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Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Who will be the 2023 Readlyn Grump?

On Friday, March 24, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM, a Volunteer Drive dinner will be held, with the Readlyn Community Club partnering with Grumpy's for a fish dinner at 6:00 PM. Membership dues are \$25.00 per person which includes your membership, fish dinner, a chance to vote for the 2023 Grump and Volunteer of the Year, as well as entrance to the band entertainment.

Following are the three candidates for Readlyn's Grump 2023.

Jackie Clemen

I am a 'newcomer' to Readlyn compared to the 'all-my-lifers' who live here even though I've lived here more than 25 years. I was raised mostly in SE Minnesota until I graduated from high school



Jackie Clemen

and then moved to Waterloo since my Dad had found employment at Deere's. What a change that was! Country Living versus Big City!

I have two daughters and two sons that live in Waterloo. My ten grandchildren have now given me twelve great-grand-

children so I enjoy watching them grow and learn. I love gardening, love the sunny days in summer when we can have the windows open. I enjoy playing cards and games. I love to sew and crochet or knit. I like to watch a good movie at home (or go to the theater). I love to dance, but since Herb has passed, I haven't done much of that. I LOVE to travel and experience new

places. I still have hopes for new travel, namely the northeast part of our country.

I love parades and the small-town events we enjoy throughout the year. Summer events are more enjoyable to me but we have had some fun things in the winter months as well. I'm looking forward to our next summer and the good times ahead!

Ron Hartman

I grew up on a farm NE of Readlyn with parents, Harvey and Elviera, and siblings, Joyce, Darrell, Janis and Carol. We moved to town when I was 12 and I had a hard time adjusting to city life. To keep busy I worked for many surrounding farmers, including a brief stint debeaking chickens



Ron Hartman

for the Farmers Cop before graduating from WV in 1968. In 1970, I married Louie. We lived in Waterloo while I worked as the Montgomery Ward warehouse manager. In 1976, we had a little girl, bought a house in Readlyn, and bought my first Freightliner.

The next year we added a son, but we still live in that same house and my trucking career lasted 45 years with 4 1/2 million safe driving miles.

Our children are Shannon (Wade) Wurzer of Fredericksburg and Ben (Melanie) of Oahu, Hawaii. We have 10 grandchildren.

I still have to keep busy so over the

years I have been active with the Fire Department, St. Matthew's Church, Readlyn Community Club, and working part-time with Weeds on Fire doing a lot of lawn care. I have always loved shoveling and moving snow, so if you want me to be happy, pray for snow. Well, maybe not during Grump Days.

I will be honored to serve as the 2023 Grump. I have some experience because I live with the 2017 Grump.

Ed Traeger

An honor is an understatement, as I consider the possibility of serving as your "2023 Readlyn Grump," especially when bearing in mind all the worthy attributes of those that have been elected in the past.



Ed Traeger

I am proud to say I have known them all personally.

I moved my wife, Kathleen, and two daughters, Emily Forsyth and Rosanna Byersdorfer, to Readlyn 34 years ago in 1989, for many reasons: the quality reputation that the Readlyn community holds in NE Iowa, the excellent education provided by Readlyn Community Schools, and, of course, we followed a career opportunity at the Readlyn Savings Bank where I currently serve as President.

And what could it hurt to enter a community of 857 friendly people, four area churches, and "just one old Grump"!

The summer after our arrival, Sam Sickles, was crowned and held the honor of being elected the "first" Grump ever. Over the years, my family came to appreciate the town unity and comradery.

Grump Days is such a fine reflection of the fun and love the residents have toward our community. We have enjoyed parades, the 10-man bicycle, bean bag contests, kiddie parades, softball and golf tournaments, card clubs, unicycles, turtle races and even August fishing tournaments.

I am proud to have served on many boards, to mention a few: WV School Board, Library Treasurer, St. Matthew's Church President, Wapsie Valley Education Foundation, and Readlyn Savings Bank Board.

I do manage to have fun in between my duties as Readlyn Savings Bank President. I hunt and fish often. I am an alumni of the University of Iowa, consequently, for those who know me, you may be aware of my very own brand of Hawkeye tailgating, commonly known as "The ED-ZONE." There are many of the Readlyn community that are aware of my popular ribs and margaritas. Come join us!

Through living and working in Readlyn, it has been a pleasure to meet all the wonderful people I have come to know and appreciate - people I call friends, people that I can trust, and people that are like family. When we moved here, Kathy's mother said, "I can't think of a nicer place for you to live and raise your kids." And was she ever so right.

Even after 35 years, moving to Readlyn is a decision I truly cherish.

Annual community event March 24 at Grumpy's

The Readlyn Community Club (RCC) community event will be held at Grumpy's Event Center on Friday, March 24. The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00, and, at 7:30, Aaron Smith will begin playing live music.

For only \$30 per person you will receive one year membership to the RCC, a 3-piece fish dinner, the opportunity to vote for 2023 Grump and Readlyn Volunteer of the Year, as well as admission to the music event.

Our new community event will take the place of the Readlyn Community Club annual meeting this year! If you would like to attend a business meeting, our next scheduled meeting is February 28 at 7 PM at the Readlyn Fire Station. During the April business meeting, we will be electing the 2023 officer team.

