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(Left to right) Gene Thurm, Barney Wiersma, Roger Deterding, Chris Davis, Jim Collins and LaVerne Leistikow are part of the crew responsible for changing cans into money for fireworks.

Don't kick the cans — save them!

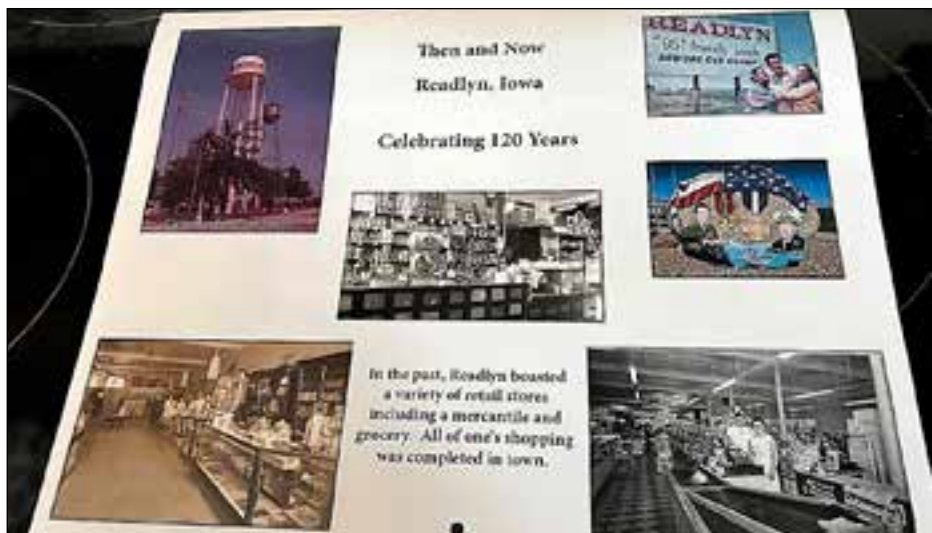
Roger and Marlys Deterding are the two most responsible for ensuring that we have spectacular fireworks for Grump Days and Santa's visit.

Nearly every day Roger and Marlys check on the pop cans to see if there is sorting and bagging to be done. Sorting is necessary to remove glass and garbage, and then they bag the aluminum and plastic for redemption.

When enough cans accumulate for a

truckload, Roger schedules the truck and notifies his helpers to come and help load the truck. Besides the men pictured above, Ron Hartman, Larry Sauerbrei, Larry Pavelec, and Austin Matthias, lend a helping hand. The town greatly appreciates each of you.

A thank you, too, to each of you who donate your pop cans, especially the ones who deposit only cans and plastic into the bin provided.



The Readlyn Historical Society has 12 calendars left to purchase at \$10 each. They are available at the Library. The calendar includes pictures of then and now plus all the pictures of the Grumps in the centerfold. Readlyn Historical Society will have its next meeting on March 25 at 1.30 p.m.



Waverly Health Center (WHC) welcomed the first baby of the Cedar Valley in 2024 on Monday, January 1 and she is as cute as they come! Rivers Mae Huebner made her appearance at 2:07 a.m. Proud parents are Anna and Dalton Huebner of Readlyn. Dr. Emily Boevers delivered Rivers who weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. "We are thankful to have a happy and healthy baby to ring in 2024! Our care was wonderful," her parents commented. In celebration of having Waverly Health Center's first baby of the year, Anna and Dalton received a special "First Baby Basket" stuffed with receiving blankets, toys, goodies and gifts for the new parents and baby. The baskets and gift bags are from the hospital, Center Pharmacy and WHC Auxiliary.

Readlyn Firefighter's Association Annual Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Grumpy's Event Center, Main St. Readlyn, Iowa



Serving 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

(Take Outs Available)

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage Patties, Rinderwurst, French Toast, Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Milk.

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Donations continue to flourish for the Readlyn Emergency Services building

Big thanks to those who have donated this last month to the Readlyn Emergency Services Building: Arlo Pipho, Duane and Dr. Janet Kehe, GaryLee and Bonnie Thurm, Judy Henn, Zion Ruth Circle-Readlyn, Vernon and Mary Ann Clefish, In Memory of Wilbert and Elisie Gruber, Readlyn Community Club, In Memory of Robert Meyer, and In Memory of Steve Lundberg.

Some exciting things have been happening at our future site! The existing bins are coming down. Once the current structures are removed, you can expect to find some signage and a goal meter in the near future.

Planning is underway for the all-vehicle poker ride coming up April 27. You won't want to miss out on the fun and prizes this ride will have!

Our first phase of the site will be earth work: soil testing, concrete removal, and leveling. While this seems minimal, it still comes with quite a price tag.

We are also still accepting donations in the form of bushels through the Readlyn Co-op.

Donation levels are:

Life Saver* \$10,000 & up; Chief* \$5,000-\$9,999; Captain* \$1,000-\$4,999; Lieutenant \$500-\$999; Cadet \$100-\$499; Jr. Cadet \$1-\$99.

