

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Leaf burning Oct. 1-Nov. 15

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

Burning can take place Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 2023.

Reminder: No burning will be allowed on paved streets or sidewalks.

Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning and do not burn wet leaves.



### Coming October 28 Halloween UTV Poker Ride

Join us for the Second Annual Readlyn Community Club Halloween UTV Poker Ride. The money raised will be used for various projects around Readlyn. Last year the money was donated to build a new set of dugouts at the ball diamonds.

Poker Ride stops are still being confirmed, but the ride will take place in Readlyn, Denver, Tripoli, Sumner, Westgate and Fairbank. Please watch the RCC Facebook for further details.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., (first machine sent put at 10 a.m.) and ends at 11 a.m. at the Grumpy's Bar in Readlyn, IA on Saturday, October 28. There is plenty of truck and trailer parking at the TruServe Insurance Group, Wittenburg Trucking, Wapsie Valley Elementary and St. Matthew's Lutheran.

#### Poker Rules:

- > Each poker hand is \$20.
- > Each player may buy as many hands as they would like.
- > Players will collect stamps on their poker card at each stop.
- > There will be a bonus playing card awarded if you wear a costume during our Halloween ride!
- > Players will return to Grumpy's Bar by 5 p.m. to turn their cards in. Please plan accordingly!
- > A minimum of 5 stops are required to play each poker hand.
- > Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 hands. In case of a tie, winners will be notified, and cards will be redrawn to determine a winner.

Everyone should be back to Grumpy's in Readlyn no later than 5 p.m. From there, we will play the poker hands, have various raffles and 50/50 drawing winner will be announced.

## Readlyn Community Fund's first annual award night held

Sunday, August 20 was the first annual award night hosted by the newly organized Readlyn Community Fund. For years, the Readlyn Community Fund was an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) and distributed funds through the CFNEIA's platform. To provide a stronger connection and greater local impact, the Readlyn Community Fund established its own 501(c)3 at the start of 2023 and the 2023-2024 grant cycle was the first cycle of grants awarded through the organization.

The mission of the Readlyn Community Fund is to provide support for future projects directly benefiting the people of Readlyn through an annual grant process. Committee members of the RCF (Readlyn Community Fund) consist of Kyle Shores, Jaci Hogan, Jill Krall, Amy Sheppard, Danny Sickles, Jill Schwickerath and Sharon Davis. This year's 2023-2024 grant cycle awarded five local organizations their full or partial grant request.

The first recipient of the award night was the Wapsie Valley High School Industrial Technology program with an award of \$2,000. These funds will be used in a continuing project to help introduce students in 7-12 grades to different computer aided design (CAD) software options.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank was the second recipient with an award value of \$2100. This grant request aids the local backpack program that assists many families in the Readlyn community.

Third, Readlyn EMS received a grant award of \$2400 to go towards the purchase of a Stair Pro Chair. This device will help with transporting patients up or down stairs without requiring heavy lifting from any crew member.

Security cameras for Main Street and the City Park will be purchased with the grant award of \$3,500 given to the Readlyn Police Department. Getting a second set of eyes for Readlyn was the main goal for this application. This is a project that will continue to keep the community safe for years to come.

The final recipient of the 2023-2024 grant cycle was the Readlyn Fire Department. The organization was awarded \$5,000 to go towards the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras. After the ceremony, the members of the RFD stayed for a demonstration of the thermal devices.

All organizations were exceedingly grateful for the support of the Readlyn Community Fund. The next annual RCF grant cycle will coincide with the Bremer County Foundations' grant cycle in 2024. Please look for more information to come and if you have any questions about our organization please reach out at [readlyncommfund@gmail.com](mailto:readlyncommfund@gmail.com) or message the Readlyn Community Fund Facebook page.

Photo at right: Wapsie Valley High School IT Award

Photo below: Readlyn Community Fund Award Ceremony



Readlyn Fire Department Award



Readlyn Police Department Award



NEIA Food Bank Award



Readlyn EMS Award







# Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

The month of August is in the books and it was dry and warm. Thank goodness for AC. I took a friend, Dennie, to the Tripoli/Readlyn tractor pull for good entertainment and good food. If you want to watch it in the comfort of your home, it is on YouTube. We had a good time riding in the Denver parade. Another well-run parade with a lot of candy and friendly faces. Next on the list was the Ice Cream Social at the Historical Society building. There was a good turnout. For some reason, a dish of ice cream puts a smile on everyone's face. I got to serve with Miss Readlyn, Lily Schwickerath. What a wonderful young lady. What's in her heart is swimming. She drives to Waterloo's Central High School every day to swim and has a meet every Saturday.

It's been awhile since I've been on the road, but we plan on driving to Missoula, MT in October where my son's family has settled. On the road again! To keep busy before this trip, we follow our grandson, Easton, running cross country for Sumner/Fredericksburg. I am so proud of that young man and how he keeps improving every meet. Wapsie Valley's runners are fun to watch and having a good year. We also follow our granddaughter, Erin, with the Waverly RUSH traveling soccer team. So far, the weather has been very nice for all events.

Main Street is open. How about that! Thanks to the Mayor and Council for getting this huge project done.

2023 Grump Ron Hartman

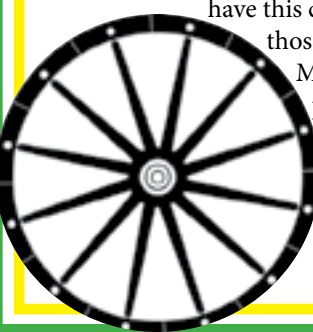



**Readlyn Fire Department Receives Grant from Readlyn Community Foundation -** The Readlyn Fire Department would like to thank the Readlyn Community Foundation for the financial assistance in purchasing 2 MSA LUNAR devices. These devices serve as thermal imaging cameras as well as search and rescue aids. These LUNARS will assist the Fire Department in pinpointing hot spots during overhaul, finding main heat sources when in a fire and locating victims or downed firefighters. The LUNAR devices cost just under \$3,000 each. The Readlyn Community Foundation awarded the Fire Department with a \$5,000 grant to aid in the purchase.