During the community event we will be partnering with Grumpy's to offer a 3-piece fish dinner with sides. The dinner is by reservation only - please RSVP by March 17.

During the social hour we encourage you to learn more about the Community Club by talking to the officer team and explore various event tables to learn about we have to offer and opportunity to serve Readlyn.

If you would like to join us without dinner, you can do so by paying \$15 per person that night to get into the Event Center!

We thank you in advance for your continued support and for keeping Readlyn an amazing community! We will also be sending out membership letters at the end of February with further information!

Please detach the slip below and return with your donation by March 17 for your

dinner RSVP. Make checks payable to: Readlyn Community Club.

You may drop the envelope off at Readlyn Savings Bank or mail it to: RCC, PO Box 34, Readlyn, IA 50668.

If you would like to support RCC but cannot attend the our community event, the suggested donation is \$15 - but anything helps! The Readlyn Community Club is a 501c3 organization, any donations of \$250 or more will receive a donation receipt at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Immanuel notes 150th with 1st of 3 special services

The first of three church services to celebrate Immanuel's 150th Anniversary is on March 12 at 10 a.m. Rev. Bruce Zimmerman, former pastor at Immanuel between 1974-1992, is the guest speaker. The theme for the first service in our celebration series is 'Reflecting' on where we've been as a congregation. Please join us for 10 a.m. worship and fellowship after service in the Commons.



New Readlyn Lions Club is ready for members

The Readlyn area Lions are organizing to serve the community in whatever ways possible. All area residents at least 18 years of age are encouraged to join

The Lions are men and women providing assistance and support in several key focus areas --- Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Awareness, the Environment, Hunger and Vision - Hearing. All Lions Clubs take on many local projects as well. Service projects and fundraisers to support the projects are what makes Lions, not just attending meetings. Other area Lions Clubs are available to assist any club in their zone to 'get-the-job-done.'

Local clubs determine their own leadership, when-where-how they meet and their local focus areas of service. Lions work alongside other groups to benefit the entire community.

Contact FVDG Bruce Piehl for more information --- bepindyl1@yahoo.com or 817-487-5400.

Names(s): _____

Phone: _____

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I prefer to just make a donation. Yes, I will be attending the March 24 dinner

_____ # of people attending



Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Davelec, 2022 Grump

Vicki and I went to Dueling Keys at Grumpy's Bar & Event Center. I took my brother, sisters, and their spouses. We had a good meal and a nice time listening to the show. On the request sheet I suggested they play Mozart's Symphony No. 40. I was thinking it was a piece they would not know. I put the ticket up on the piano with a tip. He did play part of it: Unbelievably Good!

As the Readlyn Grump I helped at the chili cook-off at Grumpy's Bar and Grill. I was one of six experts to judge the chili cook-off on a snowy winter day when the roads were bad and the drifts were starting to accumulate. It was a mighty fine day for chili but not for traveling. I was glad I did some research on chili judging.

From the world wide web I found that Texans, know chili. While looking at the national chili contest site in Texas, I printed off some judging sheets for the six judges. You rate the chili from 0 to 6 in five categories and then add them up for the total. All the judges' totals are then added together and divided by 6. I thought it was impossible that we would have a tie. After totaling all the points on our sheets, we had a tie third place. We had to go back to sampling and tasting the chili, again and we come up with a consensus for the third-place winner. It was a great turnout for such bad weather. Congratulations to all the judges on their fine work and congratulations to the winners. It was another great event for Grumpy's Bar and Grill. If the weather would have been better, I know we would've had lots of people there to eat all the chili. Get ready for next year by putting this on your things to do list.

I went to the annual Winter Picnic for the Bremer County Nature Alliance. I just watched the activities, snowshoeing hiking, and even eating s'mores made over the big roaring fire. It had been very cold but some warm winds from Texas made it an enjoyable day with plenty of snow around. The conditions were great!

This is a family-friendly event held every year and we hope to see you there

next year. It is held at Ingawanis Woodland! Keep an eye out for the notice on the Facebook page for more info on the Winter Picnic. Better yet, join the Bremer County Nature Alliance. We need your support in our community. Come join us at the 8th annual banquet at the Denver Legion on March 25, 2023. Check it out on Facebook.

The update on my left hand is that I got my stitches out, and it didn't take long at all. Doctor looked at it, and everything is looking good. I just must do the hard work of getting movement back and the stiffness out of my hand. I want the feeling to come back into my hand. Doctor said nerves heal at a quarter inch a week; I am guessing it will be some time for the numbness to go away. I am set up for physical therapy in Denver to work with Sara. She helped me before my operation as well. As soon as I got home, I worked the right hand with the exercises, too. It is getting some feeling back and getting stronger. Maybe I won't have my other hand taken care of with an operation.

I wore my newest Grump Hat to the Grump Meeting at the Readlyn Library. We had 9 Grumps and discussed all the important grump issues over a cup of coffee. I don't know who will become the 2023 Grump, but any of the candidates should feel proud of themselves for being on the list to be a Grump. It is a Great group of area citizens.

