

Readlyn lights up the neighborhoods

After touring the town, one of the seven judges twice, votes have been tabulated for the Readlyn Community Club's annual Christmas Lighting Contest. The results are as follows:

Christmas. They wanted to make their home one that others enjoyed looking at. Mission accomplished!!

They are very excited to be a part of this amazing community and calling it home

light displays in town, Gary and Connie feel surprised and grateful to have been chosen as an award-winning display.

Third place:

standing displays around Readlyn. Thank you to the Readlyn Community Club for sponsoring this contest each year. Merry Christmas to all and "Jesus is the reason



Crystal and Mike Gothard and family took first place Christmas Lighting Contest honors this year. Their home is shown above, with a close-up of a Minion and Mickey Mouse below.



First Place:

Inspired by the movie "Christmas Vacation," Crystal and Mike decided to become more festive this year and create a Gothard rather than Griswold family Christmas. The multitude of lights they used helped them accomplish this goal. Crystal's urge to decorate stemmed from her parents. The snowman and candy canes were her parents; the trees are fashioned after the trees her dad used to make.

Since Makayla, Macie, Mira, and Madi are fans of various cartoon characters, they added several of their girls' favorite characters to their light show. Another factor regarding their display was viewing other homes in Readlyn decorated for

for the past five years. Their enthusiasm for Readlyn spread to Mike's mom and dad who also now live in Readlyn. The Gothards are excited and thankful for being recognized.

Second place:

Once again, Gary and Connie's Sauerbrei's Christmas display has been recognized as a winner. Besides Gary's mom and dad's Rudolph on the side of the house, they have incorporated Wes and Delores' vintage nativity scene. They love carrying on Gary's parents' Christmas decorating tradition. Future plans include decorating the wooden stable throughout the year for various holidays and seasons.

Considering the many great Christmas



Second place went to Gary and Connie Sauerbrei. Their home is shown above with a close-up of Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Rudolph above right.



Third place honors were bestowed upon Rick and Lois Thacher.

Rick and Lois Thacher moved from Cedar Falls to Readlyn in 1978. They are not the oldest residents on their street, but they have lived on the same street for 44 years. Lois loves to decorate their home inside and out each Christmas season with a snowman theme and candles in the windows. The candles in the windows started 25 years ago when Lois's beloved sister passed on December 9. They light one candle each year on that date and shut the rest of the lights down to remember her and loved ones that had passed. They added a BIG SNOWMAN this year.

Rick is like Mr. Santa, as he has carved or wood burned and painted each family member an ornament each year for 28 years. Each grandchild has his/her own tree with ornaments that Rick has made for them. Their oldest grandchild, who will be 29 in January, has 28 ornaments, and their great-granddaughter will receive her first ornament this year.

Both Lois and Rick really get into the Christmas spirit. As they get older, each year they say, "We are not decorating outside this year," but each year they end up getting into the Christmas spirit.

They feel honored to have been recognized this year as there are so many out-

for the season."

Honorable Mention:

608 Parkview, Eugene and Micki Thurm

402 6th Street, Darrin and Holly Carlson

323 Briggs, Tammi Moothart

511 Malone, David and Lisa Matthias

424 East 4th, Roland Schmidt

213 Wilmont, Rocco and Theresa Imbrogno

119 Kalman, Larry and Janet Ladage

248 Clark, Ron and Louie Hartman

247 Clark, Kevin and Stacie Price

Something new this year was the decision to judge all Readlyn homes with the exception of first, second, and third place winners from 2021. As a result, our 2021 winners -- Scott and Denise Shock -- 123 Highland, Kyle and Kelly Shores -- 503 Malone, and Eric and Aubrey Johnston -- 308 Magill -- will be back in the running next year.

Be sure to check out all of the homes mentioned in this article plus the plethora of other great displays around town. Time to look over the competition and make plans for your displays next year. Fire up!!





Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Pavelec, 2022 Grump

The spirit of Thanksgiving is one of family. This year I picked up my mom (Verdeen Pavelec) from Willow Winds in Denver. We went to my sister Kathy's home to be with my siblings. Nine of us gave thanks that day. IT was a big difference from the last year's family holiday with 29 of us celebrating at my mother's house on the North end of Readlyn. The home I grew up in. The new Thanksgiving tradition is still one of love, inclusiveness, being grateful, and last but not least, fabulous food. I hope your holiday was about sitting down for a delicious meal, surrounded by friends and family.

Christmas greetings from the 2022 Readlyn Grump. This past month, eleven of the former Grumps and some of the wives filled Christmas sacks for "Santa Claus is coming to town" sponsored by the Readlyn Community Club. You know it is about the children. Friday, November 25. I had a wonderful time at the Readlyn elementary school gym helping Santa and Miss Readlyn (Sydney Matthias) give the sacks to the kids. Santa Claus listened to all the Christmas gift wishes. Later there was a warm bonfire and fireworks by True Serve. My wife, Vicki, loves the fireworks. They were fantastic. It is so cool to have fireworks during the winter. But the best was, the town being full of people like one big family to enjoy the fireworks. Thanks to the Community Club for putting this all together. Please do not forget the main reason we celebrate Christmas every year. Is to give thanks for the birth of the Christ Child. I know you will be warming your heart with the true meaning of Christmas.

I had a very nice surprise happen one night this month. That night, our neighbors, the Wilcoxes, came over, said they noticed our Christmas lighting was not the same as years past. They asked if we needed help putting up more of the Christmas lighting and the radio station. My hands have been a problem in doing

many of my day-to-day duties, we did do some less lighting. I am sure that our street will still have lots of cars driving by to see the lights. Vicki helped me with the lights we have right now. I feel good about it, but I feel better about Brandy and Duane coming to ask to help us if we needed help. After they left, I was feeling so loved that I had teary eyes. Readlyn is truly a special place to live.

The first part of December is deer season in Iowa. My brother and I usually plan to hunt by the cabin and spend some time together. I learned this season I that my hands are not doing very well at handling my shotgun, I just can't hold on to anything anymore. But my brother did a very good job at making it a memorable hunt. We had deer hanging in the shed.