I would like to thank the Readlyn Community Club for the Kindness Kart and the opportunity to have input on it. When I donated the money I thought it would be used for projects like Christmas on Main. They, certainly, didn't have to use the donation to have the cart made, much less let me name it in my Dad's honor. From my loss something good was made. This cart is beyond what I could have ever dreamed of. How fitting it is to have this cart in front of the Post Office. I enjoy watching those who drop off and those who pick out the produce. My hope is for this cart to serve "kindness" in perpetuity. I'm certain the Community Club will find many uses for it.

I would, also, like to thank Dan Matthias of Matthias Fabrication for taking the time to make the cart.

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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Readlyn High School 65-Year Class Reunion

The Readlyn High School Class of 1958 held their 65-year class reunion at Grumpy's Event Center on August 25. Ten out of 18 class members were present. Thirteen classmates are no longer with us.

Coming the longest distance was Mary Hoppenworth who lives in Belvidere, Illinois.

It is planned to have the next reunion in 2025 with Alice Sanderson, Gloria Schildroth, and Shirley Warnke on the committee.

Shown at right are, seated, left to right: Alice (Salsbury) Sanderson, Tripoli; Carole (Klemp) Hadley, Traer; Shirley (Oltrogge) Warnke, Oelwein; Lois (Lau) Meyer, Northwood; standing: Ron Schweer, Waverly; Delbert Oltrogge, Readlyn; Ron Leistikow, Readlyn; Mary (Steinbronn) Hoppenworth, Belvidere, IL; Gloria (Poock) Schildroth, Waverly; Judy (Kuethe) Henn.



## Pepper tournaments start up on Oct. 7

The first pepper tournament of the season will be Saturday, October 7 at Grumpy's starting at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner!

Any questions, call Judy Henn (319-279-3725) or Shirley Kuker (319-279-3451).

**Thank You**

I want to thank all the special doctors and nurses for their care while I was in the hospital and skilled nursing. Also a big thank you for the flowers, get well cards, visits, phone calls, and food brought to the house. Special thanks to my family for all the love and support and the daily visits, taking care of the house, flowers, and birds. Also thank you to Pastor Rabary for his visits and prayers.

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*Joan Matthias*

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## In the spotlight at RSB

**Hi, my name is Mackenzie Joerger.** My husband, Jacob, and I have been married a little over a year. Our son, DJ, is 6 years old. I grew up in Fairbank and am now living in Readlyn.

As a family, we love movie nights, going for walks and hanging out with friends and family. We often enjoy having bonfires at home, going to Grumpy's for supper and The Sweet Spot for ice cream.



I am so happy to be at the Readlyn Savings Bank. I love working and living in the community. I can't wait to see what the future holds for me at the Readlyn Savings Bank.

## Introducing our new tellers!

**Hi, my name is Brady Sauerbrei.** I grew up in Readlyn and have been a part of the community my entire life.

I graduated from Wapsie Valley in 2022, and I have three brothers, Drew, Logan, and Ty, who are currently students at Wapsie. I spend most of my days after work and on weekends on a golf course or spending time with my family and friends.



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# 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 Rinkleff family - Coming to America

By Nancy Lockard with help from Christel Rinkleff

Back in 1953, the Karl Rinkleff Sr. family immigrated from Opladen, Germany to Readlyn, Iowa. The economy was in shambles in Germany after WWII. Karl moved his wife, Helene, and six children, at the time, to the United States in hopes of a better existence. The children were Hermann, 15, Christel, 13, Anneliese, 12, Karl Jr., 8, Herbert, 7, and Franz, 3. The youngest, Paul, was born in 1957. Opladen was an industrial city in Germany that was heavily bombed by the Allies during WWII.

Towards the end of WWII, Helene had been taking care of the oldest four children while Karl Sr. was engaged in battle on the Russian Front. Helene had moved the family to Eastern Germany by the end of WWII, and, with the German forces in full retreat, Karl Sr. was able to get back and take his family back to the western part of Germany before the Russians overran the eastern part of the country. The journey was not without incident as the family had a run-in with a drunk Russian soldier, that did not end well for the soldier, and the family barely made it through the woods that were being heavily patrolled by Russians. One night, a teen boy helped the family through the woods while there was gunfire all around them from Russians finding people fleeing through the woods. Karl Jr. was an infant at the time and miraculously did not cry or make a sound that night.

Karl Sr. then left his family to find some American soldiers to surrender to, as it was well-known that the Russians, and French, would probably kill any German soldier. The best chance he had was to be captured by the U.S., with the British being his second choice. He found some Americans to surrender to and was put at hard labor for a few weeks to get him to sign paperwork stating he was a member of the Nazi Party. When it was apparent that he was not a member and would not sign the paperwork, he was released to return to his home and family.

Karl Sr. returned to his family in Opladen to try and put their lives back to-



Christel (13) on the ship coming to America 1953

gether. Though there were some areas of Germany that were virtually untouched by WWII, Opladen was not one of them. Opladen is near Köln (Cologne), and the whole area was devastated by the Allied bombings. To this day, they are still finding bombs from WWII that did not detonate. The building next door to Rinkleff's home was a pile of rubble and stayed that way for several years.

For eight years, Karl Sr. tried to support and care for his family, and this was very difficult. Karl Sr.'s mother had a cousin in the U.S. that talked Karl into coming to the U.S., as the country was allegedly flowing with milk and honey. Karl Sr. left for the U.S. with his wife and six children. The family arrived in Readlyn in 1953 and eventually lived in a house (now occupied by Jerry and Bonnie Wittenburg) across from the old elementary school. The family was starting over completely without the means to return to Germany if things didn't work out for them.