We are in Texas at the end of February to visit our middle son, Brett, and his family. I love spending time with Bennet and Reed. I have been keeping up with Reed via FaceTime talks on Messenger. Reed is two now and learning new words every day. I had scoped out the libraries in the area, and we are reading lots of books together. Reed will learn many new words during this visit from Grandma and Grandpa. Reading is an essential aspect of our everyday lives. There are many benefits of reading to your grandchildren from an early age.

The Big Old Grump



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Sydney Matthias

Happy February! I went to the Valentine's Day Ball and I had so much fun! Valentine's Day is one of my favorite holidays.

The warmer weather has been making me so excited for the summer! With it being the very start of what feels like spring, on my family farm we have started to have calves hit the ground! So far, we have nine that have been born, including

a blind calf! We've had such a variety of colors and markings on the new babies. I'm so excited for more of them to come!

Unfortunately, I played my very last high school basketball game. I had such a fun season with my teammates and coaches this season! I haven't decided if I'm going to play a spring sport yet, but I'm so excited to start softball open gyms!

- Sydney

Deadline for the March 29, 2023

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Readlyn becomes my family

By Steve Lundberg

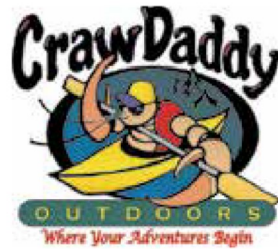
I would like to thank the community of the Readlyn area for all the support and donations; it is greatly appreciated.

If you don't know me, my name is Steve Lundberg - or Lundy or Big Steve. I found out in August that I had cancer and my world was turned upside down. My friends and our community overwhelmed me with support.

Readlyn Co-Op started 'Bushels for Lundy' and the farmers in the area were very generous. Grumpy's had a beer drive for me and when it didn't go as well as they'd thought it would, they matched the amount. All of this has

been overwhelming for me. My family has been very supportive and encouraging. Family is everything; sometimes bad things have to happen to find this out. The people of Readlyn and the farming community are all my family, whom I hold very dear to my heart. I truly love this town and community - a special thanks go to my neighbors who have been very helpful. We moved here in 1998 and raised our two kids here; it was the best decision we ever made. I am going to fight this cancer to the bitter end.

Once again, thank you all for the love and support.



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Plans underway for new Emergency Services building; donations accepted

The Readlyn Fire Department (RFD) and Readlyn EMS (RFR) are excited to announce our plans to pursue the eventual development of a new shared Readlyn Emergency Services Building (R.E.S.B.). This opportunity is made possible through the City's upcoming acquisition of the build site which will serve as the new home of RFD and RFR. (See photo at right for location details.)

With this type of project, there are several stages of development. Currently, we are needing to get the word out about our plans surrounding the needs & plans for the new building and to start raising funds to support the building

initiative.

Before we can proceed any further in designing the new facility, we need to have funding to engage with a partner. This is where you can help! Please share this message with your fellow community members, and consider making a financial contribution. Donations can be made in any of the following ways:

- Drop off a check at the Readlyn Savings Bank: Direct the funds to "R.E.S.B."
- Mail us a check, at PO BOX 276, Readlyn, IA 50668: Payable to "R.E.S.B."

come. Watch for these updates on the Readlyn Fire Department and Readlyn EMS Facebook pages, as well as the *Readlyn Chronicle*.



Shown left to right at Grumpy's Event Center are Grumpy's owner Mike Keeran, Clint Watts, Steve Aiello, Dale Schrad, Scott Broten, and Bruce Piehl.

- Hand your donation to a RFD or RFR member.
- We're also exploring electronic contribution options such as Venmo. Watch for future communications, should this option become available.

We'll share more in future announcements surrounding the plans for the building, the drivers for us to begin pursuing a new building, and the value the new building will bring to Readlyn and surrounding communities for years to



Cook-off winner donates prize to EMS

By Steve Aiello

On January 28, 2023, Grumpy's Bar & Event Center held a northeast regional chili contest. Many individuals signed up to enter their chili recipes. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, only the local and close surrounding contestants were able to arrive with their chili. That said, they still had 10 brave contestants.

Six judges filled their bellies with the chili entries. All the chili was good. Some were great. There were three honorable mentions, and a first, second, and third place. I was unable to go around and ask all winners if they would allow me to mention their names in this article, but I did speak to the 1st place winner and he said I could mention his name.

First place went to Dale Schrad. Dale stood up to accept his \$500 prize from Grumpy's owner Mike Keeran. Dale graciously donated the prize money to the Readlyn EMS (see story on building plans above). In attendance that day were three Readlyn EMS members: Steve Aiello, Clint Watts, and Scott Broten. After we took a picture with Dale, Grumpy owners Mike and Samantha Keeran, and Mike Nicolaus turned to the Readlyn EMS members and said they would like to match Dale's generous donation. They handed the Readlyn EMS members an additional check for \$500. Dale Schrad is the District Governor of 9 N.E. Lions Club. He was accompanied by Bruce Piehl, the 1st Vice District Governor of 9 N.E.

Another thanks to Grumpy's Bar & Event Center and their owners. They have been doing so many great things in Readlyn's community. Also, thanks to Dale Schrad for his delicious chili and generous donation.

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My name is Renee Reeves and I have lived in Tripoli for over 14 years. I have been married to Adam Reeves for 9 years and together we have 5 children: Tyler (17) Ameliya (13) Aleta (6) A.J. (6) and Theodore (4). To say the least there is definitely never a dull moment in our house.