For as long as I remember, our family has made deer rinderwurst. We were able to make a big batch of it. This is good family time. My brother, sister and their spouses came to help. So nice to have my mom over to make sure we taste test everything as we mix.

The best is having a meal together with some Johnny cake and freshly made rinderwurst. Whenever we are traveling and I see rinderwurst for sale, I buy it and sample it to compare it to the rinderwurst made around Readlyn. I know a lot of people in the Readlyn area that make some very good rinderwurst.

Vicki and I went to the grandkids' Christmas concert at the Tripoli Elementary. All the classes did a very good job. We got to see all of Craig's and Bailie's children. Their oldest, Ash, stole the show when his third-grade class was on stage. Wow! Was there a crowd! I saw people there from Sumner, Readlyn, Denver, and Waverly. Event attendance shows how all the area communities is intertwined. One big family.

Happy New Year to everyone.
The Big Old Grump.



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Sydney Matthias

Hello! It's Christmastime! I'm so excited to see all of the wonderful light displays that our community has! I had such a fun time helping Santa hand out gifts at Christmas on Main. I loved seeing all of the children's faces light up when they came in!

Basketball season is in full swing! Although it not the start our team is looking for, we are playing very tough and are continuing to get better! The wrestling team has also been doing very well, along with our girls'

wrestling with Sumner-Fredricksburg! Along with Christmastime being my favorite, it is also show cattle season. My brother and I have been to 3 different states showing our four calves Louis, Peggy, Thor, and Clark! So far, we have had great success at these shows, with my brother and Clark placing top five in Illinois!

Have a a safe holiday season and Happy New Year!

Sydney

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Lydia Imbrogno receives scholarship

Fifteen Bremer County students pursuing higher education opportunities have received financial assistance this fall thanks to scholarships from the Bremer County Community Foundation and its host foundation, the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA).

Lydia Imbrogno, a Wapsie Valley High School graduate, received the Stitchman Education Scholarship. She is majoring in life science at Upper Iowa University.

These scholarships totaling \$20,088 are part of CFNEIA's largest total scholarship award amount in its 66-year history. This year, CFNEIA awarded 277 scholarships totaling \$635,781 to students across Iowa with an average award amount of \$2,295.

Other scholarship winners were:

Denver High School - Ashton Gonneman, Grant Wheeler Memorial Scholarship, University of Northern Iowa, actuarial science

Janesville High School - Kennedy Rieken, Stitchman Education Scholarship, University of Northern Iowa,

pre-nursing; health sciences

Tripoli High School - Deven DeGroot, Anton M. Nielsen Scholarship, Hawkeye Community College, medical lab technology

Waverly-Shell Rock High School - Elizabeth Carolus, Mabel A. Burrow Memorial Scholarship, Hawkeye Community College, pre-nursing; Andrew Cummer, Grant Wheeler Memorial Scholarship, Central College, business management/finance; Cora Ellingworth, Kenneth and Maxine McNerney Scholarship, Luther College, music education; Hunter Coulson, WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship, Brigham Young University Idaho, Agricultural tech and plant science; Alexandra Long, WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship, Southeastern Iowa Community College, agronomy; Rebecca Mohlis, WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship, Kirkwood Community College, horticulture therapy; Tyler Resor, WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship, Ellsworth Community College, mobile service technician; Landon Ruth, WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship, Hawkeye Community College, agri-

cultural business; Lauren Seeger, WSR FFA Alumni Hubert Rossol Scholarship, Ellsworth Community College, veterinary science

Existing College Student or Unknown - Gwen McQuaig, Brent Jensen Memorial Scholarship, Wartburg College, religion and church music; Allison Wood, David and Dianne Happel Family Scholarship & Mabel A. Burrow Memorial Scholarship, Allen College, nursing

Students give ag demos at State Fair

FFA students displayed their skills and technique in the Ag Demonstration competition judged at the 2022 Iowa State Fair.

Wapsie Valley FFA at Fairbank was named Reserve Champion for their tractor safety demonstration.

The demonstrations were judged based on organization, quality, delivery and supportive materials.

Next pepper tournament is January 7

The pepper tournament was held on December 3 at Grumpy's. The winners and their scores were:

- 1st: Barb Meyer and Grace Kuethe - 205
- 2nd: Dave Schumacher and Don Childs - 171
- 3rd: Lynnette Biermann and Judy Henn - 159
- 4th: Shirley Kuker and Joan Matthias - 143

The next pepper tournament will be Saturday, January 7 at 2:00 P.M. at Grumpy's in Readlyn. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Shirley Kuker and Judy Henn

VFW Auxiliary meets at home of Verdeen Pavelec

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. meeting was held at the home of Verdeen Pavelec on December 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. with 5 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Verdeen Pavelec and opened with a prayer read by Wilda Albrecht.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. The minutes were read by Luann Happel, and a motion was made by Wilda and seconded by Ellen to accept the minutes. Carried. The treasurer's report, which is subject to audit, was read by Ellen Thies. General Orders and chairman reports were read. A motion was made by Wilda and seconded by Marg Macken to pay the bill. Carried.

Volunteer hours were sent in and new volunteer hours were turned in. State

President Mary Short resigned because of health reasons. Dept. Vice-President Drusill Novak will complete her term of 2022-2023.

Mid-winter conference is January 22-27, 2023 at Des Moines.

A motion was made by Ellen and seconded by Wilda to adjourn. Carried. Hostess was Verdeen.

Historical Society to meet March 27

The Readlyn Historical Society members met at 1:30 p.m. on November 28, 2022. A thank you was received from Virgil Matthias' family for the monetary donation in his memory to the Readlyn Library.

A calendar is being created to commemorate Readlyn's 120th anniversary in 2024. A work day is planned for December 20 at 1 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 1:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come One...Come ALL!!

With the partnership of Grumpy's Bar & Event Center & The Readlyn Community Club we are hosting an Adult Vintage Prom at Grumpy's Bar & Event Center. This event is open to the public and not just Readlyn Community Club Members or even restricted to residents of Readlyn.