The Rinkleffs did not speak English at all. Karl Sr. was a skilled painter and interior designer, which in Germany required years of school and training to achieve. There was not the work in a small town like Readlyn to support work for someone with Karl's skills. Karl did not drive and did not have a car. He was known to walk to Waverly to find work there. These

bright Rinkleff children, regardless of age, started at the kindergarten level and were progressed through the grades as their English improved. When the children would come home from school, they would teach what English they had learned to the parents.

Ironically, as bad as Germany had been damaged in WWII, the Opladen area was more advanced than the Iowa countryside was, as far as modernization and education. This was a cultural shock to the Rinkleffs in more ways than one. There were families in Readlyn that would drive the family to church at St. Mary's in Waverly. Also, a few families were generous at helping the Rinkleffs with items such as milk and other necessities. In 1958, Karl Sr. moved his family to Waterloo, where he was able to find more work and have easier access to church.

### Later In America

Hermann became an engineer, and married Rodna Deur. They had four children, and eventually settled in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. Hermann passed away in 2020.

Christel Rinkleff was married to Verne Lockard, and they had four children. Christel resides in Rochester, New York. She is a skilled homemaker and a gour-

met cook.

Anneliese was a bank vice-president, had three children and now resides in the Indianapolis, Indiana area.

Karl was a skilled carpenter and married Mary Jane Kucera. They had five children, and eventually settled in the Fredericksburg, Iowa area. Karl passed away in 2013.

Herbert became a nuclear valve supervisor and married Andrea Elliot. They had two children, and settled in Brownville, Nebraska. Andrea passed away in 2022.

Franz became an engineer, and he married Sue. They had four children and settled in Waterloo, Iowa. Franz passed away in 1981.

Paul was born in 1957 and became a cost engineer. He married Shelby, and they reside in Tennessee. Paul has two children.

Karl Rinkleff Sr. passed away in 1994, and Helene passed away in 1995.

**Note from Bob Thran** — Karl Sr. survived fighting against the Russians for several years, a gruesome experience in itself, then led the family courageously through dangerous territory to freedom and finally to America. What a movie this would make. I visited with Karl Sr., our neighbor, several times, nothing about the journey to America, which I now regret.



Karl Rinkleff Family on the ship coming to America in 1953.



Karl Rinkleff Family approx. 1942, three years before end of WWII, Karl Sr in his Army uniform.



Karl Rinkleff family — Front row, Helene, Karl Sr.; second row, Christel, Paul, Anneliese; back row, Hermann, Herbert, Karl Jr., Franz.





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## Fall Art & Creative Writing Contest

The Fall Season is nearly upon us. We'd like to take the opportunity to help foster creativity and so we are hosting an Art & Creative Writing Contest! Details can be found on our website and on Facebook.



This contest will run until December 15th, will be open to all ages and will encompass multiple mediums. Prizes will be awarded and entries will be displayed. Photos, poetry, paintings, short stories - YOU NAME IT. We know that there are some incredibly talented artists in our community and we want to see your work!



# Obituaries

## Evelyn Margaret Strottmann

Evelyn Margaret Strottmann, 80, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2023, at her home in Readlyn.

Evie was born on February 11, 1943, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Margaret (Zars) Dorn. She was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo and confirmed on April 14, 1957,



Evelyn Strottmann

at St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver. She graduated in 1961 from Denver High School and received a degree from the University of Northern Iowa. She then went on to the University of Iowa, where she received a degree in physical therapy. Evie was united in marriage to Ronald Strottmann at St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver. They were later divorced.

Evie worked as a physical therapist with Area 7 until her retirement. She was a long-time member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. She enjoyed gardening, taking pictures and attending the grandchildren's activities.

Evie is survived by two sons, Corey (Amy) Strottmann of Story City and Ethan (Sara) Strottmann of Readlyn; nine grandchildren, Heston, Trista, McKynlie, Sawyer, Braden, Kylie, Ashlyn, Keegan and Bennett; a brother, Gordon Dorn of Denver; and a sister-in-law, Pat Dorn of Bloomington, Minnesota

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Melissa Strottmann, a brother, Kenneth Dorn, and a sister, Gloria Dorn.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Dr. Rev. Jean Rabary officiating. There was also visitation on Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was held in St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com). Memorials may be directed to St. Matthew Lutheran Church or to the Readlyn First Responders.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.



**Readlyn Gardeners** Janet Ladage, Ruth Wittenburg, Doris Hagenow, hostess Bonnie Erickson, and Marlys Deterding enjoy brunch in Erickson's award-winning backyard. Gardeners not pictured: Roger Deterding, Gene Thurm, Bonnie Wittenburg, Millie Crawford, Ruth Happel, Kali Lampe, Connie Sauerbrei, Deb Sauerbrei, and Pat Wehr.

## Marlys Margaret Wittenburg

Marlys Margaret Wittenburg, 91, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial in Waterloo.

Marlys was born on May 31, 1932, in rural Readlyn, Iowa, the daughter of Herman and Louise (Holm) Niedert. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn. She attended Fremont Township School #1, rural Readlyn. Marlys was united in marriage to Elmer Wittenburg on November 27, 1949, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Together Elmer and Marlys farmed from 1954-1976. Elmer passed away on August 8, 2017.

Marlys took pride in taking care of her lawn and her flowers. She enjoyed playing cards, embroidering, and visiting with friends and relatives. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the most precious to her.