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Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

December was quite a ride with many suffering with stomach flu, COVID and head colds. It was a good thing we had a lot of fun during the first part of the month with Santa's visit, the toy drive, and our grandchildren's basketball games. My granddaughter made a basket at the buzzer on Sunday and my grandson made a 3-pointer at the buzzer on Monday. Neither are big shooters so it was really fun to see their reaction and how happy their teammates were for them.

While recovering from having the stents cleaned out, I started getting dizzy and wanting to pass out. After two different heart monitors showing "instances," there will be a new specialist to visit for the electrical part of my heart. I had to miss the Grump Christmas dinner at Grumpy's. It looked like they had a lot of fun. I was never so glad to get a call from Roger Deterding asking if I was ready to have some fun. I said you betcha. Roger, Larry Sauerbrei, Chris Davis and I got to dig all the cans out of the recycling bin. Please remember, NO trash, glass and garbage with the cans, and, as always, volunteers are always welcome.

There's good news for Miss Readlyn Runner-Up, Kali Lampe. She has worked very hard all summer and has now signed

up for service in the National Guard for a six-year commitment. After basic training, she will be attending University of Iowa and playing rugby for them. Her brother, Tristan, re-enlisted, too. We know the commitment the whole family makes with children serving, so thank you, Lampe family.

Being a shut-in with no voice over Christmas was bad. No wishing Merry Christmas to anyone face-to-face, no singing Christmas carols. It was really an eye-opener. If you know someone shut-in, please stop in to say "Hi." If you are in charge of a group of kids, please make arrangements to stop in and visit. For the people who have nowhere to go, seeing a smiling face would mean a lot.

There was a good turnout to take the Christmas decorations down. The weather hadn't turned yet, so it went smoothly. I think they had fun. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Finally, we have snow! Not everyone enjoys it but I always have. Thank goodness Weeds on Fire has cabs on his tractors. I enjoy moving snow but the freezing cold, not so much.

Happy New Year everyone. Remember, the more you volunteer, the less grumpy you will be.

Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

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- Labor Day Monday, September 2, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28, 2024
- Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 29, 2024
- Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- New Year's Day 2025 Wednesday, January 1, 2025

If garbage is not picked up due to a holiday, the next garbage pickup day, each household is allowed to put out 1 (one) extra bag without a tag. This bag may not be larger than 32 gallon and must not weigh over 50 pounds.

Please remember that all lids must be snapped down and attached or garbage will not be picked up.



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lily Schwickerath

Hello, Readlyn Community! The month of January has been filled with so much.

The musical this year is going to be "The Addams Family." We have officially started musical practice in mid-January. I have been fortunate to be cast as "Morticia" this year. I hope to see everyone at the performances on April 12-14!

I have also started FFA competition

practice. This year I am planning on participating in Job Interview. Sub-Districts will take place on February 21 in Waterloo. After the competition they will take the top two places to districts, held in Waukon on March 9.

This time of year is one of the most busy but the more enjoyable time of the year. I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season.

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Happy 100th Birthday!

Gladys Piehl will celebrate her 100th birthday with a card shower.

She was born February 9, 1924 in Readlyn, Iowa, the daughter of John and Ella (Boevers) Hagenow. She and her late husband, Erwin, farmed near Readlyn for many years.

Her family includes five children: Elaine Klocke, Loren Piehl, Ardith Vandercook, Myron Piehl and Lora Klein; 20 grandchildren (one is deceased), and more than 40 great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to Tripoli Nursing home, 604 3rd St, SW, Tripoli, IA 50676.



Gladys Piehl

04.20.24
Save the Date
WAPSIE VALLEY PROM

7:00PM GRAND MARCH AT HIGH SCHOOL GYM
8:00PM DANCE AT GRUMPY'S EVENT CENTER
10:45PM END OF DANCE

Next pepper tournament is February 3

The pepper tournament was held on Saturday, January 6 at Grumpy's with 12 players.

The winners and their scores were:
1st: Roger and Connie Buhr - 198
2nd: Dave Schumacher and Don Childs - 183

3rd: Shirley Kuker And Suzy Heine-man - 173

4th: Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 151
We had a great time and invite you to come and join us on Saturday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's.



Shirley Kuker

85th Birthday

Shirley Kuker of Readlyn celebrated her 85th birthday on January 21, 2024.

Please join her family in wishing her a Happy Birthday: Connie (Dan) Wedemeier, Jeanne (David) Wheeler, Nancy, (Tom) Oltrogge, Susan (Ted) Duffy, Penny Wosepka, Lori (Pete) Buzynski, Greg (Amy) Kuker, and Jeremy (Sarah) Kuker.

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Ed Traeger

President Ed Traeger retires; 35 years with Readlyn Savings Bank

It is with warmest of wishes that we announce the upcoming retirement of Ed Traeger, Readlyn Savings Bank's President and CEO of over 35 successful years. Ed started in community banking in 1979. He worked at the Maynard Savings Bank, as the Hazleton Branch Manager for several years before making Readlyn his home in 1989. Over the years, he has worked with countless customers to help them achieve their financial goals, many of whom have become lifelong friends. Ed is hoping with retirement that he will have more time to share with those friends.

