

## Adult Vintage Prom is Saturday, February 11

By Megan Kuker, RCC Director

The dynamic collaboration of Grumpy's Bar & Event Center and the Readlyn Community Club is 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,

so, please join us for a night of fun and nostalgia. Dress in your favorite prom attire from any era and be ready for a fun-filled night.

The prom event will be held Saturday, February 11 from 7-10 PM at Grumpy's Bar & Event Center. Cost is \$25 per person which includes one drink ticket, live

music, and appetizers throughout the evening.

Live music will be provided by The Detour Band and a photographer will be on-site as well to capture the evening. There will be an additional charge for couples/group photos which will be emailed to you after the event.

Please save the date and plan to attend this unforgettable evening. You are welcome to pre-register via the following link or you can also register at the door the night of the event: [www.eventbrite.com/e/vintage-prom-tickets-514571024787?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/vintage-prom-tickets-514571024787?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)



**Go Wildcats!** These third through sixth grade athletes worked hard and had loads of fun learning new basketball skills! They played Saturday mornings during the month of January at Wapsie Valley High School against other area schools! They were so fun to watch and cheer on! Thank you to our volunteer coaches John and Megan Schutte for your time and dedication with these ladies! Thank you also to Wapsie Valley head coach Kayla Ott for organizing this community activity!

## Santa's visit was a success

Submitted by Megan Kuker, RCC Director

Santa's Visit was held on November 25 at the Readlyn Elementary School Gym. Visitors were able to enjoy a nice meal of chicken noodle soup, chili and various cookies. The Grumps gave out goodie bags and Miss Readlyn made her appearance as well.

Many, many hands went into the planning of the evening to make it a successful event year after year.

We would like to thank Santa for stopping for a visit so children could share all of their Christmas wishes;

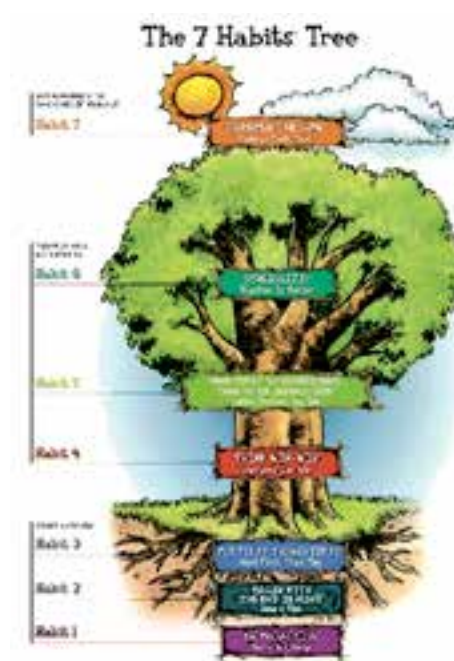
Mike Keeran, Grumpy's Bar & Event Center, for working with us on the meal planning;

Wapsie Valley Readlyn Elementary for the use of the gym facilities;

Kwik Star for a generous donation that was used to purchase bottled water, milk and soup fixings;

And lastly, the Readlyn Community Club committee themselves for all their hard work planning, setting up, tearing down, serving food, and making all of those delicious cookies. Thank you as well to all that attended.

We had a great turnout and will be looking forward to this event again next year.



### Habit 3

By Elis Behnke & Evelynn Boyle  
Readlyn Elementary School

This month we were learning about Habit 3, *Put First Things First*. It means to stay scheduled, be focused, and be organized. It's important because it helps you ignore distractions. A part of putting first things first are big and little rocks. Big rocks are important priorities because it helps you put the most important things before the little things you have to do for the day.

## Volunteer of the Year nominees sought; deadline is Feb. 28

The January meeting was called to order by President Eric Johnston at 7:00 pm.

Those in attendance: President Eric Johnston, Vice President Aubrey Johnston, Secretary Michelle Harrington, Directors: Edward Harrington, Megan Kuker, Bonnie Wittenberg, Duane & Brandy Wilcox, Louie Hartman, Pat Wehr, LaVerne Leistikow, Charlie Albrecht, Ron Leistikow, and Tiffany McCumber.

Secretary Report: Louie Hartman shared the secretary's report on behalf of Michelle Harrington, from the December 7 meeting. Moved by Bonnie Wittenberg, second moved by Megan Kuker. The motion carried.

### OLD Business:

**501c3 Update:** The Readlyn Community Club was approved for the 501c3. We will have to document all receipts and mission statement. Vice President Aubrey Johnston asked for the 501 ID#, so that businesses Cuna, JohnDeere, Accel will match funds. Hailey Broten will bring documentation to the February Meeting.

**Chronicle Committee:** LaVerne reported that he worked with Kim Adams on a fee schedule for ads. A letter will come out at the end of January. The letter will explain man hours, donated gas, and what it takes to support the *Chronicle*. Fees for ads will be sent

out to all sponsors. The committee feels good about what has been learned. The *Chronicle* is now entering its 15th year of publication and the Chronicle Committee is very proud of its local paper.

**Vintage Prom:** Decorations and color scheme have been decided. The band is being provided by Grumpy's. We will have a photo booth and are looking for vases and floating candles for the tables. We're still deciding on food.

**Annual Meeting/ Membership Drive:** We will be doing a Volunteer of the Year Award at the annual meeting on March 24. Deadline to vote for someone will be Feb 28, 2023, All nominees will be invited to the annual meeting.

Grump voting is for members only of the Readlyn Community Club. Grumps will nominate the grumps for the upcoming year.

**Grump Days 2023:** We will be starting a Grump Days planning committee. Everyone in the community can be involved in the planning committee. Eric will attend a council meeting to see when they will be starting on construction of Main Street this year.

### New Business

**The Readlyn Community Club Officers** were planning to meet January 11, 2023 to go over the by-laws and term of limits. 501c3 needs new by-laws. This will all be voted on at the annual meeting on March 24.

Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you believe the nominee should be Volunteer of the Year for the Readlyn Community.

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What Organization(s) does the Nominee volunteer with?