Marlys is survived by a son, Rick Wittenburg of Tripoli; four daughters, Roxie Schwanz of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, Ranae (Les) Schult of Waseca, Minnesota, Rochelle (Jeff) Soldwisch of Waverly, and Rayla (Bry-



Marlys Wittenburg

an) Tonne of Jesup; 14 grandchildren, Melissa (Aric Halloran) Wittenburg, Sara (Jim) Vanek, Megan (Beau) Buchholz, Staci (Chris Tanaka) Wittenburg, Heidi (Soloman Gould) Schwanz, Gretchen (Alex Birkholz) Schwanz, Derek Schwanz, Kersten Schwanz, Nicole (Jamie Nagle) Schult, Andrew Schult, Alex Soldwisch, Lexi (Drew Wirtner) Soldwisch, Krisha (Brody Vogel) Tonne, and Jaima (fiancé, Brian Sadler) Tonne; 10 great-grandchildren, Mason and Cameryn Davis, Rowan Wittenburg Halloran, Rhys and Arthur Vanek, Braxten, Xander and Teddy Buchholz, Jovi Tanaka and Emery Gould.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer Wittenburg; a son-in-law, Mark Schwanz; a grandson, Lance Soldwisch; her brothers, Roger Holm and Randall (Darlene and Wilma) Niedert; four brothers-in-law, Delbert (Elda) Wittenburg, Leo (Lucinda) Wittenburg, Arlin (Viola) Wittenburg, and Glenn (Helen) Wittenburg.

A Memorial Service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano officiating. Burial of Cremains was held in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn. Visitation was held on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church and also for one hour prior to services on Friday. Memorials may be directed to the Readlyn First Responders and the Readlyn Garden Club. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

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Amanda Bonjour



Jordan VanNevele



Jenny Maynard



Heather Pfeiffer



Jordan Cusick



Serie Welcher



Tonishia Dockstader

## Warrior Way & More

By Superintendent Chris Hoover

The Wapsie Valley School District welcomes some new faces to the 2023-24 school year. We have a nice mix of experienced and non-experienced staff that are joining our current faculty. If you see these folks around please make them feel welcome. Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!

- Brendan Howe-7-12 Science Teacher
- Jordan Cusick-7-12 Business Teacher
- Kate Hageman-Special Education Associate at Fairbank Elementary
- Jordan VanNevele-Special Education Associate at Fairbank Elementary
- Ashly Lindaman-Special Education Associate at Fairbank Elementary
- Amanda Bonjour- K-12 Librarian
- Peyton Parker- 7-12 Math Teacher
- Tonishia Dockstader- K-12 Special Education Director

- Amaleah Cowell- Special Education Teacher at Readlyn Elementary
- Heather Pfeiffer- K-12 Social Worker
- Jessica Westcott- 7-12 Cook and Associate
- Serie Welcher- Head Cook at JH/HS
- Jenny Maynard- Custodian at the JH/HS
- Not Pictured:
- Shelby Hill- 7-12 Special Education Associate
- Katie Scheiffer- K-12 Hopetree Counselor

Last year was an extremely successful year with activities and academics and we look to continue to improve in the 23-24 school year.

### Homecoming 2023

A big thank you to all of our communities for helping to make "Homecoming in a Small Town" a success at Wapsie Valley. Although it was a short week, due to not having school on Monday or Tuesday, there were a lot of projects packed into a few days. We concluded the week with our second annual all district parade, pep rally and special activities in which our elementary students traveled to the high school to participate in the homecoming fun.

We also want to thank all of our staff and student am-

bassadors for all the planning and hard work that went into making Homecoming 2023 a fun time. Without the help of everyone, events like this are not possible. Our next all-district gathering will happen on November 10 as we honor those Veterans who have, and are, serving our country.

Thank you again to our communities for all the support you provide not only during special times of the year but all year around. Please enjoy some pictures from "Homecoming in a Small Town."

### LETRS

One of the ways we will look to improve our academics in Pk-6th grades is through a new initiative called LETRS. LETRS stands for Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling. LETRS is a professional learning course for instructors of reading, spelling, and related language skills. It provides educators with in-depth knowledge and tools that they can use with any reading program. LETRS professional learning is accredited by the International Dyslexia Association, and aligns with their Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. This program will help all of our teachers to better understand the issues children encounter with reading and how to help them through those issues.

### Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Another research-based initiative that all staff have been doing for several years at Wapsie Valley is called Professional Learning Communities, or PLC. A professional learning community is an organizational structure by design that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students. The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices are monitored through the PLC design to ensure teacher effectiveness and most importantly student learning.

### Leader in Me (LIM)

Finally, Leader in Me is an evidence-based, social emotional learning process that helps schools proactively design a culture that reflects their vision of their ideal school. It also empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

As you can see, our staff and students will be working very hard, as they always do, to help the students of Wapsie Valley gain the necessary skills to be successful adults when they enter the workplace, college, or an apprenticeship.

Those families who have students that attend one of our schools should expect to see some upcoming emails with information in regards to the upcoming school year in the next few weeks. We are looking forward to another great year at WV! Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!

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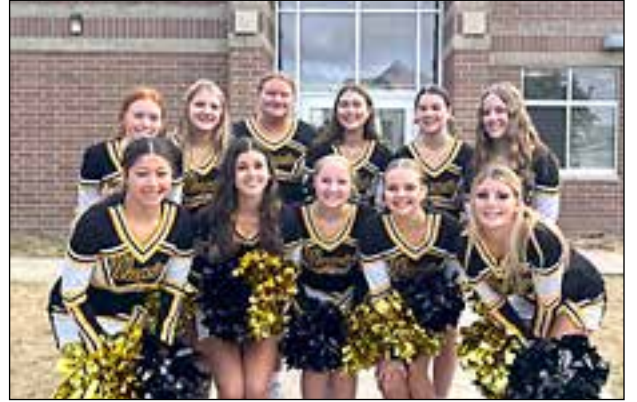
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**Queen Candidates** L-R: Lexie Lansing, Anna Curley, Reagan Barnes, Liza Riordan, Kate Risse, and Kali Lampe