For years, Ed has stayed heavily involved in the community. Following are a few notable boards on which he has participated: in addition to serving 35 years on the Readlyn Savings Bank Board, he also served as a member of the WV School Board (VP), WV Education Foundation (founding member), St. Matthew's Church Council (President), Readlyn Community Club (Treasurer), and Readlyn Library (Treasurer). Presently, he holds seats on both the Denver Sunset Nursing Home Board (22 yrs.) and currently serves as President of the

Maple Crest Manor Nursing Home (10 yrs.), located in Fayette where he grew up.

On March 1, Ed's 35th anniversary at the bank, he will be handing off his presidential duties, with great confidence, to Doug Sheppard, current RSB Vice President and longtime co-worker of 28 years.

During this transition, you may still see Ed in the bank, from time to time, over the next few months.

Upon retirement, Ed plans to remain a resident of Readlyn. He will continue to keep his business mind active with nursing homes and farming interests. Yet, most of all, he will be looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, traveling, and, last but not least, spending more time with his wife, Kathy, of 46 years. Ed and Kathy, although known for being pillars of the community, are more famous for their Iowa Hawkeye tailgating phenomenon known as the "EDZONE," which happens nearly every home Iowa football game, as well as several away games throughout the season. This, too, shall continue on!



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Readlyn Community Happenings

Readlyn Community Club meets, discusses annual meeting, Easter Egg Hunt, and more

Michelle Harrington called the meeting of the Readlyn Community Club to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 10 at the Readlyn Library.

Present: Michelle and Ed Harrington, Hailey Broten, Louie Hartman, Tiffany McCumber, Bonnie Wittenburg, Roger Deterding*, Kristie Boeis, Dustin Palmer, Ron Leistikow*, Laverne Leistikow*, Kira Stover*, John Galyean*, and Pat Wehr.

Secretary's report was emailed to the Board and members. Moved by Hailey and seconded by Tiffany to accept the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented. Moved by Pat and seconded by Ed to accept the treasurer's report; passed unanimously.

Old Business:

UTV ride donation: Barney was wondering if we would be willing to help buy new Main Street Christmas decorations this year with the money.

We are receptive to this idea

but would like solid information regarding the cost and the Park and Recreation budget. Michelle will attend a City Council meeting.

Earlier it was decided to consider spending the money on playground equipment for handicapped children. It was moved by Pat and seconded by Ron to consider this idea. Passed unanimously.

Hailey will visit with the elementary principal to see if she has some suggestions.

Kira volunteered to look into equipment prices.

Kristie will investigate the cost of replacing basketball backboards.

Ideas for improving City Park decorations include adding lights to existing trees and possibly building some PVC arches.

Christmas decorating tear down: A dozen members removed and put away decorations in about 1 1/2 hours. We thank the volunteers who made this an easy task.

Smaller extension cords; 3' -

5' are needed.

Some present items needed to be replaced.

Scarecrows need to be purchased for fall.

In July we'll take inventory.

Santa's Visit: Toy donations - John will bring the two small bags of toys to Oran.

Hygiene products - Michelle will bring the hygiene products to the high school.

Parade - suggest someone get the names of participants; Pat will do that next year.

Good announcing and flow of events.

Ham drawing was appreciated.

Goodwill donation - \$355 collected.

Michelle will ask the art teacher about face painting and the choir about singing at the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Ask Kat Moyer about possibly adding additional music.

Christmas Lighting Contest: 1st - Scott and Denise Schrock, 2nd Ben and Jessica Anderson, 3rd - Dave and Lisa

Matthias; eleven honorable mentions

Next year, we'll include country residents who are RCC members or are Readlyn residents.

New Business:

Firemen: We will set aside money for a donation for their UTV ride in April to thank them for the use of the fire station for Santa's visit. It was moved by Ron and seconded by Bonnie. Approved unanimously. Hailey will look for an item.

Annual Meeting Letter: Tiffany, Louie, and Hailey will look into making a pamphlet.

Easter Egg Hunt is March 30, 2024, before the annual meeting where donors usually sign up. Hailey has a Google doc form from last year. She'll post on Facebook. Michelle and Pat will contact last year's participants who do not respond to the Facebook request.

Annual Meeting April 5, 6-9 pm. Grumpy's is booked. Michelle and Kristie will meet with Mike to discuss the menu and finalize the cost. Hailey, Bonnie, John, and Kristie are in charge of the Annual Meeting. Kira and Bonnie will look into a game.

Pop cans: Roger reported that for the past three years we

have spent more on fireworks than we have collected for fireworks. Fireworks budget may have to be trimmed back.

Laverne has a picture of the hardworking crew that we will submit to the *Chronicle* with a short article.