We enjoy chasing our kids around with sports, band, speech, etc.... to name a few! When we are not doing that, we enjoy drag racing, camping, visits with friends/family and outside fun.

I love working in and around my community. I always love helping people in any way possible...it has always been something that brings me joy. I am so excited to further my career at the Readlyn Savings Bank and can't wait to see what the future holds.



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Libraries have been an integral part of America's communities since 1833 when the first free, public library was established in New Hampshire. Because they are such core entities, we don't often think about what a Library's purpose truly is. A library promotes literacy, provides access, and protects your rights – the right to read and the right to privacy in doing so. But the most important thing that a Library does is to help build, promote and nurture a sense of community and to provide the community with the safety and accommodation that is so important when thinking about 'third spaces'.

There are three places in a person's life worthy of note: Home is a person's first space. Workspaces are second on the list and the third space is an informal space that are often mainstays in a neighborhood, places where both random and intentional in-person relationships are made. This space is your church, your barbershop or beauty salon, a family-owned diner that you frequent often and it is, unquestionably, your library.

Your library is warm when it's cold outside, it's full of materials that can help you learn about a new hobby, or find a program about a topic you enjoy, or assist you in escaping from the stressors of life for a night (or a weekend) in the pages of a book. Your library is a place to sit in a comfortable chair and read, or reflect, or talk to a friend you haven't seen in a while. You can put a puzzle together or have a cup of coffee, talk about good books with a group of people who read that book right along with you. You can sit by the picture window and knit or listen to an audio-book. You can take a few moments to just think about yourself and your need for quiet. You can be mindful and slow down, for however long you are able. Your library is a safe space when you feel as though you have nowhere else to go or you can find some peaceful space in which to conduct business. And within this space is your librarian who will find materials that you don't have time to look for, who will find answers to questions when you don't even know where to start. Who will foster a love of reading with your children and find ways to help them explore with books. Your librarian will listen when you need a neutral space to talk and she will research on your behalf.

Maybe it's been a while since you visited the library or you've forgotten what you used to do there when you were a child. Perhaps you're just so busy with work and family and *life* that you don't have time to visit often. But your library is always here, and will always be happy to see you again.

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Compiled by Bob Thrane

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

Readlyn, Long Ago

Bertha C. Schumacher's Early Life

Written November 1980

My name was Bertha Harms. My parents were August Harms and Minnie Schroeder. I am 91 years old this year. I was born August 11, 1898. I am at Bartels's Lutheran Home, Waverly, Iowa. I came here on May 18, 1979. It is a nice Lutheran Home and I love it here. Now, my life history as I can remember it.

I was born August 11, 1898 in Maxfield Bremer County, Iowa to Mr. and Mrs August Harms. There were eight in the family - four girls and four boys. Now Mother told me I was a smart girl, which I like to hear. She told me at four years old I went up in front of the church Christmas night and sang a song real loud and nice. Every year Christmas comes everything went along fine. We went to a Christian church school which was a two-mile walk. We never thought of getting a ride to school. Daddy would get worried in winter if we had a snowstorm. Daddy thought we wouldn't find home.

In summer we had our extra fun, a mile and a half to a road corner the road corner had four roads we were about from 10 to 15 children. Some went east, some south and some north. There were nice shade trees at the corner so we all sat down and told stories. It was lots of fun because we got work to do but we were there for only half an hour. Then everybody went home laughing, ready for work at home.

As soon as we stepped in the door we would holler, "Hi, Mamma, where are you? We are home." We told her what we had done in school. After we had told our news she would say, "Now hurry and change your clothes," as we couldn't wear our school clothes doing chores. "Then you can have a little lunch."

Then one fills the woodbox full of chunks of wood for the cookstove, one hunts eggs and carries fresh water to the chickens, then you'll carry milk cans to the cow barn and get the cows for milking. The faster we finished the work the more we could play. But it was fun and we never complained. After chores was finished, we had supper, hurried to help mother

with the dishes and all sat down together. Daddy would help us with schoolwork as we had to learn by heart and say our lessons in school next day, which I think is real good.

Today, at 91 years, I can say and repeat it. How nice if you should go blind which can happen if it's God's will.

Mother rocked baby to sleep then, at nine o'clock, everybody went to bed.

Saturday was cleaning day. Some had to help scrub the kitchen floor, clean bedrooms and beds, sometimes pick weeds in the garden - also canning to do or whatever. If work was finished we would babysit and play, have lots of fun. We had a little wagon, dog and cats and the main thing was our dolls.

Then came the 4th of July with a picnic and a big fun day with a big parade. Girls and boys took a yard of ribbon, four inches wide (red, white and blue ribbon all in one), put across the shoulder and tied under the arm. We sure were proud of it.

We were tricky also. There were ten at the table - that made for a lot of dishes to wash. As I was too small to have in on the

table, one washed the dishes, one or two dried them. We got tricks too, especially when Ma and Pa were busy talking. We would sneak out and go to the big apple orchard behind the garden and play until

we thought Mother had them washed, sure enough it worked. When we came back everything was clean so we tried it more and more times, we never got a whipping. But once we came back our dishes were still dirty on the table so Mother just said, "Well, I bet you had lots of fun so now you can have more fun washing the dishes also." So that was the last time we ran away from washing the dishes.