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Submit to RCC by 2/28/2023 at PO Box 34 Readlyn, Ia 50668

**This year**, the Readlyn Community Club is doing something new and opening the Volunteer of the Year award to anyone in town. That means we need the community's help finding out who that should be. We are asking that if you know of someone you feel should receive this award due to the volunteer work they do in our community we would like you to fill out this Volunteer of the Year nomination form and return it by February 28. The officers will look over the nominations and make their decision at the March business meeting. The winner will be recognized at the Readlyn Community Club Annual meeting on March 24, 2023.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Pavelec, 2022 Grump

Good response from my last grump article everywhere as I travel during the month. I get comments on it as soon as they see my Big Old Grump hat. I am going to get a special Grump hat made this month. When you see me wearing it, let me know if you like the new hom-burg. It is great to know that the *Readlyn Chronicle* is read all across Bremer County.

I went to the Waverly Walmart for Grumpy's kids' gift-giving with Mike Karen and six kids for their Christmas gifts. It was a wonderful thing for Mike to have this contest. Vicki and I had a very nice time and enjoyed meeting the kids and seeing them get their gifts. I had the pleasure of escorting a very cute young lady around as she picked out her presents. She was not picking for herself, but she was shopping for gifts her family. She chose for her brothers first, then mom and dad. What a wonderful little girl. She has the spirit of Christmas, and so does Grumpy's. They are not "The Grumps that Stole Christmas." Samantha and Mike did a great job making this a very special occasion. Yes, it was the first time that a Grump has participated in this activity of a shopping spree. "Shop with a Grump Winners" for 2022 were a great group of kids.

Eleven Grumps gathered for a meal and sharing of the holiday spirit at Grumpy's. We had 18 people in all at the party. Readlyn should be proud of the Grump alumni. I know there are many area residents who could be a grump candidate. Please, we need you on the ballot. Let one of the grumps know you will throw your hat in the ring. Mike Karen took our photo and posted it on Facebook. I like getting current information about what is happening in Readlyn from the Facebook pages.

I had a meeting with the Hardin County Conservation Director and our Bremer County Conservation Director, Andy Hockenson. We were looking at the cab-

ins that they rent out at their park along the Iowa River. These were very nice and real log cabins. They rent these all year long. At the time, they were booked out a couple years and provide the county conservation board in Hardin County with a very nice income. I had a good visit learning a lot of things on what Hardin is doing. I have been working with Andy on designing and planning to build cabins for the Bremer County Conservation Board. We are looking at putting a cabin in Cedar Bend Park and eventually we will want more cabins. This would be a great attribute to Cedar Bend Park and Bremer County.

I am glad to have the first surgery on my left hand. Sumner Community Memorial Hospital made me feel right at home taking good care of me. I got along very well with my nurse, Tina. She was a good conversationalist. She took my mind off the surgery so my blood pressure came down to normal. My anesthesiologist, Mark, did an exceptionally good job. I had a great nap. I got some medication to help me get over the pain and had a good sleep last night. I did not get up once. I had been missing sleep for the last few months.

Vicki and I went to a Tuesday night basketball game. The Wolverine girls' team has got it going. Dike-New Hartford has good ball handlers and a three-girl trapping press. They had 12 steals in the first half. At least I got to see Miss Readlyn (Sydney Matthias) play. The second game was all Warriors. Such basketball talent is a blast to watch.

I suppose you have all had enough of winter already. It has been a lot nicer than what had been forecast. For a few days we could brag about our beautiful scenery, a picture postcard with white glistening snow and the birds coming out to my feeders. However, let's get some warm weather, melt the snow, and enjoy a new season.

*The Big Old Grump*



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Sydney Matthias

Happy New Year! Thank goodness the cold weather has to yet carry over into 2023.

I was so excited to reveal some of my future plans by committing to Kirkwood Community College for volleyball over Christmas break! Super excited to meet new people and experience new adventures!

I'm not one for New Years resolutions, but I do have a couple of goals: drinking

more water and using a planner. So far so good, we'll see how long it all lasts.

If you haven't heard, the Wapsie wrestling team is doing great this year and is currently ranked. Hopefully they'll be able to make it to state duals this year.

Basketball season is on the downhill slide with only a few weeks left.

Let's hope the winter weather decides to stay nice here in Iowa.

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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Local VFW Auxiliary is disbanded due to lack of members

Five ladies of the Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 5661 and the Third District President got together at the Readlyn Library at 6 p.m. on January 10, 2023 to fill out transfer papers.

Due to insufficient membership numbers, the National V.F.W. pulled the Post Charter so we had to disband.

## Pepper tourney results; next one is Saturday, Feb. 4

The first pepper tournament of 2023 was held on January 7 at Grumpy's. The winners and their scores were:

1st: Suzy Heineman and Judy Henn - 180

2nd: Karan Boevers and Shirley Kuker - 169

3rd: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 160

4th: Ron and Judy Leistikow - 143

The next tournament will be Saturday, February 4, at Grumpy's at 1:00 P.M. (Please note the change of time.) Entry Fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner.

## 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.

Did you know ... If you have an RN



Molly Kleitsch and Alli Boevers

nursing license you don't have to take additional classroom training to join the crew? Meet our two RN exempt EMTs!

### Molly Kleitsch

Hi all! My name is Molly Kleitsch, and I've been on the Readlyn EMS crew for 3 years now. I am a RN exempt EMT, meaning my nursing license provides sufficient training to volunteer as an EMT. I am a pediatric nurse, and love using my training to care for our community's tiniest members. When not working or volunteering, you can find me spending time with my husband, Ethan, and our son, Myles. We enjoy spending time with loved ones, being outdoors, and we usually have a house project or two going on at any given time. If you have ever considered joining EMS, I would highly encourage you to do so. It's an awesome way to help those in need and

get involved in the community. Plus our crew is pretty fun.

### Alli Boevers

I have lived in Readlyn my whole life. I grew up in the country outside of Readlyn and now live in town with my husband and 2 kiddos. I have been with the service now for 3 years. Like Molly, I am a nurse on the crew and can also drive the rig. I work for UnityPoint OB-GYN during the day. When not at work, you can find me running after my 2-year-old and 6-month-old. My husband and I love to go to concerts when we can and love to be outdoors. Come join our crew, we have a great group of people that care about the community and the people that live here! It's a great learning experience and also keeps you involved in the community.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Come One...Come ALL!!

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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).

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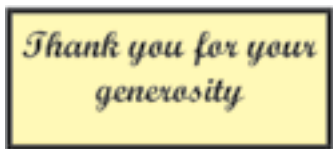
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## February's Book Club Selection

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?



Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.



# Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran

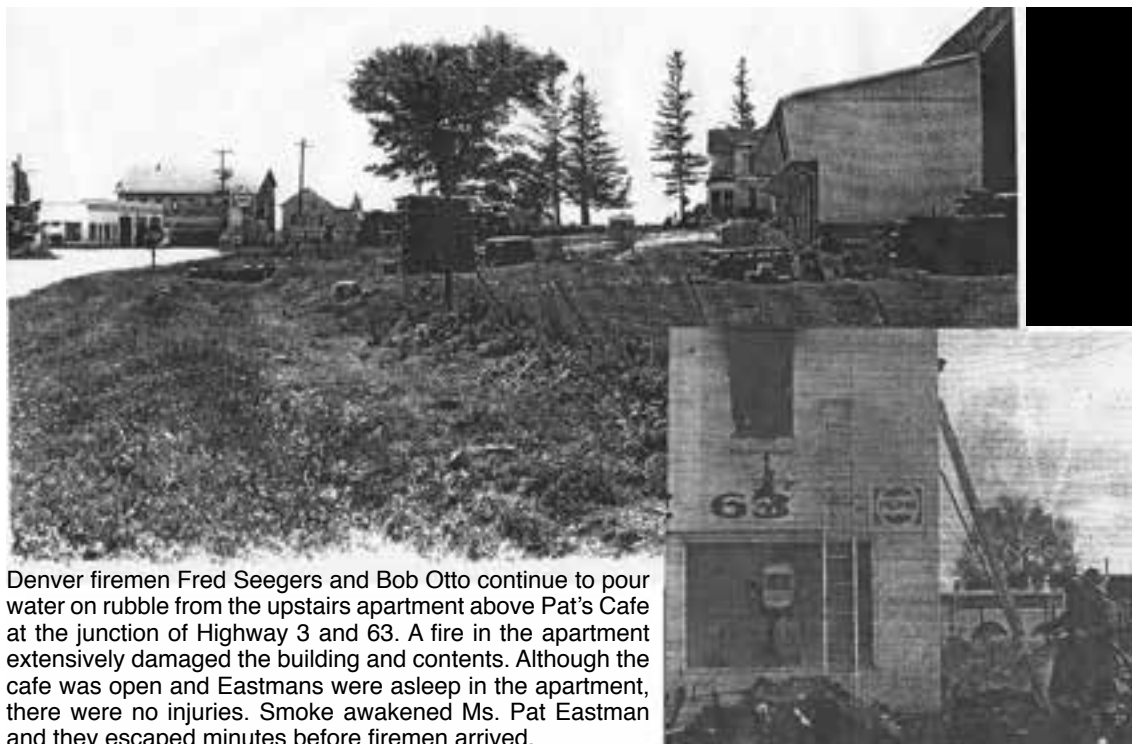
Editor's Note: Read the *Chronicle*, including "Readlyn, Long Ago," online at: <https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us>

## The Big Corner

The picture at right is a view of some of the many structures once located immediately south of the intersection of Iowa Highways 3 and 63. What you cannot see are rows of houses beyond the service station, a horse barn, and Alvin Sommer's station west on Highway 3. Not in the picture are Richman's fruit stand located on the northwest corner and the Iowa DOT weigh station on the northeast corner of the Big Corner. At great expense, the Iowa DOT completely eliminated the town that Rex Bales created along with the many other buildings once surrounding the Big Corner.

People now traveling through the Big Corner see the area completely free of everything present in the 1990s. What is new are the two holding ponds off Quarter Mile Creek, a small stream that flows under Highways 3 and 63, on through Denver. Since these ponds were built Denver has not experienced flooding.

Two unique farming operations are located within a half mile of the Big Corner. Keith Oltrogge farms east on Highway 3, and Larry Steinbron west on Highway 3.



Denver firemen Fred Seegers and Bob Otto continue to pour water on rubble from the upstairs apartment above Pat's Cafe at the junction of Highway 3 and 63. A fire in the apartment extensively damaged the building and contents. Although the cafe was open and Eastmans were asleep in the apartment, there were no injuries. Smoke awakened Ms. Pat Eastman and they escaped minutes before firemen arrived.

## Goats on a Farm

Keith Oltrogge owns a farm that has been in his family for five generations.

In 1856, Frederick William Oltrogge, Keith's great-great-grandfather, along with a group of men from Germany, migrated to the Denver area. (These men were involved in the founding of Maxfield Lutheran Church, in 1856.) The land was purchased in 1856 by Fredrick William Oltrogge. The ownership of the farm has passed through the following Oltrogges, William, Herman, Orville to Keith Oltrogge. The farm of 300 acres consists of 250 acres of cropland, a few acres pasture and farmstead, and 30 acres conservation reserve.

What makes this farm unique in our area is Keith's hobby of raising goats. It began when he bought a pygmy nanny goat as a pet for his daughter Kate's 10th birthday. Kate named her goat Bell. The goat was a great pet for the entire family.

Later Keith acquired a billy goat. He began adding additional goats, some when they became available at auction at the Waverly Sale Barn. The flock now consists of 20 pygmy goats and approximately 75 fainting goats, (when frightened, fainting goats collapse). Three billy goats play a vital role in his hobby.

Keith controls the size of his flock by selling off the billy goats, keeping the nan-

ny goats. Some goats are purchased for their delicious meat. Other goats serve as part of rituals for certain religions or the cultural customs of some nationalities.

Another interesting facet to the Oltrogge farm is the 30 acres of land adjoining Quarter Mile Creek. This land serves as a nature reserve. In 1990, 7000 trees were planted. Wild turkeys, raccoon, deer, coyotes, owls and other birds have found a home in this wildlife area. Beaver were earlier present. Whenever the dams built by the beaver flooded cropland, the dams were destroyed. Keith said there are no more beaver in this area. He does not know where they went.

My son, Tony, and I met with Keith in his office in Denver. We were impressed by the amount of memorabilia Keith has collected. I was amazed when I saw a picture of the Readlyn baseball team, circa 1908. My Grandfather, Fred Diekmann and his brother Charlie, were in that picture. What Keith has collected is so extensive and so historically interesting, justice cannot be done by including it in this article. I look forward to including the story of Keith's collection in a later *Readlyn Chronicle*.