Roger works nearly every day, Chris Davis, Ron Hartman, Larry Sauerbrei, Larry Pavelec, Laverne, Marlys Deterding, Gene Thurm, and Jim Collins are on his call list for help.

Glass containers and garbage thrown into the bins is an ongoing problem. Hopefully, mentioning it on Readlyn Talk will reduce the problem.

Grump Days 2024: Hailey will book the tent and sidewalls at a cost of \$3286.

Saturday, Mitch Boevers and Nick Toby may be entertainers.

Pat will contact Bruce Piehl about Spike Ball.

Tiffany will set the meeting dates.

Triathlon: Laverne presented a possible idea. Hailey will check with the fire station.

Next meeting will be 6:00 p.m., February 7. Kim signed us up for the library.

Moved by Hailey and seconded by Ed to adjourn the meeting; passed unanimously.

Bell rededicated at museum

The Readlyn Historical Society held their meeting on November 27 and were honored to host representatives of the Lyle and Mary Milks family. Lyle and Mary owned a real estate business in Readlyn.

The bell located outside of the Readlyn Historical Society Museum was rededicated on November 27, 2023 to commemorate the Lyle & Mary Milks Family donation of the bell to the Museum in 2012. Nancy Kohagen's family refurbished it.

Gary Milks, son of Lyle and Mary, provided a history of the bell. He indicated he was working for the City of Readlyn and alongside Harvey Hartman when the bell was found in a building they were cleaning out. The bell is thought to be the one used at the fire station. Lyle and Mary found a place for it at their home on the Wapipinicon River then at their new home on Wolf Ave. in Readlyn. Rod & Lori (Milks) Payne relocated it to their home in Cedar Falls for some years. The bell was in the Milks' family for 45 years when Rod & Lori donated it back to Readlyn in 2012.

After the re-dedication ceremony, the Historical Society proceeded with their meeting. The three flower pots made by T&K

Collaborations in Fairbank are ready to pick-up. The election of officers will be held at the next meeting. Discussed options to obtain more display cases including the possibility of having them made. The Bremer County sponsored program of 'Cruisin' Through History' will be the same date as the Museum's Ice Cream Social in July 2024. Next year is also the 30th Anniversary for the Museum.

The next meeting is March 25 at 1:30 p.m.



Attending the bell rededication were, left to right, Lori Milks Payne, Sherri and Gary Milks.



Readlyn Community Library

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Art Contest Winners!

Adult - 18 & Up

1st Prize - Deanne Leistikow - Scene Photo
 2nd Prize - Rachel Lanigan - Landscape Painting
 3rd Prize - Beth Kingdon - Landscape Photo

Kids - 0 - 9

1st Prize - Ben Carlson - Abstract Painting
 2nd Prize - Daisy & Poppy Gonzales - Painting
 3rd Prize - Hannah & Ruthie Carlson - Artwork

Preteen - Teen

1st Prize - Hannah Wilcox - Pencil Drawing
 2nd Prize - Ellie Mason - Short Story
 3rd Prize - Noah Carlson - Artwork

We were so thrilled with all of our entries and are so proud to display these works of art in our library. Please join us on **February 1st @ 6pm** for an Awards Social where we'll have snacks and refreshments as we recognize these talented folks and hand out their prizes!

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Compiled by Bob Thran

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

Readlyn, Long Ago

The Life and Times of Jack C. Carney

I was reminded at a meeting on my 94th birthday that a man by the name of Jack Carney played a part in our history. Jack had an establishment located north of Tripoli in which he dispensed alcohol illegally during prohibition. In simple terms,

he was a bootlegger.

Jo Porter of Denver, a longtime genealogist, sifted through the *Sumner Gazette* archives and found a wealth of information on our subject, bootlegger Jack Carney. I was amazed by the effort, time and

print the *Sumner Gazette* gave to reporting on the life and death of Jack Carney.

My story this month highlights the life of Jack Carney as told by the *Sumner Gazette*. Next month, the February issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle* will present the life

of Jack Carney as reported by the *Waverly Independent Newspaper*, a completely different version of the man, Jack Carney.

Jack Carney

BIRTH Oct. 1892; Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, USA

DEATH 26 Mar. 1969 (aged 76);

Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa, USA

BURIAL Pinhook Cemetery,

Frederika, Bremer County, Iowa, USA

United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

Military Draft Registration 27 April 1942 Sumner, Bremer, Iowa

Jack C. Carney

Birth October 1893 Portland, Multnomah, Oregon

Census, 1920

Jack C. Carney Sumner, Bremer, Iowa

Sex Male; Age 29; Birth Year (Estimated) 1891; Birthplace Oregon; Marital Status Single; Race White

Census, 1940, LeRoy Township, Bremer County, Iowa

Jack C. Carney

Sex Male; Age 46; Marital Status Single; Race White; Birthplace Oregon

The *Sumner Gazette* listed men leaving for WWI induction/training at Camp Pike, Arizona, on July 25, 1918. Jack was included in the group.