Those days we didn't have waterworks or electric light - we got water from the barn pump with a milk pail, put a dipper in and everybody drank out of one dipper. For clothes washing, we used a milk can to carry the water. There was no electric motor for the washing machine so it was us children's job turning the washing machine. We would get a cookie or a sugar sandwich for a treat.

I had two brothers older than me, and one sister married before I could go to

"Young People" parties. We went to parties only on Sunday night, never any other day unless there was a wedding or some real special event like a new barn building, and then the neighbors helped out what they called "Barn Raising." Neighbors and friends helped all day and at night had a dance in the barn. We never went farther than about five miles around the neighborhood with young people. Lots and lots of times we walked. Pa said horses have to rest, they have hard work to do in the field. We thought nothing of walking two or three miles to the dance. We mostly danced in Summer.

The dance was outside on a big floor that moved from place to place. It was 12x12 foot planks nailed together then laid level together that made a big dance floor nine or twelve foot square. In the winter we danced on the barn floor. Close neighbors had birthday parties in the house, some played cards, other boys and girls played kissing games and really had fun. My parents were always home. Everybody was home at twelve o'clock for work the next day. Also we never missed school or church.

First we had a lumber wagon, the lighter wagon called the milk buggy, after that a surrey that had a curtain on, and the automobile came in 1908. Some doctors and lawyer had one before then.

I was confirmed on April 10, 1903 at St. John's Church in Maxfield, Bremer County, Iowa.

At school I fell in love with a boy my age (four months older than me). His name was William Schumacher, but when he was a young man people called him Wm. S. He liked spending money so he got him a catalog that had stick pins rings. They were real fancy and sold them. I'd get things for nothing sometimes, but we went together after we got confirmed and so February 27, 1908 we got married and stayed at the farm and his folks moved to Denver, Iowa as his grandpa Schroeder also lived there with his daughter who couldn't walk, but had a homemade wheelchair as none were on the market yet.



Bertha Harms Confirmation Picture. Adequate space is not available to include the additional page of Bertha's life story. When Bertha and William were married both were 19. The life of Bertha and William will be the subject of a later issue.



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Readlyn Community Happenings

Details on RCC volunteer drive given

Ron Leistikow called the Grump Committee to order at 10 AM, Wednesday, February 6, 2023. Present were Charlie Albrecht, Ron Kohagen, Larry Pavelec, Eric Johnston, Don Billhorn, Roger and Marlys Deterding, Larry Ladage and Louie Hartman.

Grump candidates for this year are Jackie Clemen, Ed Traeger and Ron Hartman. A short write-up and picture are due to the *Chronicle* by Thurs., Feb. 9. Grump Days will be held June 16, 17 and 18, 2023.

A motion was made by Louie to lower the candidate age requirement from 65 to 62 starting in 2024. Ron Kohagen seconded, and the motion passed.

Eric Johnston, President of the Readlyn Community Club, gave an event update. A volunteer drive will replace the annual meeting as we've known it. A letter will be sent out with more details and an opportunity to join RCC, or just to donate to support all of the events. If you would like to attend the business meeting to elect the officer team, it will be held March 1 at 7 PM at Grumpy's Event Center.

On Friday, March 24, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, a Volunteer Drive dinner will be held partnering with Grumpy's for a fish dinner at 6:00 PM. Membership dues are \$25.00 each person which includes your membership, fish dinner, a chance to vote for the 2023 Grump and Volunteer of the Year, as well as entrance to the band entertain-

ment. The officer team will be available to answer questions to learn more about the organization. RCC members will also be able drop off their membership money and vote at the library.

The Grump Committee officers will stay the same with Ron Leistikow as Chair, Charlie Albrecht, Vice-Chair, and Louie Hartman as Secretary. A list of Grump and candidates' duties and expectations were reviewed. Larry Pavelec volunteered to check into hat choices of a fedora, cap and visor.

Larry Pavelec moved to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ladage. Minutes submitted by Louie Hartman.

Next Pepper tourney is March 11

The February 4 pepper tournament was held at Grumpy's at 1:00 p.m. The winners and their scores were:

- 1st: Doris Hagenow and Therese Schumacher - 179
- 2nd: Barb Meyer and Grace Kuethe - 172
- 3rd: Connie and Roger Buhr - 166
- 4th: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 164

The next pepper tournament will be Saturday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner.

Senior Citizens meet at Grumpy's

On January 18, 2023, 20 members attended the 11:30 AM Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at Grumpy's.

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

We sang Happy Birthday to Wilda Albrecht as she had a birthday in the month of January.

There were no anniversaries in the month of January that were celebrated.

We all signed a get-well card for GaryLee Thurm and sent it to his home, as he is now home again after being in the Denver Sunset Home.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses and a \$200 deposit from an anonymous donor was \$407. Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Larry Ladage to approve. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read by Lois Thacher for the December 21, 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Wilda Al-

brecht and seconded by Roland Schmidt to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Annual Readlyn Community Club meeting will be in March. There will be more information to follow at the meeting next month.