Saturday, February 11, 2023 - 7 PM - Grumpy's Bar & Event Center
\$25/Person (includes 1 drink ticket, live music, and appetizers)

It's time to break out those dresses and tuxedos of yesteryear and enjoy a great evening of dancing and socializing with friends. The theme of the night is "A Night to Remember." Live music will be provided by The Detour Band and a photographer will be on-site as well to capture the evening (additional charge for couples/groups photos and will be emailed to you after the event).

Save the date and watch for additional updates as time gets closer.

THANK YOU

to all who thought of us on our 50th wedding anniversary celebration. The cards and messages of good wishes and gifts were greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed with family and friends, near and far, who attended our memorable day!

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Here at the Library, we've been exploring options for additional programming for all of Readlyn's residents. We're mentioning it here—and now—to remind all of our friends to be on the lookout for the Program Schedule we'll be releasing in January. Some will be educational, some will be social and all of them will be fun! We hope you'll join us!

2022 Readlyn Cookie Walk

This year's Cookie Walk was a great success. We had a wonderful array of delectable treats to offer, thanks to the very generous folks who donated, and it was quite a turnout! Lots of socializing, sampling and selecting delicious handmade treats to take home. We sure have some talented bakers in Readlyn!

We are so grateful to everyone who came out to support us for this event. We raised \$730.00 dollars, quite a big number for this event! It was so much fun that we're considering hosting another event in the Spring. Stay tuned for details; we intend to mix it up a little! **Thank you** to everyone who made this possible. Your support enables us to serve our community in new, tried and true, and the most meaningful of ways.



January's Book Club Selection

While we're taking a break in December, we've already got our book lined up for January's Book Club Discussion. We'll be reading *The Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearse. Let us know if you'd like to join us—we still have a few copies left!

Half-hidden by forest and overshadowed by threatening peaks, Le Sommet has always been a sinister place. Long plagued by troubling rumors, the former abandoned sanatorium has since been renovated into a five-star minimalist hotel.

An imposing, isolated getaway spot high up in the Swiss Alps is the last place Elin Warner wants to be. But Elin's taken time off from her job as a detective, so when her estranged brother, Isaac, and his fiancée, Laure, invite her to celebrate their engagement at the hotel, Elin really has no reason not to accept.

Arriving in the midst of a threatening storm, Elin immediately feels on edge--there's something about the hotel that makes her nervous. And when they wake the following morning to discover Laure is missing, Elin must trust her instincts if they hope to find her. With the storm closing off all access to the hotel, the longer Laure stays missing, the more the remaining guests start to panic.

Elin is under pressure to find Laure, but no one has realized yet that another woman has gone missing. And she's the only one who could have warned them just how much danger they are all in.





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>



Election at Readlyn

There was an election of town officials at Readlyn on Monday, when only a light vote was polled on account of there being no contests for the several offices.

George Vanderwalker was re-elected mayor; he is a good man for the place, and no one was named against him.

William Meyerhoff was elected treasurer, and Emil Stumme assessor.

The council is composed of Chris Warneke, Carl Hagenow, Chris Miller, Dem Mersch and H.A. Griese, and all are good men for the places. Fred Diekmann and Fred Booth retired from the council, much to the regret of the citizens of Readlyn, as they had proven themselves valuable members of that body.

Circa 1910

Vernon & Emil Stumme Jr.

Many of you will remember Vernon and Emil Stumme Jr., the two youngest sons of Emil and Anna Stumme Sr. Their mother, Anna Paul Stumme, died October 30, 1944. Vernon was 7 at the death of his father's death and 15 at his mother's death. Emil Jr. was 4 when his father died and 12 at his mother's death.

Burton Stumme, who worked most of his life in the Readlyn Savings Bank, married Gertrude Moeller, and they provided for Vernon and Emil, living in the Stumme home.

Vernon Stumme and I were best friends from third grade through high school. I spent many hours in the Stumme home and in their two-story barn. Tears came to my eyes as I read the following poem, an addenda to E. C. Stumme Sr.'s obituary.

*It is so dark within our dwelling,
lonely are our hearts today,
For the one we loved so dearly
has forever passed away.
We have lost our darling Daddy.
He has bid us all adieu.
He has gone to live in Heaven,
and his form is lost from view.
Oh, Dear Husband, how we loved him,
and how hard to give him up!
But an angel came down on him,
and took him from our midst.*

Note: It is now more difficult to report on the history of Readlyn and Denver. My following sources are gone: Wilbert Huebner, Marge Degelau, Art Kurtt, Vince Maurer, Genevieve Maurer Schrage and Shorty Diercks.

Remember When — Early Readlyn Band

This picture of the Readlyn Band was taken circa 1934. Some of you will recognize names of friends and relatives. This article covers the influence of E. C. Stumme Sr. on music in the Readlyn area and his early death. Emil Stumme Sr. directed both the junior and senior bands. Interest waned after his death. In the '30s and later, bands would play before the movies at both Readlyn and Denver.

As kids, we did not appreciate the time and effort of the director and members of the band who gave us entertainment until it was dark. We sat and waited impatiently for the music to end. A big cheer erupted from us kids when the projector was turned on. Older folks, at the performance, showed appreciation by their applause.

This picture, not dated, was also con-

tributed by the Gehrkes. Seated in the front are R. V. Leach, Ernest Meier and E. C. Stumme. Not all persons in this picture were known. Those named were, beginning at the left, back row: Stan Gehrke, Leo Wittenburg, Herman Oltrogge, Arnold Spier, Bert Degelau, Milton Stumme, Bob Leistikow, Arlin Pepmueller, ??? Kuhlmann, ??? Pooch, ??? Zahn, Clarence Pries, Arlin Matthias, Wallace Warneke; third row: Leo Staack, Art Degelau, Lucinda Wittenburg, Velma Diekmann, Mel-

ba Herman, Mildred Pries, Yvonne Warnke, ??? Leistikow, Elmer Otto, Les Matthias, Ralph Hinrichs, Arnold Meyerhoff; second row: Rusty Schumacher, Werner Pooch, ??? Kuhlmann, Emil Leistikow, John Meier, Edna Pooch, Miss Leistikow, Esther Hinrichs, Elda Matthias, Esther Schumacher.