## Larry Steinbron, Organic Farming

Larry Steinbron, influenced by his father, Adolph, chose to farm organically. No chemicals!. Also no till! I was taken on a tour of the farm. Larry drove through cropland explaining his method of farming, also down to Quarter Mile Creek. I found both very interesting

The land has been in the Huck family since 1906. The farm has been passed down through many family members until 2016 when Larry and Janine Huck Steinbron purchased parts of the farm. Larry's mother, Lucille Huck Steinbron, was born in the house on the farm. The parts now owned consist of about 50 acres tillable, nine acres of future pasture, the remainder in timber, farmstead with about ten acres straddling Quarter Section Creek.

The creek timberland harbors a multitude of wildlife, two stone crossings, and four beaver dams. While the beaver are somewhat of a nuisance, their presence provides for an abundance of deer, fox, coyotes, turkeys, several species of ducks, small mammals including possum, raccoon, rabbits and an occasional sighting of mink. Canada geese are aware of the wheat, oat and barley fields. Hunters invited to their farm during deer hunting season almost always tag out in the first few hours.

As a practice of organic farming Larry sows selected seeds, some which loosen the soil and others that add nutrients. His goal is to plant, harvest and sell seed for the following crops; open pollinated corn including Wapsie Dent Open Pollinated,

spring wheat varieties, winter wheats, spelt, barley and a few varieties of oats and alfalfa. To assist farmers who desire to adapt or to explore organic farming. Larry will gladly offer advice and assistance.

Larry hulls the hulled varieties of small grains and grinds wheat flour, spelt flour and flakes barley and oats for their own use, and, eventually, hopes to offer more retail sales as varieties are grown in larger quantities. All grains grown are made available in small quantities and have been sold in more than twenty-five states, mainly to small scale farms, food plots and for craft distillers.

Farming for Larry is more than a hobby, it is a passion with focus on research to see what is possible with as little outside input as possible. His main occupation is with Building Works USA which he founded in 2013. The company provides consulting services in Iowa and surrounding states. Janine is employed part-time with Unity Health. She also owns Simply Renewed Wellness where she is a massage therapist. Together, Larry and Janine also own a rock, gem, crystal shop and state licensed consumable hemp retail shop in Waverly. Larry and Janine reside in Waverly.

Larry says, "Anyone interested in exploring organic/no till farming is invited to contact me at 319-231-9874, or if you see me working on our farm located a half mile west of 63 on Highway 3 on the north side of the highway, pull in and we will discuss farming."





# News from Community Lutheran School



Three-year-old preschool welcomed Drea Behnke from Wapsie Valley's child development class as a guest for a day! Drea led a lesson on finding lost sheep as well as

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**Items to bring to Registration Night**

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- Immunization Records
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- Registration paperwork\*\*

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# News from Community Lutheran School



On Tuesday, December 20, the CLS students in 3-year-old preschool through sixth grade led a worship service celebrating Jesus' birth at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Klinger. The program was entitled "Where is Your Lamb?" A special thank you to Beth Foster, Jaci Hogan and Megan Schutte for your time and direction in leading our students!



Thank you to Mrs. Beth Foster for sharing her four-week-old lamb "Elf" with our Klinger students for a fun hands-on learning experience!



Thank you to Naomi Scott, the 2022-2023 Iowa Dairy Princess, for visiting our Klinger campus!

# College News

## Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Jada Aiello of Readlyn earned this distinction.

## ISU Extension and Outreach offering free tax preparation

If you or someone you know that may have limited income or special needs and could use help preparing and filing your electronic tax return, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program may be able to help.

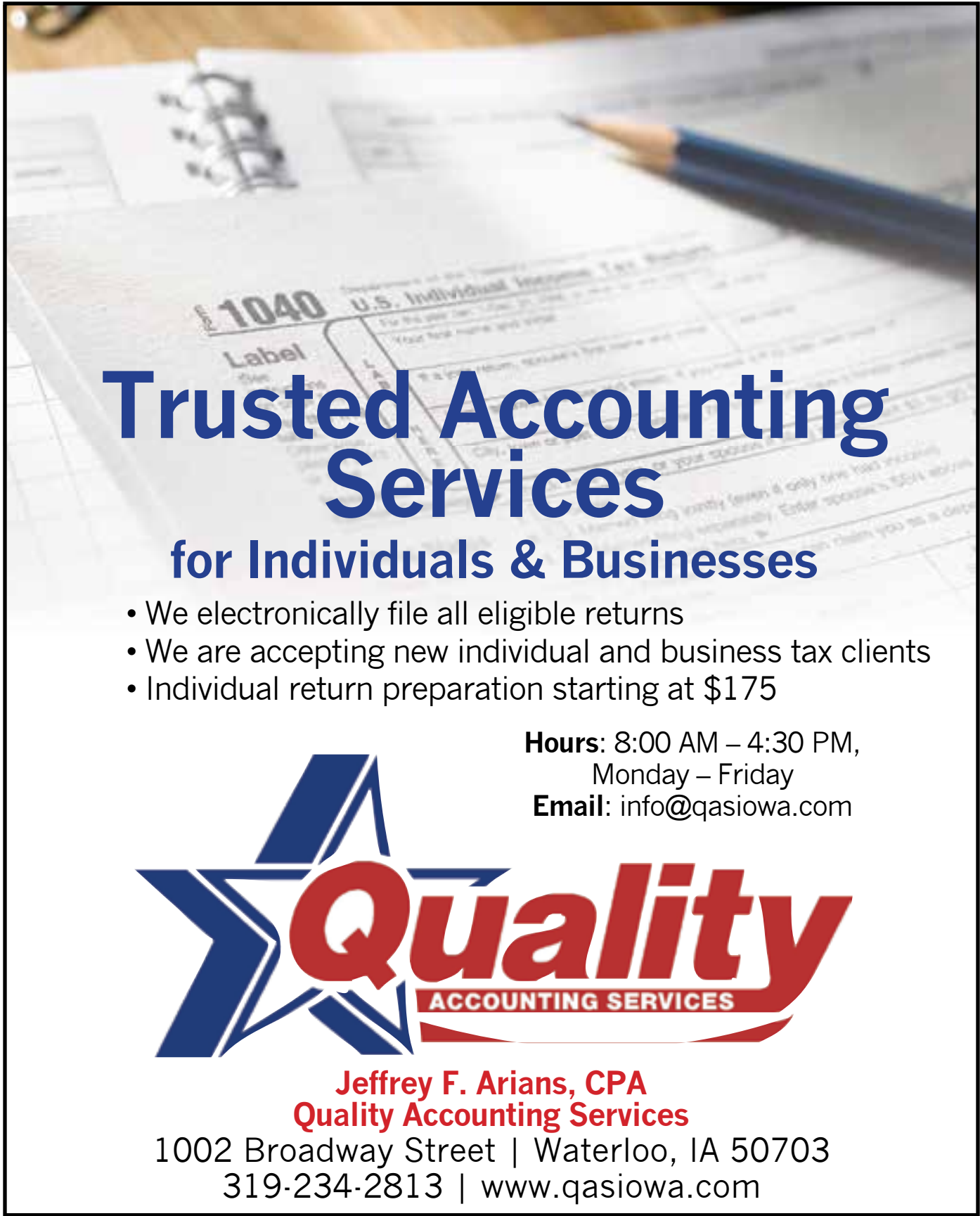
Each year, IRS-certified volunteers staff serve taxpayers throughout Iowa, providing free help preparing and e-filing basic tax returns.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach trains and supports volunteers at a VITA site located at the Bremer County Extension office in Tripoli, to provide assistance for low-to-moderate-income taxpayers regardless of age.