New Business:

The \$200 dollar anonymous donation to the Readlyn Senior Citizens fund was received. We will decide next month what we will do with the money we received. Thank you for the generous donation!

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be February 15 at 11:30 at Grumpys.

Alice Soldwisch made a motion to adjourn and Millie Crawford seconded it. Motion Carried.

Save the Date!

Wapsie Valley Class of '61, Family & Friends are planning a get-together Saturday, June 10, 2023. More details to follow.

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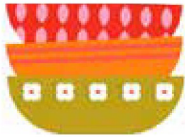
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RECIPE: Dale's Spicy Chili

From the kitchen of The winner of Grumpy's Chili Cook-Off gave his recipe to the judges. Congratulations, Dale Schrad.

- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 pounds Jimmy Dean's hot breakfast sausage
- 1 quart tomato juice
- 1 29-ounce tomato puree
- one can 15-ounce red kidney beans, drained
- one can 15-ounce pimento beans, drain
- one large onion, diced
- one cup, diced celery
- one large green pepper, diced
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 3/4 cup jalapeños diced
- 1/2 cup jalapeño juice
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder pinch of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Brown beef and sausage and drain. Place beef and sausage in a slow cooker. Add all ingredients and cook on low, 3 to 4 hours.

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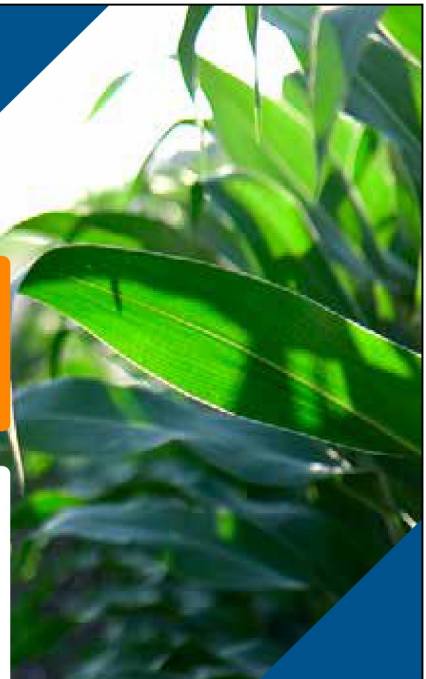
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Obituaries

Gerard (Jerry) Berryhill

Gerard (Jerry) Berryhill, 70, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2022.

Jerry was born February 14, 1952 in Ames, Iowa, to Dr. Clinton and Constance Berryhill. The family moved to Readlyn, Iowa where he lived for the rest of his life.

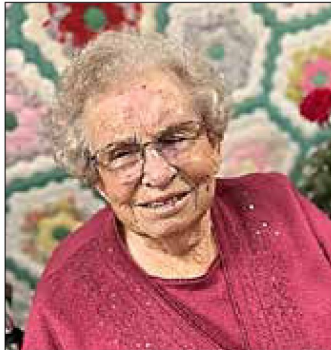
After working for 30 years for the cities of Readlyn and Tripoli, Jerry retired from the garbage routes. Jerry was well-known and liked in Readlyn and never shy about conversing with friends or strangers. His family would like to thank the people of Readlyn for their kindness and care in helping him through the years.

He is survived by his stepmother, Linda Berryhill of North Liberty, his sisters, Diane Oltmann of Evansdale, Dr. Krista Berryhill of Dubuque and his brothers, Ken (Jenny) Berryhill of North Liberty, Bruce (Jackie) Berryhill of Fairbank and Dr. Todd (Christine) Berryhill of Ames. He's also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and his aunts, Meredith Berryhill of Fort Dodge and Joan Whiting of Rochester, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Katie Melinda Neel of North Liberty.

Per his wishes, Jerry was cremated and the family will have a private service in the spring of 2023.

It is requested that memorials be sent to the Readlyn EMS Services, P.O. Box 232, Readlyn.



Marian L. (Dunlap) Dunleavy

Marian L. (Dunlap) Dunleavy, 91, of Waverly, IA, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.

Marian was born in Waterloo, IA, on June 18, 1931, to Howard and Lila (Woore) Dunlap, the oldest of seven children. She graduated from Denver High School in May 1949.

On August 26, 1951, Marian was united in marriage to Robert Dunleavy at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Denver. To this union three children were born: Mary, Lois, and John. The couple made their home in rural Denver for 68 years, with farming as their livelihood. In 2019, they moved to Willow Winds Assisted Living Community, Denver, and later, became residents of Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