Please help fill in the blanks. If you have knowledge, contact Phyllis or Ron Leistikow.

E. C. Stumme 1888 - 1934

Readlyn — The community was shocked Sunday morning to hear of the death of E. C. Stumme, 46, which occurred at Colonial Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota at 1 o'clock. He had gone to Rochester for treatment several weeks ago but few realized how seriously ill he was. The cause of his death was hardening of the arteries and complications.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 at St Paul's Lutheran Church, with Rev. Theo. Frese conducting the service. Burial was made in St Paul's Cemetery.

A native of Maxfield Township, Mr. Stumme was born Oct. 27, 1888. He received his education at the public and parochial schools in Readlyn, and at Wartburg College in Waverly.

He spent all of his life in this community, and for the last 26 years he has been cashier of the Readlyn Savings Bank.

He was united in marriage with Miss Anna Paul June 6, 1911. Surviving are his widow, six sons, Harold of Waterloo, Burton, Milton, Paul, Vernon, and Emil, Jr.: five brothers, Henry and Arthur, Readlyn, John of Denver, Herman of Waverly, and Arnold at Clermont, Iowa; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Kelling of Malmon, Minn., Mrs. Henry Lobeck of Readlyn and Mrs. Ernest Platte of Den-

ver. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Chris Stumme, and his grandmother, Mrs. E. Matthias, age 96 years.

At an early age Mr. Stumme was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was a faithful member of St. Paul's since coming to Readlyn, attending services regularly with his family.

As a leader in making Readlyn a better community, Mr. Stumme will be missed by a great number of friends. As a devoted husband and father he will be greatly missed in the family circle.

In his work as director of the junior and senior bands of this city he demonstrated his interest in the affairs of the community and will be missed in this endeavor. — *Waverly Democrat*, December 1934

Death Takes Mrs. Stumme

READLYN Mrs. Emil C. Stumme, 52, died at Allen Memorial Hospital Thursday afternoon at 1:45PM after having been a medical patient there since last Sunday. She had been in failing health for years.

The body is at the Cleveland Funeral Home in Waverly and although funeral plans had not been completed Thursday, it is probable the services will be Sunday from the home and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Readlyn.

Mrs. Stumme, widow of the Readlyn banker who died seven years ago, is survived by six sons; Harold and Milton of Waterloo; Burton, Paul, Vernon and Junior, all at home. There are also two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Herman of Klinger and Mrs. George Anderson of near Waterloo and her aged father, George F. Paul, also of near Waterloo.

Waverly Democrat, April 31, 1941



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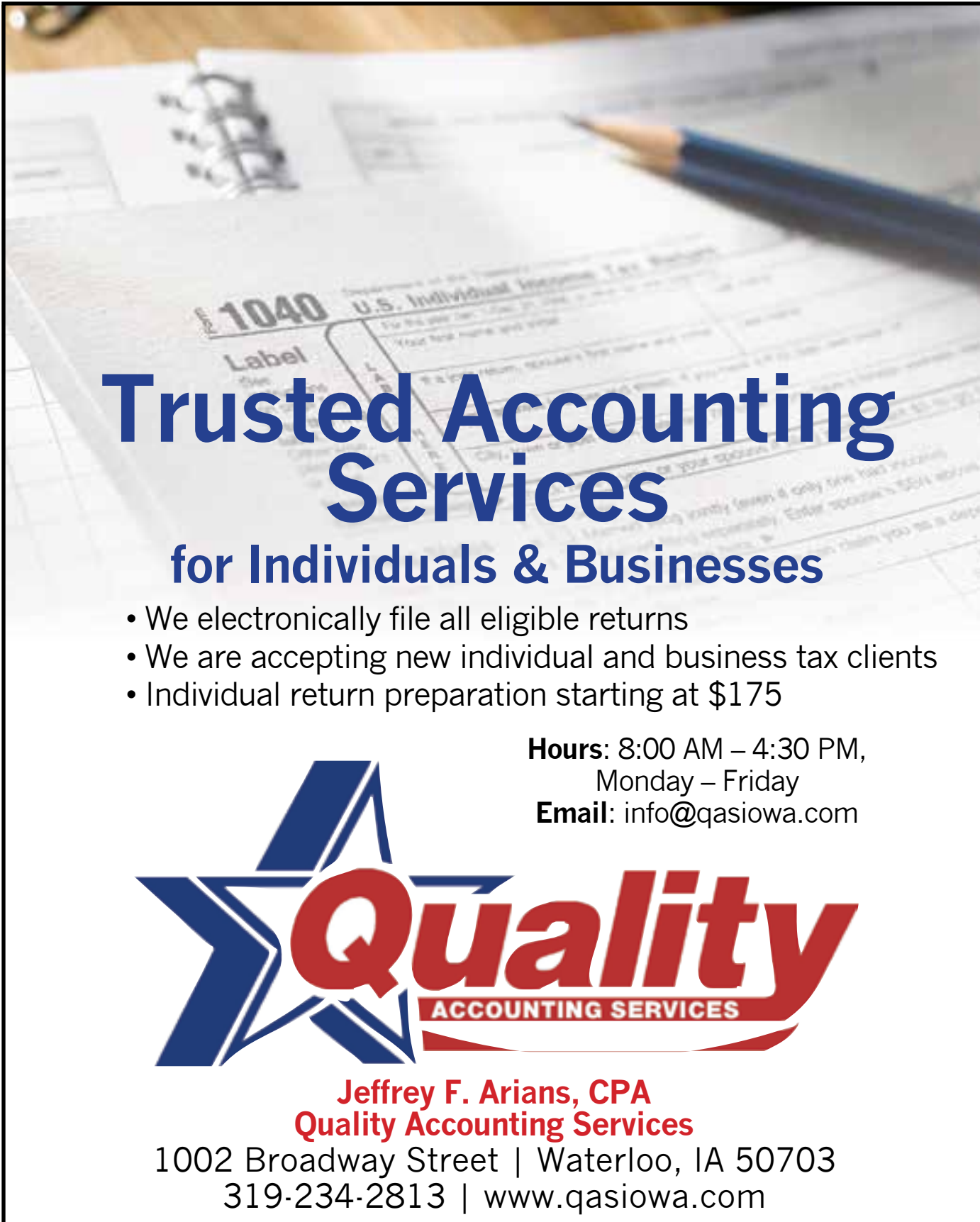
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News from Community Lutheran School