VITA is geared toward people who generally make \$60,000 a year or less, have a disability, are elderly, or have limited English skills. These tax prep sites help northeast Iowans take advantage of child tax credits and the earned income tax credit. The volunteers will also help disabled or elderly individuals.

For further information or to schedule an appointment, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County office in Tripoli at 319-882-4275.

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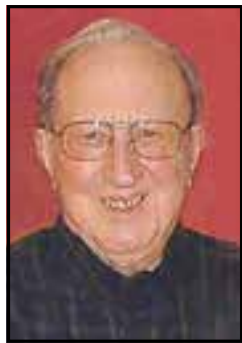

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# Obituaries

## Arlen Richard Brickman

Arlen Richard Brickman, 92, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away on January 9, 2023, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly from complications of COVID pneumonia.



Arlen Brickman

Arlen was born on June 20, 1930, to Fred and Bertha (Fink) Brickman at their rural Fairbank home. He was baptized July 6, 1930, and confirmed April 18, 1943, at St. John Lutheran Church, Fairbank, by Pastor H.J. Heilmann. Arlen was

the youngest of 10 children and one of his older sisters, Viola, remembered him being born with blonde hair and blue eyes.

Times were hard back then, and Arlen lost both his parents by the age of six. After the death of his mother, Arlen's oldest brother, Harold, returned home to help raise the younger siblings. Despite only having an 8th grade education, Arlen went to work at John Deere at the age of 17 where he was employed for 33 years, retiring in 1981 as a Final Inspector.

In 1948, Arlen met the love of his life, Donna Reinking, and they were married on January 20, 1952. They lived in Waterloo for several years before purchasing eighty acres five miles east of Readlyn where they farmed until 1981. Arlen and Donna raised two children: a son, Rick (Richard) and a daughter, Becky (Rebecca). During the 1970s and '80s, Arlen and Donna enjoyed vacationing to their summer home on Lake Miltona in Minnesota where Arlen enjoyed fishing, remodeling their cabin, and visiting with friends and family.

Arlen and Donna moved off the farm in 1989 and built a home in Readlyn. At that point, the couple had three granddaughters and the following years were filled with many blessings and special memories. In the 1990s, Arlen and Donna gained a grandson, sold their cabin in Minnesota, and purchased another summer home in Harpers Ferry where Arlen quickly found all the best fishing spots on the Mississippi River. In March 2006, they sold their home in Readlyn and their house in Harpers Ferry and moved to The Ledges in Waverly to be closer to their daughter, Becky, and family.

Arlen was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn since 1954, where he served as trustee and usher. After retirement, he served on the Readlyn Housing Board for three years and on the Readlyn Telephone Board for 13 years. Arlen, known as Hank to his numerous nephews and nieces, was a determined and hard-working man. He never wanted his family to grow up as impoverished as he did, and Arlen fulfilled that commitment. He was kind and generous and was once called by one of his friends, "the nicest guy in Readlyn."

Arlen was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His children and grandchildren have many special memories of fishing on Lake Miltona and on the Mississippi River. Arlen was the kind of grandpa who could do anything. He could build anything (including the infamous Barbie doll house), he could always help you win a hand of 500, and, because he knew all the best fishing spots, he could tell you exactly where to drop your fishing line to catch a fish. Arlen was also a John Deere man through and through and gave his grandkids their first ride on a John Deere tractor.

Arlen is survived by his wife, Donna, of almost 71 years; daughter Becky (Richard) McBurney of rural Clarksville; four grandchildren, Sheena (Ed) Hargus of Oak Lawn, IL, Kristina McBurney of Waterloo, Katelyn McBurney of Des Moines and Jordan Brickman of Las Vegas, NV; two great-grandsons, Liam and Hudson Hargus, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Richard; five brothers and spouses, Harold (Arlene) Brickman, Clarence (Helene) Brickman, Edgar (Annetta) Brickman, Wilbert Brickman, Raymond (Dorothy) Brickman, and four sisters and their spouses, Wilma (Arnold) Rueber, Viola (Elmer) Lenius, Frances (Kenneth) Sievers, and Evelyn (Edwin) Diercks.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Home Chapel in Waverly, with visitation one hour before. A private burial took place later that day at the St. Paul Cemetery in Readlyn. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church/Community Lutheran School, Readlyn, or St. Croix Hospice. The service was livestreamed on the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home Facebook page.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly assisted the family.

## Gordon Lee Quentin

Gordon Lee Quentin, 86, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial in Waterloo.

Gordon was born on January 15, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of William and Frieda Quentin. Gordon grew up in Dearborn, Michigan, where he was baptized and confirmed. He graduated from Dearborn High School in 1954. He entered the Air Force in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1963.



Gordon Quentin

Upon his discharge, he moved to the Elkader, Iowa area and worked for an area farmer. He worked for City Laundry after moving to Oelwein.