23 Dec. 1920, *Gazette* reports Jack and O.E. Bethel had been successful hunting jack rabbits and one cottontail.

31 Jul. 1924, *Gazette* reports that Jack had walked around Sumner with coil of rope on his arm. People speculated that Jack had decided to end it. But he was still around town.

1 Sept. 1927, *Gazette*; Jack was raising 500 Barred Rock pullets on Wm. Parrott property in NW Sumner. Jack was showing the first egg, a small one, from a 14-week-old pullet. He hoped to be rid of the birds before winter.

8 Sept. 1927, *Gazette*; Jack helped capture a runaway mule.

18 Apr. 1929, *Gazette*; Jack was in Tripoli on business.

20 Aug. 1931, *Gazette*; Jack drove to the Mesquaki Pow Wow

26 June 1941, *Gazette*; Jack has a Tripoli address and attended the Sumner funeral of Mrs. Emma Rathbone

22 Apr. 1943, 26 Jul. 1945, 6 Sept. 1945, *Gazette*; reports of Jack of Tripoli visiting friends in Sumner

27 Jan. 1955, *Gazette*; from the Pinhook news column; Jack fell on ice and cut head

3 Mar. 1955, *Gazette*; Pinhook; Jack visited in Tripoli

5 May 1955, *Gazette*; Pinhook; Jack is working at Armour's in Waterloo

25 Apr. 1963, *Gazette*; Pinhook; Jack has been ill; is feeling better

4 May 1967, *Gazette*; Pinhook; Jack attended funeral of Fred Niemeyer, Tripoli

26 Dec. 1968, *Gazette*; Jack is discharged from Sumner hospital

Jack Carney, 77, WWI Veteran died Wednesday

From the *Sumner Gazette*, published in Sumner, IA on Thursday, March 27, 1969

Jack Carney, 77, veteran of World War I and lifetime resident of this community, died Wednesday morning at the Waverly Convalescent Home, Waverly, Iowa.

Funeral services are pending at Emerson-Milnes Funeral Home, Sumner. John Milnes of the Emerson-Milnes Funeral Home said Wednesday that they had received no information regarding immediate surviving relatives.

Mr. Carney was a member of Thomas E. Woods Post, No. 233, American Legion of Sumner.

Looking Around This Week...

Editorial from *Sumner Gazette*, April 3, 1969

Funerals are necessarily touched with sadness, some more sad than others, but seldom does a funeral service help only to compound a mystery, to help renew and strengthen a legend. One might almost say the services held this past week for Jack Carney did just that. During the service the Priest said, "This was a famous man."

At first, for those who knew Jack Carney, even casually, this seemed like a strange statement. And yet, considering this man's life, one could only agree that he was a legendary figure in this area, a man whom was known by many during the 20s, 30s and late 40s. In a way he was famous, and almost a legend in his lifetime ... a legend practically forgotten in recent years, yet brought back to life at his passing.

The Priest continued by saying that no-

one was really sure about too much of this man's background, except what he has, at times, said. And as he recalled, the fact that the man came originally from Mexico, that he left home at the age of nine to make his own way in the world. That there was no records of any relatives, except that his family had moved to Oregon, the legend that Jack Carney flickered into life for the handful of people in the church.

How do you separate fact from fiction in the life of a man who apparently was not interested in anyone actually knowing the truth about himself? The facts are few. He came to the community in 1913, one story has it, with the crew installing the sanitary sewer system in Sumner. That he lived a good share of his life along the Wapsie bottoms north of Tripoli is fact. Although not too many people of my, and the older, generation, will admit it, there was no mystery about one of his sources of income... sale of beer, both home-brew and, especially in later years, commercially bottled beer... and all that was required was that the customer had money. There are those who insist that beer was not the only commodity which could be purchased at his Wapsie bottoms shack.

It is a fact that whatever faults he had, he never failed to pay his bills and his credit rating was unblemished. But here the provable facts seem to come to an end... and legend takes over. Which among these stories are fact, which are fiction, this is the mystery, and secret of this man, which he took to his grave.

A visit to Jack Carney's infamous speakeasy

Editorial by Jim Heyer

1 July 1981, *Gazette*

Our community has spawned its share of what are often referred to as "characters," for lack of a better term. They are those who have marched to a far different beat than the great majority of their fellow beings.. yet not always in a major role of antisocial action.

This week I was reminded of one of those people, Jack Carney, who once lived in the Wapsie bottoms where one leg of a county blacktop now cuts across country west of the big curve on Highway 93.

Jack operated a primitive speakeasy during the days of prohibition. Even after repeal, it still operated and still illegally

because he never bothered to get any of the necessary licenses to dispense liquid alcoholic refreshments.

A visit to Jack's place for an illegal beer was a guaranteed conversation piece, proof of a young man's worldliness and something to be made known to those friends who hadn't had the good fortune to be accepted in Jack's humble abode.

And what does the late Jack Carney have to do with Independence Day? Probably nothing except the freedom which we cherish made most people tolerant of his place because he was flaunting authority and really not hurting anyone in the process.