**King Candidates** L-R: Tucker Ladeburg, Drew Sauerbrei, Aidan Shannon, Ian Buzynski, Braden Strottmann, and Jackson Adair



**Cheerleaders:** L-R Front: Veronica Wittenburg, Gwen Forsyth, Addisyn McElhose, Ava Auel, Mikayla Bixeman; L-R Back: Ela Adamson, Norah Oldfather, Madysen Richards, Maren Jones, Ella Weepie, Kylie Strottmann



**High school band** with the elementary students



**High school volleyball players** helping the elementary students with their volleyball skills



**High school students** enjoying some sidewalk chalk with the elementary students



**Homecoming Court** and the elementary students



**High school cheerleaders** with the elementary students



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Coral Novak and her orphaned baby bunny, Nugget, got their picture taken with the Bremer County Fair Queen Lily Mayo, during the grilled cheese challenge. Kim Nuss photo



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# Another enjoyable Esther Wittenburg Golf Cart Ride

Saturday, September 16, 1:30, Readlyn Community Club entertained riders in about 25 golf carts by sponsoring a leisurely ride on the bike trail from Readlyn to Killdeer Avenue and back. The great weather provided the perfect setting.

Travelers were greeted at the gazebo by Readlyn Gardeners who provided cookies, bars, and water to enhance the afternoon excursion.



In memory of Esther Wittenburg



Readlyn Community Club president Michelle Harrington pauses after the ride to enjoy the treats provided by the Readlyn Gardeners with Kristie Boies, Louie Hartman and Readlyn Grump, Ron Hartman.



The youngest riders: Sloan, Sierra and Spinlee West and Kelly and Beckham Bockholt



Readlyn's Royalty Mathilda Miller, Kali Lampe, and Lily Schwickerath seemed to enjoy the ride.



Judy Henn and Steve Pock visit with one of Readlyn's most seasoned residents, Esther Pock.



A few of about 25 golf carts lining up at TruServe to enjoy the ride on a picture-perfect day.

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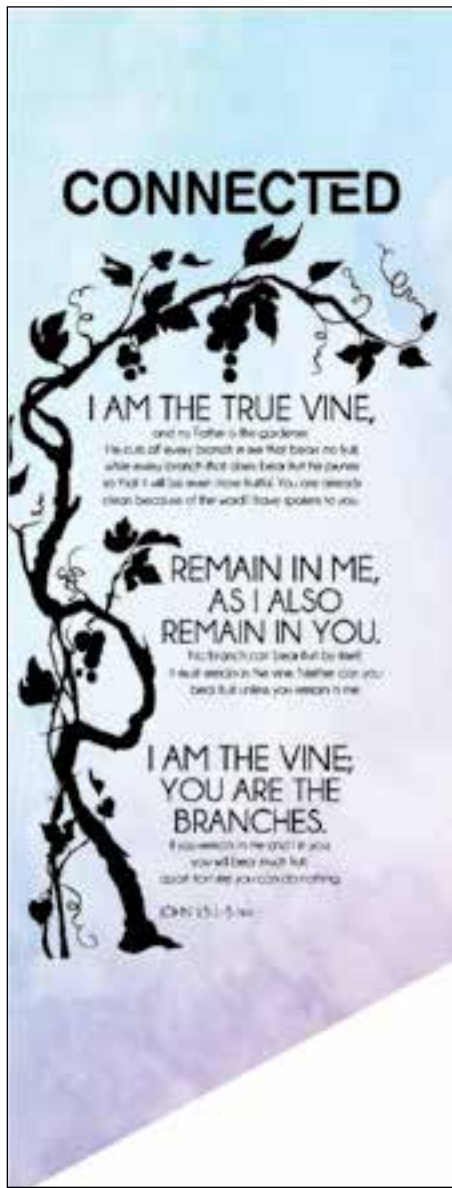
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# News from Community Lutheran School



Introducing the 2023-2024 CLS teaching staff: (back left) Valerie Wilkening, Beth Foster, Judy Schutte, Shari Ambrose, Wendy Matthias, Sue Lindaman, Emily Peck, (front left) Teresa Imbrogno, Kerry Even, Krissy Franck, Audrey Kaufman, Kristen Dvorak



Our first chapel services of the year with Pastor Miguel!



Three-year-old preschool (T Th)



Three-year-old preschool (M W F)



Four-year-old preschool

The theme for the 2023–2024 Community Lutheran School school year is “Connected,” inspired by John 15:5. The theme “Connected” emphasizes the importance of staying connected to God and to one another when we face challenges and difficulties and when we share in joys and triumphs!



Kindergarten



First and second grades



Third and fourth grades



Fifth and sixth grades



Seventh and eighth grades





# What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to [billhorn@rtc279.com](mailto:billhorn@rtc279.com)

## Crock Pot Macaroni and Corn

Submitted by: *Chris Hoover*  
*Wapsie Valley Superintendent*

- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. shell macaroni  
(Cook less time than the package directions and drain)
  - 2 cans cream style corn
  - 2 cans whole kernel corn
  - 1 lb. Velveeta Cheese
  - 1 stick margarine or butter
  - 1 1/2 tsp. salt
  - 1 tsp. pepper
- Cook in the crock pot on low for 4-5 hours