Gordon was united in marriage to Jolanta Jean Thies on September 25, 1966, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. After their marriage, Gordon and Jolanta lived in Oelwein until 1969 when they moved to their acreage east of Readlyn. Gordon started working for John Deere in Waterloo in 1974 and retired in 1998.

Gordon was a longtime woodworker, crafting many of his projects with his scroll saw with ornate crosses being a favorite. He was known for his immense imagination and always enjoyed visiting with almost anyone. He was an avid collector of toy tractors, especially John Deere tractors and was a member of the Two Cylinder Club.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Jolanta Quentin of Readlyn; two sons, Tom (Anita) Quentin of Kanawha and Steve (Joanna) Quentin of Longwood, Florida; four grandchildren, and a brother, Arnold (Ann) Quentin of Arlington, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Allen and Larry Quentin.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jon Ellingworth officiating. Burial will be held in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn with the military rites at the grave by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 of Denver. Visitation was held one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com) and memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.

## Readlyn Firefighter's Association Annual Breakfast Fundraiser

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# What's Cooking?

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**RECIPE: Wild Rice Soup**  
 From the kitchen of: Mary Lou Billhorn

Years ago there was a wonderful tea room in downtown Waterloo called Mrs. Beasley's. She served this delicious wild rice soup.

- 1/2 C. Butter
- 1 Onion, minced
- 1/2 C. Flour
- 8 C. Chicken Broth
- 4 C. Cooked Wild Rice (1 1/3 C. dry measure)
- 2/3 C. Ham (finely cubed)
- 2/3 C. Grated Carrots
- 1/3 C. Slivered Almonds
- 1 Tsp. Salt
- 2 C. Half & Half
- 1 lb. Velveeta Cheese cubed
- Minced Parsley or Chives for Garnish

Melt butter in large sauce pan. Add onion and saute until tender. Blend in flour. Gradually add broth, stirring constantly until slightly thickened. Add rice, ham, carrots, almonds, and salt. Simmer 5 minutes. Blend in half & half. Add cubed cheese. Heat to serving temperature.

# Senior Citizens meet

On December 21, 2022, 17 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at Grumpy's Event Center for the Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting.

Ron Leistikow led everyone in prayer before the meal and called the meeting to order after lunch.

We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Ron Leistikow as he had a birthday in the month of December. There were no anniversaries in the month of December to celebrate.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$237.00. Motion was made by Janet Ladage and Roland Schmidt seconded it to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read by Lois Thacher for the November 16 meeting. Motion was made by Judy Leistikow and seconded by Larry Ladage to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The 2022 Readlyn Library Cookie walk was a success, with \$730 raised.

There were six winners from the

Grumpy's sponsored Christmas Shopping with the Grump event. The winners were Ashtyn Shores, Ashlyn Snell, Taylor Mueller, Callie Schroeder, Jess Wickman and Coral Novak. Congratulations!

### NEW BUSINESS:

Save the date on February 11, 2023, for the Adult Vintage Prom at Grumpy's Bar and Event Center. This event is open to the public. With the partnership of Grumpys, the Readlyn Community Club will host this event. It will start at 7:00 PM and the \$25 dollars per person will include one drink ticket, live music, and appetizers. Come join the fun!

The Annual Readlyn Community Club meeting will be coming up in March 2023. More information to come as the event gets closer.

The next Senior Citizens Meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2023 at Grumpy's at 11:30 AM.

Marilyn Lampe made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Wilda Albrecht seconded it. Motion carried.

*Lois Thacher, Secretary.*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
 Tuesday, February 14, 2023

## Readlyn City Council Meeting January 9, 2023

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Jason Franck, Rocco Imbrogno, Joey Jones, Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Steve Aielo, Cassy Hesse, Randy Kleitsch, Dave Panos, Kim Hollon, Tami Thurm, Jennifer Jaschen.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the December 12, 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 Brnscheon and seconded by Franck to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brnscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve police report. All said yes. Motion can-ied. Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Council received an update from Shive-Hattery, engineer Dave Panos on the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project. Change Order #1 was presented to the council for consideration. Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve Change Order #1. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on the engineering/architecture for the proposed Readlyn Emergency Services Building Project.

The council received proposed FY23/24 budget request from city departments. All were taken under advisement. Council will have a special council meeting on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM to work on the budget.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to set the date for the Max Tax Public Hearing on February 13, 2023 at 7:00PM for the FY23/24 Budget. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

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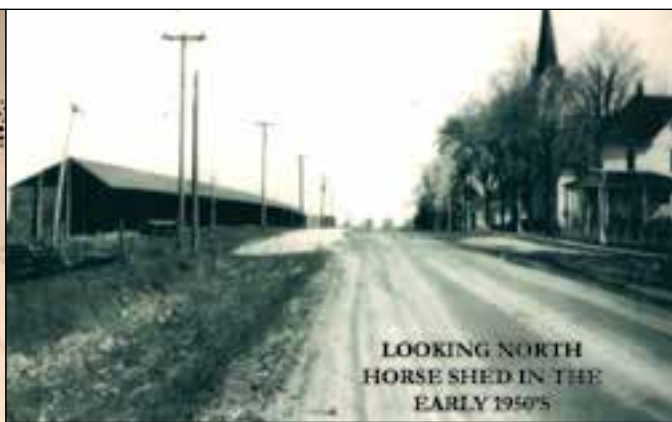
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# Immanuel's Church Services in the Winter



The blizzard a few days before Christmas 2022 was grueling, but how did rural church congregations like Immanuel Lutheran-Klinger deal with the cold in similar situations?

As noted in the first two photos, rather than forced air heat as is the norm of today, the church was heated with coal burning stoves prior to 1917. There are two stoves, one on each side of the church. At this time, men sat on one side of the church with women and children on the other side. Likely, the church building was not as tight as it is now with the installation of insulation and siding so anyone a few feet from the stoves felt the cold.

The second photo illustrates the chimneys on the exterior of the church. Wonder who 'got to' get the church heated up and how long it took to warm up the church?

It is commented on occasionally, that church services were not ever canceled in this time. The Pastor lived next to church in the parsonage and conducted services whether there was 1 or 100 in attendance.