This is what characters are made of....

an ability to thumb their nose at conventional attitudes and actions and yet still not do irreparable harm to others. This nose-thumbing does not have to necessarily take the form of operating a speakeasy, as with Carney, but it does require an attitude which sets a person apart in some way.



In search of information on Jerry Gehrke

People have given up their landlines. This makes it difficult to find the sources for articles I write. Would someone from

the Gehrke family please contact me at 319-404-2863? I intend to write about Jerry Gehrke and his time in pro baseball.

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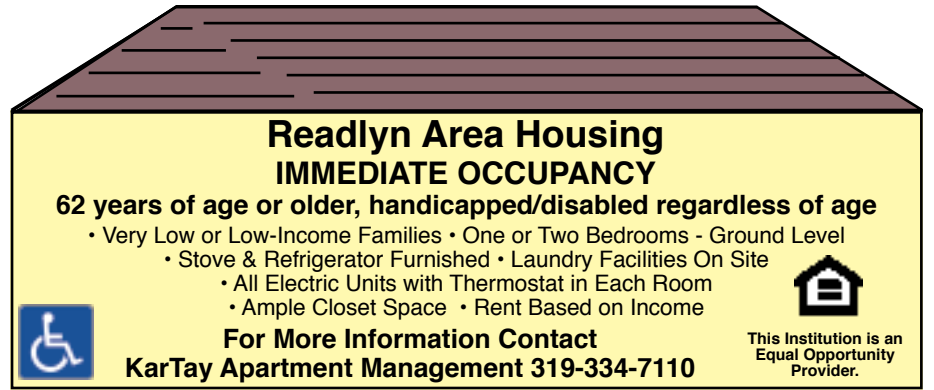
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This month I would like to focus on how important our AEA (Area Education Agencies) are around the state. In her recent State of the State speech, Governor Kim Reynolds talked about the AEAs being subject to DE oversight and implied that the AEAs will be "special education-only" entities.

The concern here is that AEAs provide so much more support to schools, especially small, rural schools like Wapsie Valley, than just Special Education. Wapsie Valley receives many needed services that we would otherwise not have access to, or be able to afford, if we were going through a private company. Some of the services that Wapsie receives are: Mental Health Support, Technology, Curriculum,

Professional Development, Work-Based Learning, Career Counseling, and Crisis Support just to name a few.

Below is a graphic to show what schools, students, and families currently receive for services and what would be lost if the Iowa Legislature moves forward with the bill to do away with these AEA supports. The entire list is what is currently offered and the supports highlighted in pink would be eliminated if this bill passes. This will have a huge impact on Wapsie Valley as well as many other schools throughout the state. If you have an opportunity to advocate for Iowa's AEAs it would be greatly appreciated!

This month's Iowa School Finance Information is about the General Fund and the impact state funding has on the district.

In Iowa public schools, student enrollment directly influences the budget through a funding formula. The state allocates funds based on the number of students enrolled, impacting resources, staffing, and overall budget allocation for each school district.

Iowa schools receive \$7,626 in SSA (State Supplemental Aid) for each student that is enrolled. Therefore, when student

enrollment declines so does the amount of money a school receives.

For example, the Wapsie Valley School District has approximately 50 fewer students than it did 3 years ago. If you multiply \$7,626 x 50 that is over \$381,000 less money that we are operating with today than three years ago.

When you have a loss of revenue like this you have to look to make changes. If you do not make changes the district will be in a financial burden in an extremely short period of time.

One thing that helps to offset student loss is the amount that the Iowa Legislature increases SSA. If SSA increases by 2%, the amount of revenue we receive will increase by almost \$100,000!

Therefore, state funding is extremely important to school districts in order to be able to provide the necessary services that students need.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me via email at choover@wapsievalleyschools.org or by phone at (319) 638-6711.

Stay warm and be safe! Until next time, Go Warriors!

Sincerely,
Chris Hoover, Superintendent



Dolores Mae Steege

Dolores Mae Steege, 92, formerly of Denver, Iowa died December 25, 2023, at the Martin Suites in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Dolores was born April 24, 1931, the daughter of William and Hilda (Platte) Hesse, one of four children on a farm near Denver, IA. She married Orville V. Steege on Sept 7, 1952, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Maxfield, Denver, Iowa. Dolores attended country school Maxfield # 3, Denver High School, and then Gates Waterloo Business College. She worked at Rath Packing Co, Waterloo, until marriage. She then worked beside her husband on the progressive dairy farm they owned near Readlyn, Iowa. They built the first milking parlor system in Iowa in the early 1960s. In retirement, they enjoyed bowling, gardening, painting ceramics, and travel. She enjoyed playing the organ and card games well into her 90s.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one brother, Lavern Hesse, and one sister, Lylda Bond.

