me, fire pre-

vention, security updates, and dedicated staff. 7. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the resignation of Andrea Buehler - JH/ HS Special Education Associate/Transportation Driver effective 10/31/2022 and thank her for her service to the staff and students of WV! Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the contracts, addendum and volunteers for Emily Beecher - Addendum BA to BA+8 \$39,141(base contract) + \$4,650(TSS) = \$43,791, Kevin McCrae - Mentee - \$1,000, Abigail Fyfe -Mentor - \$1,250, Megan Powell - Mentor -\$1,250, Connie Sauerbrei - Cook - \$11.90 P/H, Isabella Rael - Special Education Associate - \$12.67 P/H, Kelli Bruncheon, Lead Cook - \$12.35 P/H, Deb DeHaan -Elementary Volunteer, Mitch Coffin - Volunteer, Shawn Mullihan - Volunteer -

Basketball as presented. Motion carried 5-0
8. Old Business-Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the National FFA trip to Indianapolis as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the purchase of a Special Education 2023 Ford Transit van for

\$34,535 as presented. Motion carried 5-0 Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the pur-chase of leasing 3-2024 Bluebird Vision 72 Passenger gasoline buses costing \$122,681 each as presented.
9. New Business

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the trip to Germany from July 28-August 5, 2023 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement &

Transportation Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0 Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve Special Education Allowable Growth (-\$251,657.69). Motion

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to approve additional salary of \$5,000 for Kim Arndt to serve as Nutrition Director effective immediately as presented. Motion carried

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the following legislative priorities #2- Standards and Accountability, #3- Preschool, #4- Early Literacy, #19- School Funding Poli-

cy, #20- SSA as presented. Motion carried 5-0 Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to approve 22-23 early retirement packages for Certified and Classified staff accepting 5 applicants from each group as presented.

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to accept the bid from TownsEnd Company for bleachers (\$48,281) in the Multi-purpose room. This bid does not include electrical work as presented. Motion carried 5-0

10. Board Talking Points -Is there a date of when we will get a schedule for baseball lights? Yes, tentatively in January. Wolfe discussed WV Policy 705.1 on bidding for projects.

11. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Motion carried 5-0

### Respectfully, Kim Arndt Wapsie Valley Community Schools

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October 17, 2022 Board Bills		
Vendor Name	Amount	
95 PERCENT GROUP	719.40	
ACCESS SYSTEMS		
AGVANTAGE FS		
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C	.1,485.00	
ALLEN GLASS	99.88	
ALLIANT ENERGY		
Amazon	.3,347.34	
ARNOLD MOTOR	218.99	
BLACK HAWK SPRINKLERS	340.00	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		
BUTLER COUNTY REC		
CASEY'S	179.91	
CEDAR FALLS CSD	.7,000.00	
CENTRAL IA DISTRIB		
Central Rivers AEA		
CHEMSEARCH		
CITY LAUNDRY	907.24	
CITY OF FAIRBANK	.4,759.76	
CITY OF READLYN		
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH		
DAKTRONICS	475.00	
DELTAMATH SOLUTIONS		
Employee Benefit Systems		
FAIRBANK FOOD		
FERGUSON		
FOLLETT LIBRARY	312.21	

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** 

2683 Quail Avenue Readlyn, IA 50668

(319) 279-3977

Pastor Philip Giradin

Divine Service 10 a.m.

St. Matthew's

**Lutheran Church** 

Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor

2649 230th Street

Readlyn, IA 319-279-3758

Sunday services 10:00 AM

Martha Circle, 1st Wednesday of month

120 West 4th Street

Readlyn, IA 50668 (319) 279-3961

Pastor Philip Giradin

Divine Service 8:30 a.m. dult Bible Study, Sun., 7 p.m Mary-Martha Circle

1st Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Zion Lutheran Church** 

240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668

Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor

(319) 279-3643

Sunday Services 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:05 - 9:45 a.m.

Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday

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# Readlyn City Council - Nov. 14, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 PM for the public the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Jason Franck, Rocco Imbrogno Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias, Kevin

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve minutes from the October 10, 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 Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion

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

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

agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried. Employee health insurance was reviewed for the renewal effective January I, 2023. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve changing to Wellmark Plan Blue Access HG000148 effective January 1, 2023. This represents a premium increase of 1.91% increase. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion car-

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to ap-

prove entering into an OFFER TO BUY REAL ESTATE AND ACCEPTANCE (NONRESIDENTIAL) with Wapsie Farm Partnership (SELLERS). Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 2022-26 entitled "RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-26 duly adopted.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve city clerk attending budget workshop. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Resolution No. 2022-27 entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO SELL LOT 8, PARK VIEW SECOND ADDITION, READLYN, IA". Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Where-upon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-27 duly adopted.

No action taken on letter of support request from Bremer County concerning Hazardous Pipeline Ordi-

Council received an update on recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation Board meeting. Council received an update on recent EBRRA board meeting.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

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

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

Brief application required **Currently serving Denver, Fairbank,** Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Westgate area residents

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2029 Viking Ave. Hwy. V56 - Sumner

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

**Brief application required;** providing FREE clothing to those in need