This information was found in Immanuel's history—By 1893, the congregation had outgrown its house of worship, there being not enough room to contain all its members. In August of the year, 1893, the congregation resolved to erect a new house of God. Pastor John served as architect and drew up the plans for the church building. Its size was to be 36 feet by 66 feet with a tower of 85 feet. Next to the chancel there should be built a sacristy of 16 feet x 16 feet, which should also serve as a room to instruct the confirmands. The altar and pulpit were to be built out of butternut and walnut wood. The old church was moved farther east and served as a place of worship until the completion of the new edifice, which was not finished until Oct. 28, 1894. The old church was then sold for \$91.00 and moved across the road where it was rebuilt to serve as a shelter for the teams of the early horse and buggy days.

Rebuilding the original church into horse barns certainly illustrates the frugality of German Lutherans! During winter weather, it was necessary to keep animals fed and warm and out of the elements such as snow and ice. When going to church in a horse and buggy in the late 1880s through early 1900s, Immanuel maintained a horse barn across the road from the church, school, and parsonage. It wasn't until 1953 that the horse barns were torn down due to members owning automobiles to travel to church in.



**Last article's trivia question:** Why do church pews have metal hooks on the back? The metal hooks were used to secure men's hats during services. In the day, prior to 1960, men always wore hats

hooks on the north side of the church are different from the ones on the south side. Why? Because the hooks on the north side

to church and it was polite to remove them when indoors. Bonus info from Gary Matthias, a life-long member at Immanuel—the

were installed around 1945 as WWII soldiers elected to sit by their girlfriends and so more hat hooks were needed.

**Next month's trivia question:** More German language. What does 'Sei getreu bis in den Tod' noted on the banner in the first photo mean?

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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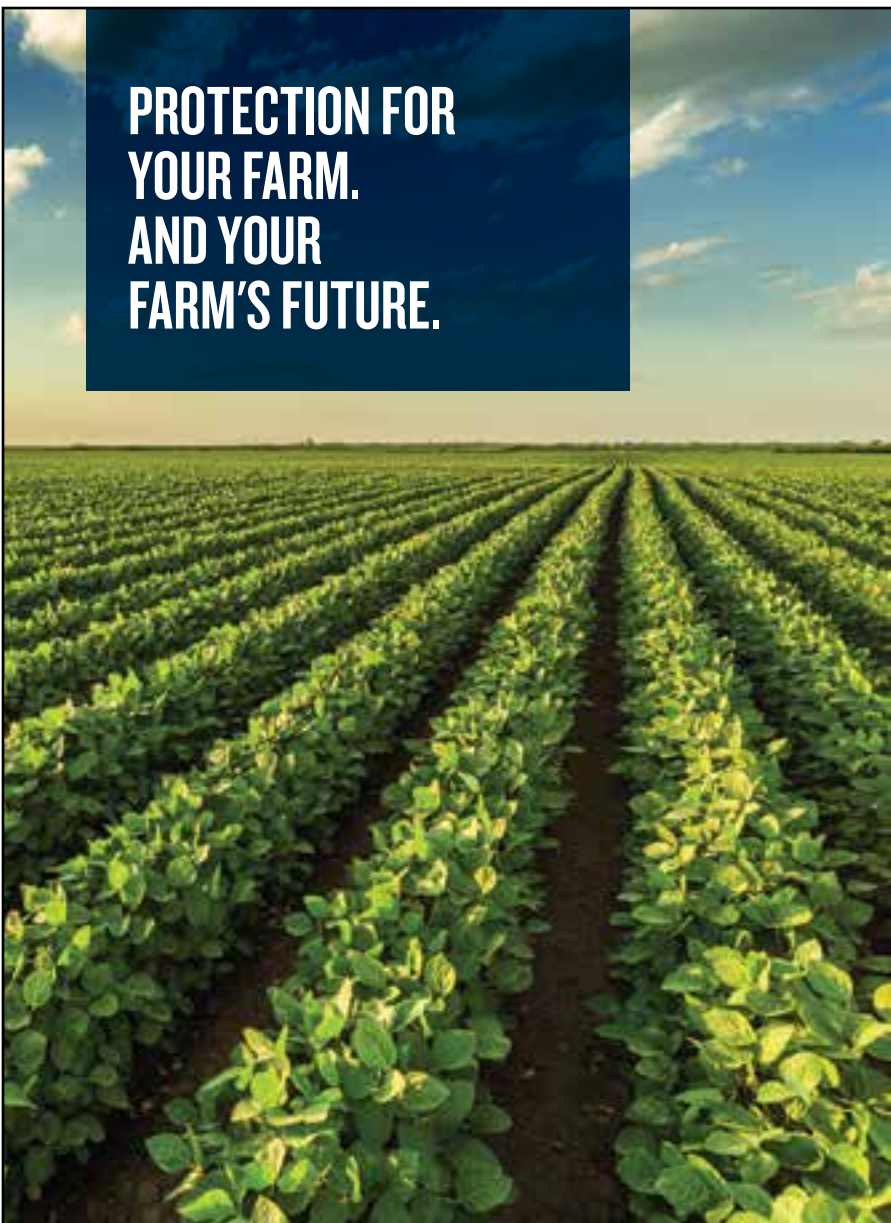


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# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



## Readlyn PTO Fundraiser

By Drew Destival

Our school is selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars. Any student may purchase them at the end of the day in the office.

Each candy bar is \$1. There are 6 different kinds- caramel, wafer, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, almond, and crisp.

If anyone in our community would like to purchase candy bars, they can contact Brooke Meyer directly or call the school office to make arrangements with Mrs. Peine. They are for sale until we sell out! The money raised will be used to help pay for activities and resources for students and staff at Readlyn Elementary. For example, the Readlyn PTO pays for the performances at Gallagher Bluedorn. They also pay for IXL math and language arts. They even provide meals for our staff during conference week.



## Wrapping Paper Drive

By Weston Shores

Here at Readlyn Elementary School, the student lighthouse team of Marshall Tiedt, Korvin Hesse, Addison Franck, and Addyson Wilke started a wrapping paper drive for people in need where all the classes had to bring wrapping paper, name tags, or tape for people less fortunate.

There were goals for each class to reach. If the entire school reached their goals, we would get to watch a movie with popcorn. Every class reached their goal which helped people in need and showed kindness to everyone who needed these materials. Thank you so much for your support.