On November 21, 2022, three Alaskan Native Americans from tiny White Mountain AK (north of Nome) came to visit students at Klinger. They showed students how they hunt, fish, and live in northern Alaska. The students were able to touch seal, bear, and musk ox pelts; students also tasted whale, seal, and dried fish. Fun was had by all!



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We are so grateful to everyone who came out to support us for this event. We raised \$730.00, quite a big number for this event! It was so much fun that we're considering hosting another event in the spring. Stay tuned for details; we intend to mix it up a little!

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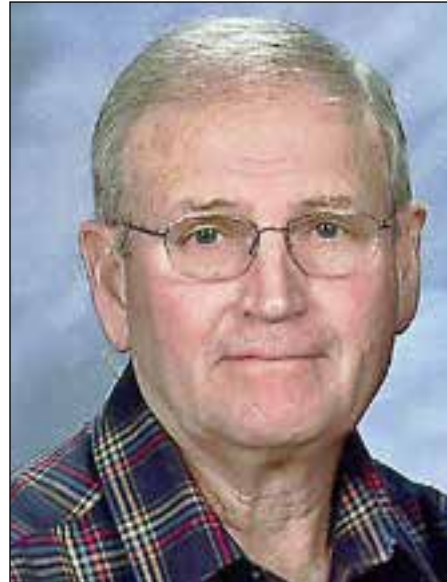
RECIPE: R.L.'s #20 Grump Chili
 From the kitchen of: *Ron Leistikow*

2-3 lbs. ground beef
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 1 stalk celery, chopped
 6-8 cans of beans
 2 qts. tomatoes (Judy's homemade is best)
 1-2 qts. salsa (our homemade is best)
 1 T. chili powder
 1-2 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 tsp. black pepper

Put ground beef in fry pan with onion and celery; brown thoroughly. Dump into a stock pot. Add beans. Add tomatoes and salsa. Lastly add (to taste) chili powder, salt, sugar, and black pepper. Stir and simmer.

Note: You won't be grumpy when you eat this stuff! You can mix and match the beans or substitute black or kidney beans. My favorite is 3 cans of pork & beans and 3 cans of hot chili beans.

Obituaries



Leon Heineman,

Leon Heineman, 83, of Fairbank, Iowa passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

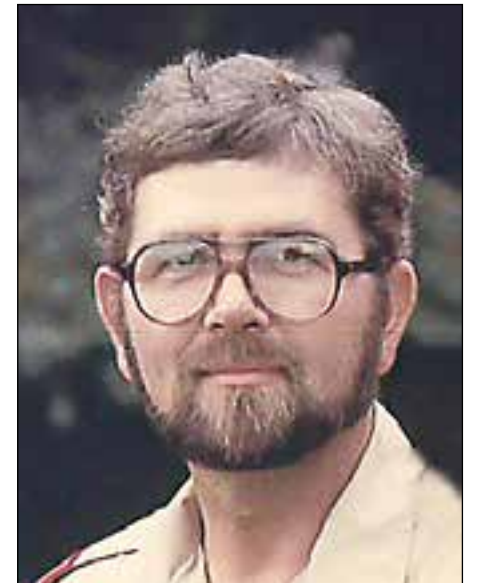
Leon Robert Heineman was born on May 17, 1939, the son of Harold and Ruth (Tegtmeier) Heineman in Waverly, Iowa. He was baptized on June 11, 1939, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Oran and confirmed on March 29, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Leon graduated from Readlyn High School in 1959. He entered the US Army serving until his discharge on May 31, 1964. Following his discharge, he returned home and started tiling with his father. Leon also worked as a carpenter, employed at John Deere and mainly farmed. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He enjoyed restoring cars, trucks and tractors, reading books, traveling, however, his great enjoyment was spending time with his family.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Heineman of Fairbank; children, Mike (Jane) Heineman of Readlyn, Beth (Mark) Pottebaum of West Des Moines, Joel (Melissa) Heineman of Mesa, Arizonia, and Sara Heineman of Des Moines; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and sister, Marjarie Brunscheon of Waverly. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tami Ott; infant daughter and two sisters, Imogene Kuhlmann and Corella Kuhlmann

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 10:30 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Phil Girardin officiating. Burial fol-

lowed in the church cemetery. Visitation was on Thursday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn and also an hour prior to the service on Friday. Memorials may be directed to Heineman family for a later designation in Leon's name and online condolences for Leon can be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Readlyn assisted the Heineman family with arrangements.



Dean Ross Knight

Dean Ross Knight, 75, of Readlyn, Iowa, died Thursday, November 15, 2022, at the Tripoli Nursing Home in Tripoli, Iowa.

Dean was born August 18, 1947, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Burman and Donna (Doty) Knight. He attended Waverly-Shell Rock High School for three years and then graduated from Wapsie Valley High School. He attended Wartburg College in Waverly on a wrestling scholarship, graduating in 1969. He then taught math and coached wrestling at Stanwood until moving to Waverly in 1973. It was then that he began his career at Terex Cranes in Waverly where he assumed many roles over the years. On July 7, 2007, he was united in marriage to Mary in Independence, the couple would renew their vows in 2017 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly. Dean retired from Terex in 2010.