Dolores is survived by two daughters, Deborah (Mark) Collett of Jesup, Iowa and Sharon (James) Knudsen of Ames, Iowa; one son Neil (Nancy) Steege of Newhall, Iowa; and one sister, Carol Brandt of Sioux City, Iowa. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Jeffery (Ann) Steege, Christopher Collett and Alicia Collett all of Cedar Rapids; Sarah Steege of West Des Moines; Jennifer (Wayne) Hornback of Marion; and Hannah Knudsen of Stewartville, MN; and six great-grandchildren: Peighton and Carter Ritz, Graham and Gwendolyn Steege and DeMarcus and BriElla Collett.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on December 29, 2023, with visitation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn, Iowa. Burial followed at St. Paul Cemetery, Readlyn. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul Church or Community Lutheran School, Readlyn.

The family wants to express our appreciation to the Western Home and their staff for their compassionate care.

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Leash your dogs!

By Chief Steve Aiello
Readlyn Police Department

The City of Readlyn has a City Ordinance 55.06 At Large Prohibited, (leash law). This refers to your pets, mainly dogs.

Here is the definition of "At Large": It means off the premises of the owner and not under control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, or housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel.

A competent person simply means they are intelligent and strong enough to handle the dog they may be walking with a leash.

Another situation that happens in town. Someone thinks their dog is well behaved and doesn't leave the yard. This may be true most of the time, but it is a temptation for any dog to not chase a rabbit, or squirrel, or somebody else walking by with their dog legally leashed.

People should be able to walk around town with or without their pets, and not be concerned about being attacked by someone else's dog. Fines are established in our ordinances and have been used. Unfortunately, I have had to have some dogs destroyed as well. Please respect the animal ordinances.

If you have any questions about our City Ordinances, please call Chief Steve Aiello. 319-279-3999 or email @readlynpd@rtc279.com.

Senior Citizens meet

On December 20, 14 members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow and he also led us in prayer before our meal.

We had one birthday for the month of December and that was Ron Leistikow. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to him. There were no anniversaries to celebrate in the month of December.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$251.00. Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Roland Schmidt to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was read by Lois Thacher for the month of November 15, 2023. Motion was made by Roger Deterding and seconded by Charlie Albrecht to approve the secretary's minutes. Motion carried.

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation had a great turnout on November 17, 2023 for their annual fall dinner and auction. It was reported that \$30,000 dollars was raised that evening.

The Readlyn Grumps met on November 20 to prepare sacks for Santa's visit at the Fire Station on November 25. 155 sacks were handed out that day at the Fire Station.

New Business: The Readlyn Community Club will have their annual meeting on April 5, 2024. The Grump candidates need to be found by then.

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held January 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tripoli Bowling Alley.

Judy Leistikow made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marilyn Lampe seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

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Have you heard about the Talk Of The Tribe Podcast? Are you a Warrior fan and love everything Wapsie? Well, we have the show for you.

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So check them out on Instagram, Facebook and wherever you get your podcast like Spotify, Apple podcasts, Google podcasts and many more, for all the news you need, like all the new teachers at Wapsie Valley High School (check out episode 15) or if you are interested in the FFA department listen to episode 7 featuring our FFA advisor Carmen Willie and our FFA

president Maddison Richards.

If you are a big basketball fan check out episodes 21 and 23 for sit-down interviews with head coaches Marty Mckowen and Kayla Ott.


If you are a big wrestling fan, check out episode 22 for a sit-down interview about the expectations for the wrestling season.

We feature segments like screen time, our weekly Ag/FFA report and our main segment, the Talk Of The Tribe Athlete of the Week.

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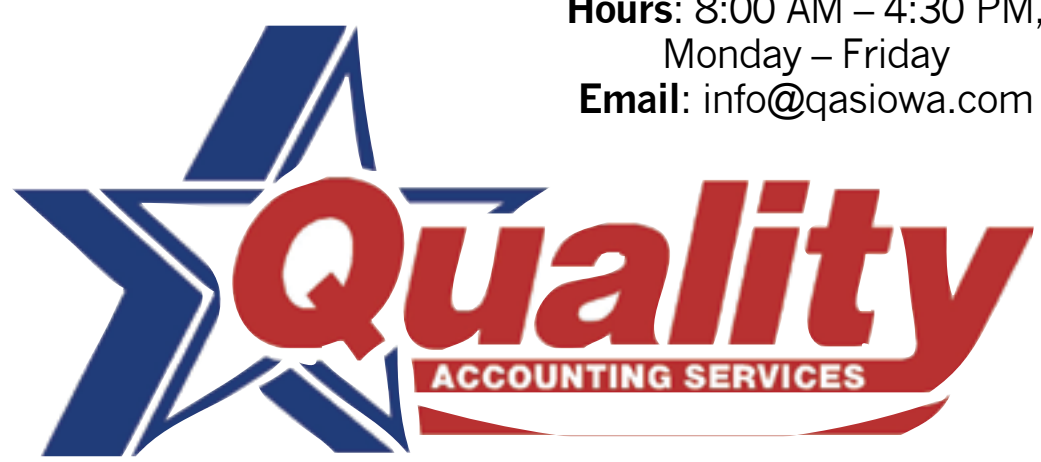
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We'll also be recognizing our three \$500 scholarship awardees. You won't want to miss it! If you're an Iowa Corn Grower member or would like to hear more about how to become one, we hope to see you there!