## Preschool, TK, & Kindergarten Enrollment Fairbank and Readlyn



Enrolling soon for the 2023-2024 School Year!

### How do I enroll?

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- Children must be 4 years of age on or before September 15, 2023 to be eligible for Preschool.
- Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2023 to be eligible for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten.

We look forward to being **partners** in your child's learning!

## Readlyn City Council Meeting December 12, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Jason Franck, Rocco Imbrogno, Joey Jones, Keith Brunscheon (arrived 7:10PM). Absent: Nicole Barnes. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Clint Watts, Scott Broten, Ethan Kleitsch.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the November 14, 2022 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the proposal to sell the following described real estate to the following named persons at fair-market value: Andrew G Harter and Jennifer A Harter Lot #8, Park View Second Addition, Readlyn, Iowa. Notice and time had been published

in the Waverly Newspaper on December 6, 2022. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard, motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Jones to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Resolution No. 2022-28 entitled "THE CITY OF READLYN, IA DID BY RESOLUTION PROPOSE TO TRANSFER LOT #8 PARK VIEW SECOND ADDITION, READLYN, IA TO ANDREW G HARTER AND JENNIFER A HARTER FOR THE SUM OF \$19,000.00". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Franck. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2022-28 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Police Chief Steve Aiello to attend I.S.C.I.A. Conference. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Franck, Jones. NAYS: None.

7:10PM Councilman Brunscheon arrived.

The council reviewed the preliminary proposal for a new emergency services building for Readlyn with the fire and first responders representatives.

Drainage district #5 was discussed by the Mayor.

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

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

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# Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting - December 19, 2022

## Wapsie Valley CSD Work Session & Regular School Board Mtg December 19, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order @ 5:35 pm.

1. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, Wolfe & Van Daele. Declared a quorum

2. Administration - Supt. Hoover & Board Secretary: Kim Arndt

3. Others Present: Vaughn Gross

2. Financial Presentation-Supt. Hoover discussed the financial position and unspent balance of Wapsie Valley. Mr. Hoover also discussed enrollment decreases, increased staff & Unspent balance history.

3. Other Items-Discussed board policies on fundraising-would like to rescind the motion made regarding the approval of the Germany trip in the summer of 2023 in a regular board meeting as it is not a school sponsored event and motion was not necessary.

4. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Motion carried 5-0

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the board to order at 6:30 pm.

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe & Van Daele. Declare a quorum.

B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, TJ Murphy, Jayme Hurley, Alyson Forsyth

C. Board Secretary: Kim Arndt, Others: Vaughn Gross, Brian Stark, Amber

Decker, Espyn Decker, Harper Destival, Stella Auel, Dustin Destival, and virtual participants

2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public Comment - Vaughn Gross- The robotics team is ranked 8 out of 177. The students are doing nice work.

4. Spotlight in Education - Espyn, Harper & Stella presented their involvement in the Lighthouse team and the benefits they are learning from the team. Stella also discussed the coin drive and raising around \$950 for the Otter Creek animal shelter.

5. Board - Steve Aiello questioned why he wasn't involved in the building safety audits

Superintendent - Mr. Hoover's report includes safety audits, HVAC project, and financial information from work session.

District - Professional Development & AEA-Joe Kramer presented district-wide IASAP student results.

PK-6 Principal Hurley - Report includes PLC's, PTO, fantastic winter concert, & Leader in Me.

Readlyn/Rural Principal Forsyth - Habit 3, Lighthouse team, wonderful winter concert, Rurals working hard for their upcoming concerts.

7-12 Principal Murphy - Report includes Special Education and 95%

group curriculum, PLC's, Leader in Me, Counseling updates, & Activity updates.

6. Consent Items - Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Angie Auel as presented. Motion 5-0

7. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the resignation of Gary Mueller, Special Education Van driver, Diane McClain - Assistant Cook & Ben Hogan, JH Football and thank them for their service to the staff and students of WV as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the following contracts as presented: Motion carried 5-0 - Nicole Meagher-Special Ed Associate, \$12.67 P/H, Dianne McClain-Special Ed Associate, \$12.67 P/H Landon Cummings-Part Time Dishwasher, \$11.90 P/H, Justin Davie-Head Boys Track, \$3,443, Ethan Kleitsch- Asst. Boys Track, \$2,190, Brett Bergman-Asst. HS Track, \$2,190, Duane Foster-Head Girls Track, \$3,298, Jen Harter-Asst. Girls Track, \$2,625, Cain Cushion-JH Boys Track, \$1,950, Austin Jeans-Varsity Softball, \$3,008, & JH Girls Track, \$1,805, Brenda Roberts-Co-Girls Head Golf, \$3,588, Haley Tiedt-Co-Boys Head Golf, \$3,088, Tom Joecken-Varsity Baseball, \$3,298 & JH Baseball, \$2,095, Kaci Beesecker-Asst. Softball, \$2,045, & Cole Mather-JH Baseball, \$1,950.

8. Old Business - Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve fiscal year 2022 financial report as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Jodi Flory discussed the procedure of updating district lines due to updated census reports. The district lines can change every ten years due to updated census reports.

Moved by Auel, Second by Sauerbrei to approve the contract with Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting for redistricting plans as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauer-

brei to approve setting the public hearing date of January 16, 2023, for redistricting plans as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Aiello to table the process to get permission from the SBRC to make a one-time donation of \$-214,599.60 from general fund to the lunch fund.

9. New Business-Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to set public hearing date of January 16, 2023, and bid letting for the baseball field project as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Auel to approve SBRC LEP allowable costs of \$40,331.95 for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Comprehensive Plan and SBRC request for Modified Supplemental Amount (\$122,069) for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Auel to approve the Cooperative sharing agreement for G/B soccer with Denver for the 2023 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the purchase of 8 HP Zbook Fury 17 G8 Series laptops for Computer Aided Design class and storage cart \$18,073.52 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the mileage reimbursement rate to the yearly IRS business rate effective January 16, 2023, as presented. Yearly rates are updated in July of each year. Motion carried 5-0

10. Board Talking Points- Brent would like to see updated ACT scores. Jerry would like to discuss Iowa Code sections 285.1 and 285.7 regarding transportation.


11. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Motion carried 5-0

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