Dean was an avid outdoorsman; he loved to hunt duck, geese, deer and elk. He also loved to fish and camp. Dean was very active with the Boy Scouts; he earned his Eagle Scout and was a Scout Master for many years for Troop 69 in Waverly. He was a mainstay at the Isaac Walton League in Waverly and throughout the area. Dean and Mary were camp hosts at Cedar Bend Campground in Waverly for ten years. He could often be found working on carpentry projects for friends and family.

Dean is survived by his wife, Mary, of Clarksville; one son, Ross Knight of Waverly; one daughter, Rochelle Wallace of Altoona; six grandchildren, one brother, two sisters and two very special friends, Rock and Ron Hardee. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly with Pastor Corey Smith officiating. Burial in Grove Hill Cemetery will be held in July. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family and on-line condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary - Christmas 1948



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Immanuel Lutheran (Klinger) Christmas Traditions

Immanuel Lutheran's congregation has always enjoyed the season of Advent and celebrating the birth of Jesus. From young to old, all have roles in celebrating this joyous season.

In preparation for Christmas, the sanctuary is decorated with Christmas trees, evergreen roping on the walls and balcony with poinsettias adorning the altar, window sills and on tables near the organ and around the pulpit. The sanctuary had four live Christmas trees in 1948 (see photo.) Often, special music is shared through the adult choir and bell choir performances during church service throughout December.

Until the last fifteen or so years, the teachers and staff at Community Lutheran School (CLS) also created and produced the Christmas Eve service with all CLS students invited to participate in the program. Since then, Immanuel's Sunday School teachers have led the children's program. It is a wonderful service with Immanuel's children, ages preschool through 8th grade, sharing their musical talents and their faith in a themed program appropriate for the season. For many years, Audrey Schmidt, a retired teacher, wrote the programs, selected songs and designed the recitation pieces to fit each child's talent and ability. The entire program is memorized and rehearsed to bring an enthusiastic message of Jesus' birth. Another tradition during this service is singing the hymn "Silent Night" with all lights extinguished except for the ones on the Christmas tree and with each individual holding a lighted candle.

The Christmas Eve service is now in addition to the CLS Christmas program typically held on the last Wednesday before break. The CLS children also memorize their pieces and songs. They share the message of our Messiah's birth to congregation members from both Immanuel and St. Paul's as well as all community members in attendance. Children participating in both the CLS and Immanuel programs have a lot to memorize!

Today's traditions are similar to ones in the past. Eugene Matthias, a lifetime member of Immanuel remembers that music was emphasized at the Christian Day School, now CLS. "Mr. Will, a teacher in the 5-8 grade room between 1944-1947, emphasized choral music. So the Christmas Eve service had excellent singing by the students, along with recitations. Chairs were added up and down the aisles in the sanctuary to accommodate those in attendance." Immanuel still enjoys hosting visitors during its Christmas Eve service. And, of course, offering each child in attendance the traditional Christmas sacks containing peanuts in the shell, peanut clusters, orange and apple compiled by the CLS School Board with the contents purchased at the Klinger Store from Arlin & Pat Pook. Arlin & Pat maintain the 'recipe' for the Christmas sacks.

Our Christmas Eve service was scheduled for Saturday, December 24 at 7 p.m. to celebrate the real reason for the season, Jesus our Savior!

Last article's trivia question: What year

did the Immanuel congregation extend the church and put a full basement under it? Answer: In 1947.

Trivia Question: Why do church pews have metal hooks on the back? 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."

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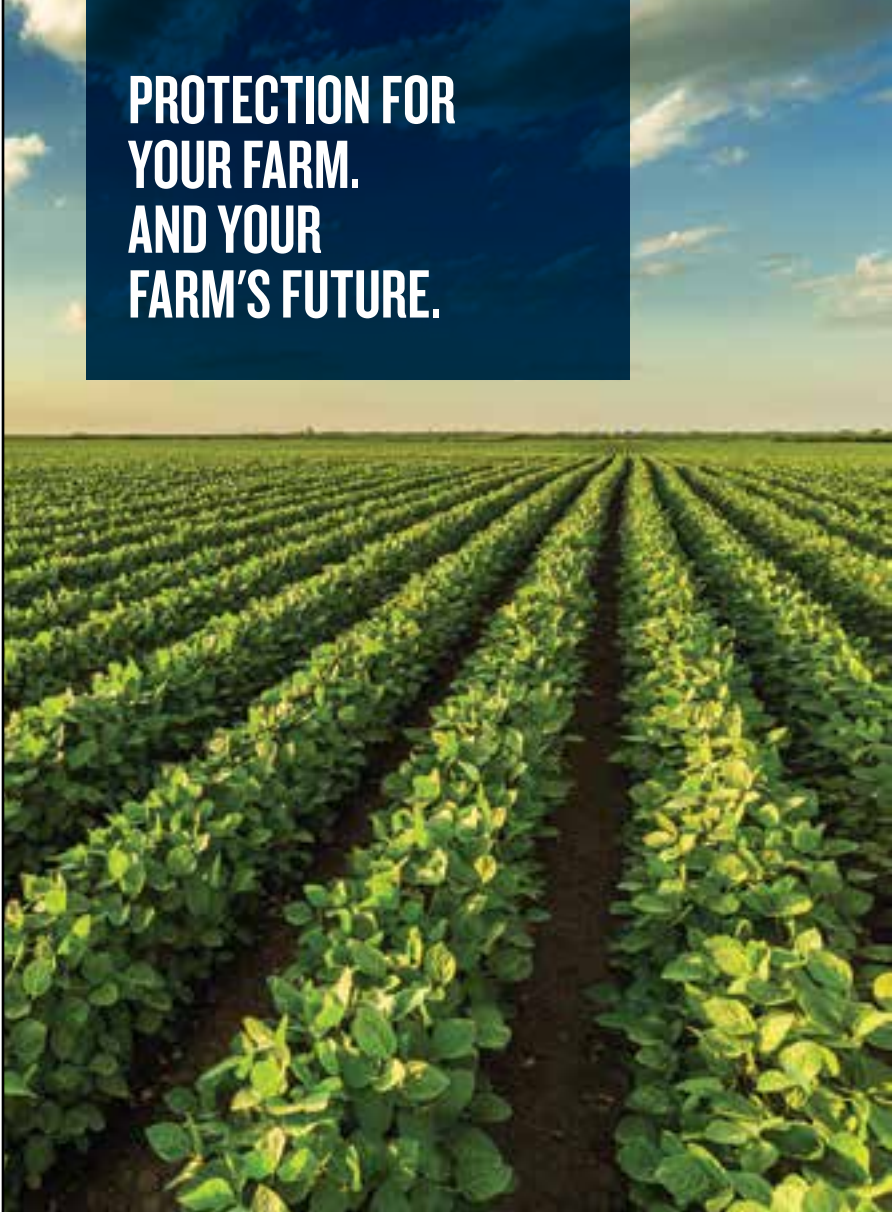
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By: Eric Johnston

“Bring on the ice!”