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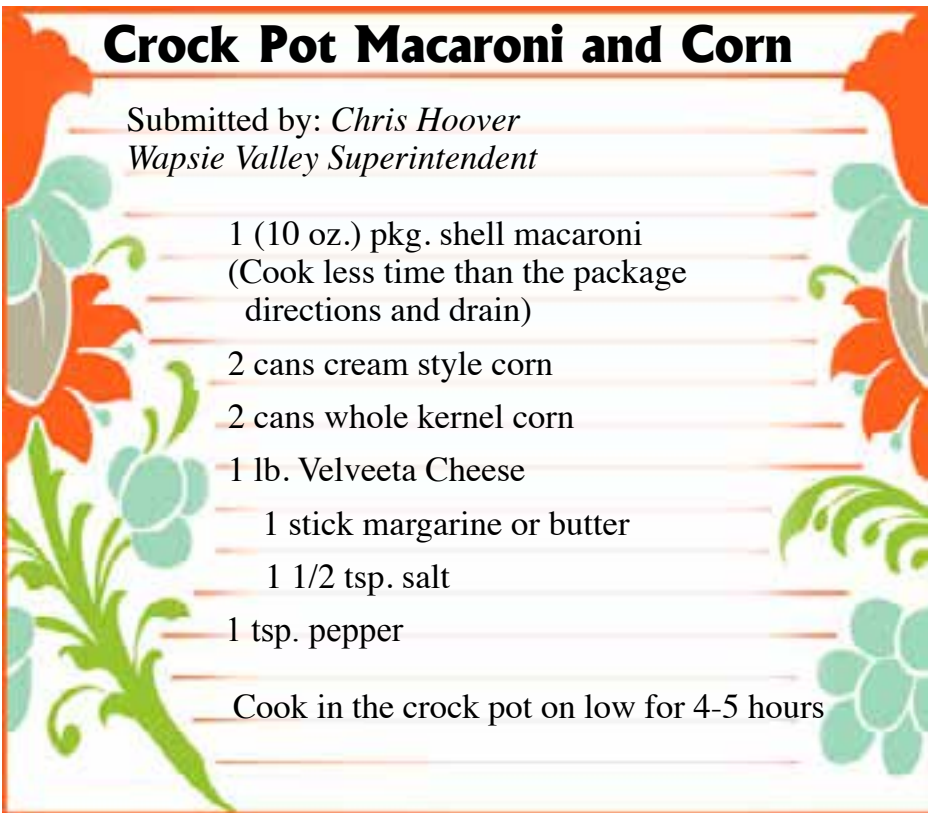
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# Readlyn Historical Society News

## Ice Cream Social and new donation to Museum

The Readlyn Historical Society hosted their Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 20 from 4-6 p.m.

Ron Hartman, this year's Grump, and Lily Schwickerath, the reigning Miss Readlyn, served the ice cream to approximately 150 people. The museum was open to visitors, too.

Also, furniture, believed to have been made in the late 1920s and into the 1930s, was donated to the museum by Dan and Bev Huebner. The furniture was original-

ly owned by Dan's grandparents, William and Martha (Meyerhoff) Huebner. The sofa and chair are Kroehler brand. Similar photos of the dining set were found in the *Sears & Roebuck* catalogs of that era. Glued on the back of the buffet is documentation indicating the furniture was shipped to Readlyn by rail. A detailed description of this furniture's history is in the museum.

Stop by to see this well-cared-for legacy entrusted to Readlyn's Historical Society.



2016 Grump Charlie Albrecht and wife, Wilda.



Mayor Dan and Connie Wedemeier



The furniture set features a dining table, buffet and chairs (below) along with a sofa and chair (above). The furniture was used by Dan and Bev Huebner until recently. The doilies on the sofa and chair are presumed to have been crocheted by Martha Huebner, Dan's grandmother.



Dan & Bev Huebner who graciously donated the furniture set to the Readlyn Historical Society.



Youngest attendee at 3 days old is the son of David and Tracey Szurley. One is never too young for ice cream!



2006 Grump Roger Deterding and 2021 Grump Marlys Deterding.



2023 Grump Ron Hartman and 2023 Miss Readlyn Lily Schwickerath serve ice cream to attendees.



2007 Grump Don Bilhorn and wife, Mary Lou.



2017 Grump Louie Hartman



2009 Grump Ron Leistikow



2018 Grump Larry Ladage and wife, Janet.



# Readlyn Community Club makes plans for more events

September 12, 2023

Present: Michelle and Ed Harrington, Bonnie Wittenburg, Tiffany McCumber, Kristin Boeis, Roger Deterding, Hailey Broten, Louie and Ron Hartman, and Pat Wehr

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle.

The secretary's report was emailed; Tiffany moved to accept the report; seconded by Bonnie W. Passed unanimously.

Hailey emailed the Grump's treasurer report. Moved by Bonnie, seconded by Ed to accept the report. Passed unanimously.

## Readlyn City Council Meeting Sept. 11, 2023

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno. Absent: Joey Jones, Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the August 14, 2023 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

Council received an update on the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project. No contractor pay request or change orders were presented for approval.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve fall leaf burning from October 1 to November 15, 2023. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by

### Old Business:

- Picnic in the park; went fairly well. Cost was \$155.60 including insurance. Next year we'll try harder to find a weekend with no conflicting events; in January we'll discuss adding music. School Supply Donations filled four baskets.

- Annual September 16 Golf Cart Ride; 10 golf carts rented; Readlyn Gardeners will be serving cookies and water. All systems go.

- Kindness Cart – Jennifer is very pleased with the cart and wondering about other ways to use it.

### New Business:

#### Grump Days 2024

- Some vendors, fireworks, and Balloon Man are lined up.

- Bruce Piehl thanked us for our donation to the Denver Lions Club to thank them for sponsoring Spike Ball. Bruce is willing to help us with Spike Ball again next year.

#### October 28 UTV Poker Run

- Tiffany and Hailey have had a meeting.

- Money raised will be used to help improve Readlyn's parks and assist with other city projects to improve our community for families.

- Possible stops: Whiskey Junction in Denver, VFW, Sumner, Denver Legion, Poor Farm for food, Westgate, Tripoli, Outer Bank

- Need four tables and two runners, 8-10 people for registration (Need 20 volunteers total.)

- 50/50 raffle and a regular raffle.

- Halloween theme. Dress up for the ride = receive an extra card.