Marian is survived by her children: Mary (Paul) Bolte, Sumner, IA; Lois (Mark) Finanger, Decorah, IA; and John (Sarah) Dunleavy, Denver, IA. Also surviving are a sister, Jean (Stan) Dancer, Sun City West, AZ; two brothers, Richard Dunlap, Denver, IA, and Ron (Mary) Dunlap, Stockton, MO; two brothers-in-law, Ron Matthias, Waverly, IA, and Loran (Becky) Simpson, Ames, IA; a

sister-in-law, Ellen Jane Gibney, Toledo, OH; ten grandchildren including: Benjamin (Sarah) Bolte, Sumner, IA; Nathan (Rian) Bolte, Cedar Falls, IA; Laurie (Adam) Thomann, Riverside, IA; Lars (Emily) Finanger, The Woodlands, TX; Hans (Elizabeth) Finanger, Decorah, IA; Andrew Finanger (Jeannie Folan), Fort Collins, CO; Daniel (Michelle) Dunleavy, Preston, MN; Amy Dunleavy (Tim Greenwood), Iowa City, IA; Joanna Dunleavy (Austin Mennen), DeKalb, IL; and Ian Dunleavy, Denver, IA; and ten great-grandchildren including: Chloe Bolte, Sumner, IA; MacKenzie Dallenbach (Evan Stevenson), Columbia, MO; Kaia and Elin Finanger, The Woodlands, TX; Libby and Ruben Finanger, Decorah, IA; Brooklyn and Jocelyn Thomann, Riverside, IA; Lina Finanger, Fort Collins, CO; and Forrest Dunleavy, Preston, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Dunleavy in 2021; her parents, Howard and Lila Dunlap; parents-in-law, John and Amanda (Sassmann) Dunleavy; three sisters, Donna Matthias Anderson, Betty Simpson, and Janice Milks; a brother-in-law, Tom Gibney; a sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Dunlap; and a grandson, William Bolte.

A pre-service visitation was held on Saturday, February 18, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Denver. A Celebration of Life service took place at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Inurnment followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Denver.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Paul United Church of Christ, Denver Cyclone Scholarship Foundation, or charity of donor's choice.

Online condolences for Marian can be left at www.kaisercorson.com.



Darrel F. Cox

Darrel Francis Cox, age 81, of Fairbank passed away, January 23, 2023 at his home.

He was born October 14, 1941 in Waterloo the son of Raymond and Helen (Whitney) Cox. Darrel grew up in rural Fairbank and spent the rest of his life in the same area. He was a graduate of the very first class of Wapsie Valley Community Schools in 1960.

Darrel was a lifelong farmer while also working at John Deere in Waterloo for 38 years, which he retired from in 1998. He married Carolyn Ann Schutte on August 19, 1961 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank. Carolyn passed away March 11, 1988. Darrel enjoyed driving, making the rounds and visiting as many people as he could in a day. He had a regular schedule he stuck to each week for the different eating establishments in the local area and if he didn't show, someone was on the phone to one of the boys mak-

ing sure he was okay. Darrel's family was his pride and joy. He thrived on attending all of his all boys', grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities and rarely missed an event. Along with the love of his family and friends, came his strength in faith. Darrel was a lifetime member of the United Methodist of Fairbank where he was baptized, confirmed and married. He will be missed by so many, especially his family, whom he loved so much.

Darrel is survived by his four sons, Russ of Readlyn, Brian (Reiko) of Greenwood, Indiana, Dan of Plainfield and Mike of Readlyn; nine grandchildren, Alicia (Nate) Jones, Rhino (Abby) Cox, Sheila (Dave) Wangsness, Kyle (Shaliah Anderson) Cox, Jarod Cox, Christy Cox, Kevin (Lillie) Cox, Ashlyn Snowden and Brandon Cox; nine great-grandchildren, Jesse, Jamie and Jase Jones, Kiptyn and Kynlee Cox, Hannah, Wade and Wes Wangsness and Bo Cox; one brother, Craig (Wilma)

Cox; one brother-in-law, Elton Schutte; and a sister-in-law, Shirley Schutte. Darrel was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a brother, Curtis Cox; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rueben and Esther Schutte; a brother-in-law, Orlyn Schutte; a sister-in-law, Shirley Schutte, and several close friends.

Visitation was from 3:00-7:00 PM Sunday, January 29 at Woods Funeral Home and for one hour before services Monday at the church. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Monday, January 30 at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank with interment at Fairbank Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church or to the family for later designation.

Lunch was served following the services at the Fairbank American Legion.

Online condolences can be left at www.woodsfuneralhome.net.

Fish Fry at Fairbank Legion

The annual fish fry will be held this Friday, Feb. 24, at the American Legion, 109 E. Main Street., Fairbank, IA.

Serving will begin at 5 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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Teacher Malte and school children - 1885

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Initially, classes were taught in the church by the pastor and, in 1878, Immanuel erected the first school building. The first resident school teacher, George Deibel, was called in 1890. In the next couple of years, a home for teachers, called the 'teachorage,' was built next to the school building. In early 1910, a second school building was built to replace the former one due to outgrowing that facility.



Second school building constructed in 1910.

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Immanuel continues to support its parochial school (CLS) in partnership with St. Paul's, Readlyn. Each congregation provides and maintains their respective physical buildings plus provides monthly financial support. The CLS Board and staff are diligent about requesting support through grants and a minimal tuition is requested. The objective remains to provide a Christian education to all children, members and non-members.

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2022 CLS Christmas Program

A new venture for the 2022-2023 academic year is providing once-per-week programming called 'Wildcat Wednesdays' for homeschooled families. The focus is teaching God's Word, STEM activities along with Chapel, Art, PE and Music.