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The wind whisked light snow across the ice as I carefully bounced my jig just above the bright red mark on my sonar flasher. With one more light flick of the wrist, the red mark raced to the mark of my jig on the screen and my line went slack. A hookset and the battle was on!

The light 2lb. test line stretched and strained against the small iced up rod and words of my grandfather went through my head, “Don’t horse him, take your time!” The drag started screaming and doing its job and, after a long battle, I was rewarded with a beautiful crappie.

As fall turns into winter, a lot of folks dread the winter season. I, on the other hand, get excited — with all the cold and snow the lakes freeze and ice fishing season begins!!!! Yes, some think we are crazy to sit on a bucket on a frozen lake. But ice fishing can be very productive and a lot of fun!!!

Over the years, my ice fishing addiction has grown as I’ve added nicer equipment with flashers, tents and Skandia Tungsten jigs. But it really doesn’t take a lot to get started ice fishing and we have some great opportunities for fishing right here in our area. This month, I’ll take you through getting started in a sport I’ve become so addicted to.

As with any sport, it’s best to get started by talking with sportsmen that are already skilled in the sport. Friends, co-workers or family that can get you started in the right direction. Also, the Internet becomes a useful tool in getting started. There are literally thousands of YouTube videos on ice fishing.

Another great place to start is our local outdoor stores such as Hank’s Live Bait and Tackle, located on 15th Street in Waterloo. Paying them a visit can get you an endless supply of knowledge on the sport and up-to-the-minute fishing reports. You also may meet other fishermen at these stores that would love to show you the ropes.

Once you decide you want to try ice fishing, you will need the basics to get

started. A rod is a great first purchase -- the choices are endless on rods. You can spend as little as \$10 to a couple hundred dollars. Just starting out, I would suggest a nice modestly priced spinning rod such as a K&E Tackle Whippr rod or even a Schooley brand rod with the plastic reel.

Next on the list would be a decent ice auger. Again, there are a lot of choices out there. Starting out, I would go with a hand auger that can be purchased for \$30-\$50 brand new.

Also, you will need a five gallon bucket. Not only can you carry your gear with you, but it makes a nice seat too!

Watch marketplace or other classifieds for deals on used equipment -- a lot of times you can get a bundled deal on everything you need.

Next come the jigs. A lot of this will depend on what type of fish you will target. I’m mostly a panfisherman in the winter, targeting bluegills and crappies. I prefer Skandia Tungsten jigs, moon jigs, and Arnold jigs. These are all great jigs that won’t break the bank. I’ve really started using the Tungsten over the last five years or so. The Tungsten is heavier than lead and shows up on sonar better. The denser material gives you more weight in a small jig to get back in the strike zone quicker and is more sensitive to feel those sluggish bites.

You may also want to add an ice tent to your arsenal depending on your cold tolerance. Again, there are lots of options when it comes to them and I suggest talking to your local outdoor store and seeing a lot of tents and choosing what best suits your needs and budget.

The biggest thing with ice fishing, and I can’t stress this enough, is SAFETY!! Ice can be a tricky animal that is always changing with temperature fluctuations. Some of your most important gear to own is your safety gear.

I suggest, especially early and late in the season, carrying a Spud bar with you. You can use the Spud bar to check the ice ahead of you. I usually do not venture onto the ice each year until there’s a good four inches of solid clear ice on the ponds.



It’s important to have a fifty foot throw rope and some ice spikes you can wear around your neck, should the unthinkable happen. I suggest never fishing alone and it doesn’t hurt to wear a life jacket or purchase a striker ice suit that floats should the ice break.

There are a lot of ice fishing opportunities right here in our area. Lakes like Big Woods, Volga, and Beeds, have healthy fish populations and are great places to start. Look for areas that the water falls off of flats into deeper water. Those drop offs are great fish holders, and, in lakes like Big Woods and Volga, they’ve added lots of structure for the fish, such as brush piles and pallet structures. The structure was placed to attract fish. Find some of

these areas and you will be on the fish. Lake maps with GPS coordinates of these structures can be found at the Iowa DNR website.

Also always be on the lookout for small out of the way ponds and backwaters along the Cedar and Wapsi River. Sometimes, those small waters can yield big results! And, if you’re lucky enough to access a farm pond, you can get into some phenomenal fishing!

As the weatherman starts to show those freezing temps heading our way, it’s time to get that ice gear ready and enjoy a sport that gets you through those long winter months! Be SAFE and, until next time, Get Outdoors!