- Harvest should not be a problem this year.

- Michelle, Ed, Bonnie W. and Pat will be available to help.

#### Halloween Decorations on Main Street

- Every light pole, flagpole, and Kindness Cart (17) will have lights.

- Decorating Saturday, September 23, 4:00

- Hailey will be asked to order the LED lights.

- Ron will ask Mayor Dan about having a string of Halloween lights plus he will ask Dan to put Michelle on the agenda for the October meeting for the UTV ride.

- Moved by Bonnie and seconded by Louie to budget \$500 for decorations.

Passed unanimously.

- We would appreciate pumpkin donations at the Kindness Cart.

#### Christmas Lighting Contest will be early December.

##### Christmas with Santa

- Will be Saturday, November 25 with cookies and cocoa.

- Hailey and Michelle will be in charge.
- Hailey will check with Scott about having the firemen do s'mores again.

- Louie will check with the Grumps about Santa bags.

- We plan to ask people to donate hygiene products.

- Louie will ask Flashing Thunder about fireworks.

- Kristie will send the Amazon order to Hailey; 200 bags for \$9.

- We need a few new strings of Christmas lights.

- Tiffany and Ed will help advertising events.

- Valentine Ball will be addressed next year.

#### April 5, Annual Meeting, 6-9:00 pm

- Already booked @ \$750; possibly get \$200 back after clean-up. We need to think of something fun.

#### March 30, 2024, is the Easter Egg Hunt

- Ed and Michelle will check out the sound system and the items in the shed.

- UNI is offering a fund-raising block party. Louie is on the list.

#### Next meeting is Monday, October 9, 5:00 pm.

Moved by Bonnie and seconded by Louie to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wehr, RCC Secretary

## Deadline for the Oct. 25 Chronicle is Thurs., Oct. 12 at 5 PM

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## Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting August 21, 2023

### Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Mtg August 21, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 PM

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

b. Superintendent Hoover, Principals Murphy, Myers, Forsyth & Board Secretary Arndt. c. Others: Erin Johnson, Vaughn Gross, & virtual participants

2. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the amended agenda adding August 10, 2023 minutes for approval as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public Forum - HVAC & Track updates were not discussed as KCL was not available. Vaughn Gross - Spoke on

Robotics finances and building updates.

4. Consent Items - Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Angie Auel and the open enrollment as follows-Samantha Jans request to open enroll her 8th grade son to WV after a move to Oelwein, & Justin Truog request to open enroll his 5th grade son and 10th grade daughter to WV from Dunkerton as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Informational open enrollments Tracy Rohlfsen request to open enroll her Kindergarten daughter to New Hampton from WV, Amanda Eike request to open enroll her 4th grade daughter to Denver, & Carol Westpfahl request to open enroll her 11th

grade daughter to Waterloo CSD

5. Board - Aiello had concerns with the August 10th special meeting with Amish private school representatives.

Wolfe explained the discussion that was held at the meeting. Van Daele referenced the board minutes as they outlined the discussion. Wolfe shared that the Private School representatives have decided not to sign the agreement previously discussed and will not be using the Rural 3 building for the 23-24 school year. Auel stated the Germany trip was phenomenal and a lot of learning took place. Sauerbrei stated media night was well attended.

Superintendent Hoover's report included Summer work thank yous, Spotlight on Education, Fairbank Islander, Welcome Back information, & Fan Expectations.

District, PK-6 & 7-12 Principals - report included Pre Service Highlights, Summer Updates, Focus for the school year, PD Focus, JH/HS theme for the year, & Activity Updates.

6. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the resignation of Katelyn Gann- PK Paraprofessional, Dianne McClain-HS Special Education Associate, Tom Joecken-2024 season-JH Baseball Coach effective immediately as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the 23-24 Contracts, Addendums & volunteers as presented: Laura Giberson-Special Education Associate-\$14.03 P/H, Katelyn Hage-

man-Special Education Associate-\$14.04 P/H, Jessica Lampe-Van Route Driver-\$26.10 per route, Diane McClain-Elementary Special Education Associate \$13.13 P/H, Casey O'Donnell-JH Football Coach-Base 1/Year 0-\$1,955, Heather Robinson-JH Volleyball Coach, Base 3/Year 14-\$2,095, Daniel Search-Bus Route Driver-\$26.10 per route,\$15.42 per shuttle, & \$25 per month/\$300 annual cell phone, Jessica Westcott - Cook-\$12.34 P/H & Special Education Associate - \$12.67 P/H, Addendums-Jordan Cusick-Business/CAPS Teacher-BA+15/12 to BA+24/12-\$52,438 (Base) + \$6,465 (TSS) = \$58,903, Katelyn Cusick-7-12 Language Arts Teacher-BA+15/26 to BA+24/6, \$47,929 (Base) + \$5,775 (TSS) = \$53,704, and Volunteers-Billy Shepherd-Volleyball, & Ben Hogan-Football

Motion carried 5-0

7. Old Business: Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Auel to decline Arcadia Towers cell tower proposal as presented. Motion carried 5-0

8. New Business-Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the 23-24 Joint Education Service Agreement between Hawkeye Community College and Wapsie Valley CSD as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve 7th & 8th grade CLS students with transportation to and from practices and team departure locations provided by

the parents as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Van Daele to approve AgVantage for the diesel/unleaded, and propane bids unless a lower price from IAS is available as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the Farmer State Bank Lease Resolution for 3-72 passenger 2025 Blud Bird Busses for buses as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the 23-24 SRO Sharing Agreement with Bremer County Sheriff's office as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the School Bus Sales bus quote and the Farmers State Bank lease agreement for a 2025 Blue Bird Vision 77 Passenger as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve Erin Johnson as the Athletic Trainer for the 23-24 school year at \$25 P/H with Erin declining insurance and any other district benefits as presented. Motion carried 5-0

9. Board Talking Points - Aiello discussed the streets closed in Readlyn by the school. Possible opening on Wednesday.

10. Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Sauerbrei to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully, Kim Arndt



**Good Morning, Readlyn!** As many of you saw in the past, I ran a fun game for my Readlyn Outdoors column in the *Readlyn Chronicle*. I called it "Cleaning Out Eric's Attic."