2022-23 Girls Basketball Team

CLS is accredited with the National Lutheran School Association Accreditation (NLSA) which serves as the accrediting body for Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod schools across the United States and the world. NLSA has been accrediting schools in the LCMS since 1978, and accreditation decisions have always been based upon a school's compliance with national standards for Lutheran schools that reflect the essential qualities that are expected of Lutheran schools. CLS' most recent re-accreditation occurred in Spring of 2022 with very positive responses received from the NLSA Accreditation team about our curriculum, faculty, staff and support of both congregations.

For much more information about CLS, visit their website at CommunityLutheranSchool.com.

Answer to last trivia question: More German language. What does 'Sei getreu bis in den Tod' noted on the banner in the first photo (January 2023 article) mean? It means "Be thou faithful unto death" based on Revelation 2:10 This hymn was published in 1836 and composed by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. To learn more, search by title on YouTube.

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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.

What Organization(s) does the Nominee volunteer with?

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. 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.

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3 Year Old Options

- M - F 8:00 - 11:30am - \$175/month
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4 Year Old Options

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 M - F 8:00 - 11:30am – No Tuition, covered by grant
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Mission Statement: Community Lutheran School exists to provide a Christian environment for a quality education while inspiring students to go forth living Christ-centered lives as witnesses of the one true faith in God's Kingdom.



“Scouting”

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As winter nears its end and spring comes slowly closer, there’s no better time to get a jump on your 2023 seasons with scouting. Scouting is a broad term: exploring, researching, studying maps, online aerial photo, topography maps study, hiking, the list goes on. This month, I’ll break down my spring scouting process and some of the cool things you can see and incorporate into your scouting adventures.

As the snow starts to melt and the forest floor emerges, a road map to success starts to show itself as all of last fall’s wildlife sign was perfectly frozen and preserved by the freeze of winter. While most of what I will talk on in this article will target deer, this time of year scouting will help your upcoming spring turkey hunting and even this fall’s waterfowl and upland bird seasons.

Aerial photo study on those cold winter evenings from the comfort of your easy chair is the best place to start any scouting. Be it private or public ground you hunt, the detail of today’s aerial photos are so good you can save yourself a lot of footwork by picking out areas on photos that look good. What that means is, with deer, you can find terrain features that funnel traveling deer to one area or thicker bedding areas will be seen on aerial photos that give you places to directly start looking for your next tree stand sight.

With turkeys, you’ll be looking for tall roosting trees and open fields or areas they will use to strut.

For duck and goose hunting, you can easily find ponds, marshy areas, and feeding fields.

These are just a few ways to utilize technology for your hunting plans. I could honestly write an entire article on aerial photo study. One of my favorite phone

apps for aerial photos is called ONX that can be found on your phone’s app store.

Once I’ve found the areas I’d like to check out, it’s time to lace up your boots and get some exercise. As I said earlier, the cold winter preserved last fall’s trails, scrapes, rubs, beds, and all the deer sign you need to piece game plans together and find new tree stand sights or, for the gun hunter, find deer escape routes and ways to better their deer drives and tactics.

The coolest part about scouting in late winter/early spring is you don’t have to worry about spooking deer out of your area and ruining your hunt. Deer have months after these scouting trips to move back into these areas that you carefully don’t want to penetrate during the season such as thick bedding areas.

I like to start with walking the food sources and working my way to their bedding areas. Once I find their route of travel from daytime bedding to feeding, I begin to look for stand locations between the two close enough to the bedding area to see the deer in daylight movement yet not too close to spook them with my access to my tree stand. And there’s the key word: ACCESS. Spring is the best time to figure out the best routes to access your tree stands to not alert deer of your presence. Now is when you find ways in and out to not have wind blow your scent towards deer bedding and feeding areas and also sneak in unseen. While this step can be tricky, it’s absolutely crucial in your success and something I’ll really be concentrating on this spring.

My other favorite part of spring scouting is finding shed antlers!! As I do all my scouting, my eyes are watching for antlers that bucks shed over winter. I always wait until the bucks have shed their antlers before spring scouting begins for me. I have

started running my trail cameras year round now, so I utilize them to know when the bucks have shed.

It’s amazing what you can learn about wildlife by studying trail cam photos year-round, and you even find out when wildlife start to form an alliance against you. Recently, I found that the beavers in the farm I hunt have signed a contract with the deer to help the deer out. Pictured (at left) is a tree that I’ve had a camera on for a couple years and this year a beaver felled the tree for the deer so my camera would no longer take pictures. I’m not sure of the terms and length of the deal on this contract, but I may legally terminate that contract in the coming fall. I joke, but I was quite surprised finding that and it upholds my thoughts — you just never know what you’ll find in your experiences scouting and exploring the wilderness.

So, as the snow melts, look at those aerial photos, then lace up your boots, and GET OUTDOORS!



Wilda Albrecht shows her first ever shed antler find, on a recent scouting trip with Eric and Charlie.

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By Drew Destival

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you to Dustin Adams, Alex Brown, and Dusty Brunscheon for making everyone feel important.



Kindness Poster

By Evelynn Boyle and Elis Behnke

The kindness poster is a way to spread kindness around our school. The way the kindness poster spreads kindness is anyone can take one card if they need it or give one if some-



body else needs it. We hope this poster helps everyone feel like they belong at Readlyn Elementary everyday. Thank you to Makenna Boevers and Evelynn Boyle for starting this project for our students.

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