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Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting - November 21, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance Wapsie Valley CSD Annual, Organizational & Regular School Board Mtg November 21, 2022

1. President Sauerbrei called the Final Meeting of the Board to order at 6:31 PM
 A. Directors: Sauerbrei, Auel, Wolfe, Aiello, and Van Daele. Declare a quorum.
 B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, TJ Murphy, Jayme Hurlley, Alyson Forsyth & Board Sec. Arndt
 C. Others: Vaughn Gross, Nick Tobey, Haley Tiedt, Aliya Brandt, Ashlyn Hyde, Ian Buzynski, Tanner
 Curley, Drew Sauerbrei, Amy Baker, and virtual participants.
 2. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to amend the agenda to add Spotlight in Education after Public Forum in the Annual Meeting, and change number 10 on the Regular board meeting agenda to Consider approval of Homeless Liaison-Brett Bergman, Equity Coordinator-Supt.-Chris Hoover, Migrant Liaison & Foster Care Contact - Katelyn Nitz as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 3. Public comment - Vaughn Gross gave updates on FCCLA lollipop sales, Junior class prom, and post-prom communications. Robotics had a tournament last week that included 17 teams as compared to 7 last year. It went well.
 4. Spotlight in Education - The CAPS students talked about the "aha" moments they have had since enrolling in the CAPS class. They said you may not choose the path you thought after exploring so many career paths. Encourage students to take this class
 5. Baseball/Softball lights - Discussed cost and the possibility of it being increased. Brent thought there is about \$30,000 in community donations
 6. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to table the FY22 reconciliation financial report as presented. Arndt inadvertently provided FY21 report. Motion carried 5-0
 7. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022, as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 8. Unfinished business - Arndt discussed leasing options for 3 buses. More information to come
 9. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Auel to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:19 PM Motion carried 5-0
 1. Supt. Hoover called the Organizational meeting to order at 7:19 PM.
 2. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to accept the agenda as presented. Mo-

tion carried 5-0
 3. Arndt took nominations for President. Aiello nominated Wolfe. Nominations ceased. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to name Wolfe as board president with a roll call vote ALL AYES, Motion carried 5-0. Arndt took nominations for Vice President. Wolfe nominated Sauerbrei. Nominations ceased. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to name Sauerbrei as Vice President with a roll call vote ALL AYES, Motion carried 5-0. Arndt administered the Oath of Office to Jeannie Wolfe (President) and Brent Sauerbrei (Vice President). President Wolfe led the meeting from this point on
 4. Auel nominated Arndt with a second from Aiello to appoint Kim Arndt as Board Secretary & Treasurer for the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 5. Strike Delegate assembly appointment due to lack of interest
 6. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve Waterloo Courier as our official publication carrier for the 22-23 school year as presented. Minutes will also be sent to the Readlyn Chronicle and Fairbank Islander for publication. Motion carried 5-0
 7. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. as the legal counsel for the 22-23 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 8. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve our financial depositories as North-east Security Bank (\$5,000,000 limit) and Readlyn Savings Bank (\$2,000,000 limit) as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 9. Moved by Auel Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve Level I Investigator - Guidance Counselor or Lead Teacher, Level II Investigator - Building Principal opposite the incident & Level III Investigator - Bremer County Sheriff's Office, Fairbank Police Department, or Readlyn Police Department as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
 10. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve Homeless Liaison-Brett Bergman, Equity Coordinator- Supt. Hoover, Migrant Liaison & Foster Care Contact - Katelyn Nitz as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 11. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn the Annual Organizational Meeting at 7:29 PM. Motion carried 5-0
 1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the board to order at 7:29 PM
 2. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 3. Public Comment - None
 4. Consent Items - Moved by Sauerbrei,

Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Angie Auel with OE FY1 - Courtney Hesse's 7th-grade daughter to Janesville. Motion carried 5-0
 5. Board - Discussed the responsibility of ordering food in school lunchrooms. The Lead Cooks are responsible for ordering the food for their buildings.
 Superintendent - Mr. Hoover: Report included Admin. meetings, Veterans program, school finance videos, Fairbank road projects, and bid letting in January for baseball lights.
 District: Report includes Leader In Me updates, WVEF banquet, Professional Development, & Veteran's Day Program
 Elementary Principal Hurlley & Forsyth: Report includes PLC's, Report Cards, Early Childhood Observations/Field Experience, Leader In Me, WVEF fall dinner and auction, Professional Development, PTO donations, Veteran's Day program, Student Leadership, & Rural Light-house teams.
 7-12 Principal Murphy: Report includes PLC'S, Future Ready, and Activity Updates.
 6. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the resignation of Assistant Baseball Coach- Brent Sauerbrei and Sierra DeLance - Para-Professional effective 11-25-2022 and thank them for their service to WV as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Contracts: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve a contract to Daniel Search - Van Driver \$25.18 per route & Shuttle - \$14.81 per shuttle as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Volunteers: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the following volunteers for Robotics-David Szurley, Layne Hilsenbeck, & Kyle Zimmerman pending background checks as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 7. New Business-Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the sharing agreement (\$500) for Girls Wrestling with Sumner-Fredricksburg for the 22-23 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the SBRC request for Modified Supplemental Amount Open Enrollment Out not in Fall 2021 (\$108,405) as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the SBRC request for Modified Supplemental Amount for ELL Beyond 5 Years (\$3,118.08) as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to approve the SBRC Special Education Administrative Costs (\$2,341.08) associated with the

River Hills Consortium Program for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the SBRC Special Education Administrative Costs (\$3,403.52) associated with the LIED Center Consortium Program for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Jerry Van Daele was appointed to the Black Hawk County Conference Board, Jeannie Wolfe to the Buchanan County Conference Board, Aiello to the Bremer County Conference Board, and Angie Auel to the Fayette County Conference Board
 Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the student rate increase from \$.75 to \$1.00 per time for putting the stop sign in the intersection at Readlyn elementary as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the contract agreement with Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting for redistricting plans. Jodi Flory will provide information at the December 19, 2022 meeting so the public hearing date was not set as presented. Motion carried 4-1 Aiello-Nay
 Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to table a one-time donation from the general fund (-\$214,599.60) to the lunch fund to cover prior year deficits as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the change order (\$14,018) for the ESSER III HVAC project as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve adding the Friday after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday for 12 month employees and to add it to the Classified Staff Handbook as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to go into closed session at 8:21 PM. Roll call vote - ALL AYES Board will go into a "Closed Session to evaluate a licensed employee" as provided by Iowa Code 21.5(1) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to come out of closed session at 9:13 PM. Roll call vote - ALL AYES
 8. Board Talking Points- None
 9. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to adjourn at 9:14 PM. Motion carried 5-0
Respectfully, Kim Arndt

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