This summer, I brought it back with a different way to win! I simply asked people to send me their outdoor photos of their recent catch or harvest hunting and I posted across the three Readlyn Community Facebook pages! If I posted your picture, you win an outdoor item courtesy of myself and Readlyn Outdoors!

I kept it to youth 17 and under and only posted across the Readlyn area. The winners are Tessa Brunscheon, Weston Shores, Weston Michael, and Ian Jones. They all received fishing equipment from me for entering. Congratulations on your great fish catches!



**Fishing** equipment winners from Eric Johnston, author of Readlyn Outdoors, show off their catches. Above is Tessa Brunscheon. Above right is Weston Shores, at right is Weston Michael, and far right is Ian Jones.

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Wapsie Valley FFA members present their demonstration to Iowa FFA state officers at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa on August 13, 2023.

## Wapsie Valley FFA is Ag Demo State Champion

By Reese Peine, Chapter Reporter

Wapsie Valley FFA members Ella Shares, Addisyn McElhose and Lily Schwickerath traveled to Des Moines for the Iowa State Fair. Here, the members competed in the ag demonstration contest through the Iowa FFA.

These members presented about grain bin safety to fairgoers and were judged on their presentation.

The Wapsie Valley FFA won Champion Demonstration at the state fair and have been rewarded with a premium, plaque and ribbon.

# 4-H enrollment is now open for 2023-2024

4-H is the largest youth organization in the United States, serving nearly six million youth, locally serving over 320 members in Bremer County. 4-H is delivered to youth by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Iowa, and a collaboration of land grant university across the United States of America.

Opportunities and experiences for youth are shaped around the idea of "learn by doing."

4-H is divided into two age groups: Clover Kids (kindergarten-3rd grade) and

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Both Clover Kids and 4-H members can enroll for the 2023-2024 program year on 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/>) now. During the enrollment process, youth will select a club within their county.

To receive more information on Bremer County 4-H, reach out to the Bremer County Extension Office at 319-882-4275 or email [xbremer@iastate.edu](mailto:xbremer@iastate.edu). You can email directly at [nicolert@iastate.edu](mailto:nicolert@iastate.edu).

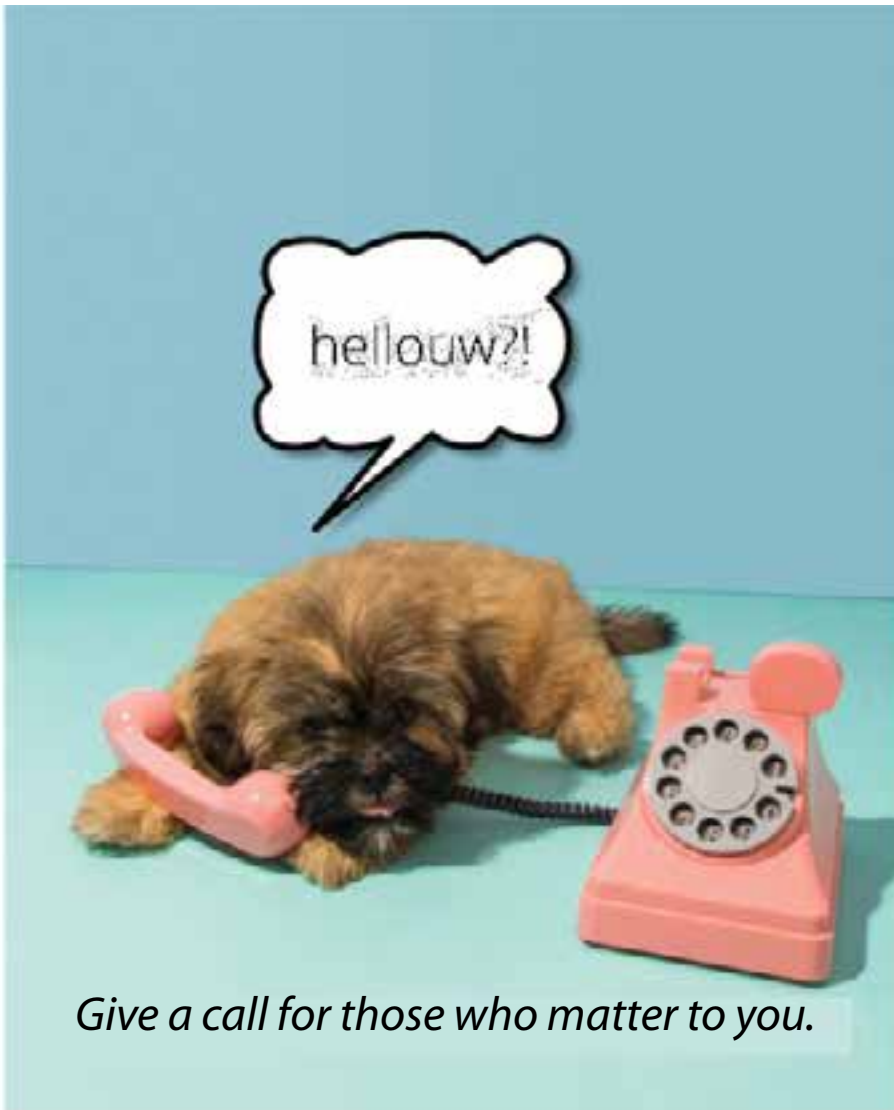
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To Celebrate National Pork Month in October, Bremer County Farm Bureau is giving away one Pork package valued at \$100 per week in October.

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