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Wapsie Valley FFA members attend the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo

By Reese Peine, Chapter Reporter

October 31 through November 3, Wapsie Valley FFA members Noah Richards, Dayton Jergens, Addisyn McElhose, Destry Peine, Ella Schares, Wally Kaufman and Zach Boevers traveled to Indianapolis for the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo. Nearly 73,000 FFA members, and guests from all of the 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands attended this year.

retary of Agriculture and former governor of Iowa, as well as Juan Bendaña. Wapsie FFA members ended the tours with a trip to the Caterpillar Center on their way home in Peoria, Illinois.

Overall, Wapsie Valley FFA members had a great time at convention and are excited to implement new ideas at the local level.

2021 Wapsie Valley graduate and FFA member Ellie Neil received her American Degree. This is the highest degree bestowed upon an FFA member. Less than 1% of all FFA members will go on to receive the American FFA Degree. This is a great honor for Ellie!



2021 Wapsie Valley Graduate, Ellie Neil, American Degree Recipient.

Along with all the excitement of the trip, Wapsie Valley FFA members were able to enjoy tours and guest speakers. Members visited Precision Planting Headquarters in Tremont, Illinois where they were able to learn about emerging technologies in agriculture. They also got to visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Brickyard. Members got to experience convention where they heard from guest speakers, Tom Vilsack, United States Sec-

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“Delana's Season”

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Around 4 p.m. on a chilly, snowy, drizzling December afternoon, deer started making their way out of their daytime beds in the east thicket. One by one, they made their way into the green Mossy Oak BioLogic clover and turnip plots. Delana stayed patiently watching from her elevated deer blind. Then, back in the thicket, I spotted him making his way out to feed. “Delana, it’s a buck! Get ready,” I relayed to her. I heard the safety on her gun click off and I knew it was go time for her. As the buck fed 40 yards away, Delana readied herself and.....

As many of you know, the past couple years my daughter, Delana, has started her hunting career. In this edition of my column, we will follow along through her 2023 deer season.

Delana’s 2023 season started long before fall as every deer season does in the Johnston household. She started out shed hunting a few times with me and her mom and even found a couple which is always exciting. As spring rolled in, she helped with some tree planting as we planted 192 trees throughout the farms and, yes, I say the weird number of 192 as two of those trees were apple trees Delana gifted me for Father’s Day, probably one of the best Father’s Day gifts I’ve ever received as on Father’s Day we spent the day together at the land planting the two trees.

Shortly after, we purchased an elevated blind for her. Delana helped me assemble, trailer, and install the blind in a dogwood thicket to the north of the main food plots. As summer rolled on, she got busy as every teenage girl does and didn’t have a lot of input on the fall food plots, but she kept track of our many cameras across the farms and we often talked about certain deer or what was happening in the woods.

On August 15, we purchased her tags and shot her rifle leading up to the youth season. Iowa’s youth season starts mid-September and this year the weather was not conducive to great deer hunting even relatively speaking for early deer season. Highs in the mid 90s stayed throughout the season and we elected to hold out on hunting until the early muzzleloader season rolled around in hopes of better weather. Delana’s youth season tag is good for all of Iowa’s deer seasons so long as she uses the weapon legal for that specific season. This meant she had to learn everything about my muzzleloader and how to shoot it.

We headed for the gun range on a Sunday afternoon before early muzzleloader season

opened. Delana requested I shoot the gun first while she watched before she would shoot. I clicked off the safety, steadied my aim and squeezed off a shot to a deep woof of the powder followed by a cloud of smoke, followed quickly by, “Dad, I’m not shooting that thing!! That looks painful to my shoulder!” The following 20 minutes took every ounce of my salesmanship to convince her it doesn’t kick and only looks scary. She was quite reluctant but finally squeezed off a shot followed by “Well, that ain’t so bad...” Five more shots and we felt comfortable she was dialed in with the muzzleloader.

The next weekend rolled around and we were set to hunt Saturday evening. In

this time, Delana and I started our deer hunting YouTube channel, “The EDJ Outdoors.”

I quickly realized Delana’s personality really comes out on camera and she becomes a whole different girl lighting up for the viewers! We filmed our walk in and got set in the blind. Within five minutes, a doe with a small 4-point buck came out of the west thicket. Yes, I said 5 minutes..... I let the camera roll and told Delana to take a shot if she wanted to. She made the decision to pass on the buck and we watched contently as deer made their way onto the food plots. We set things up to attract deer to the property in October through January with the way we set up food plots and habitat and it was so cool to see the deer utilizing our work. We watched numerous deer all evening and talked and just had a good time and made a great episode.

Through the week, Delana had volleyball games and practice so the next time we could hunt together was the following Saturday on the last weekend of early muzzleloader. We had beautiful cool, clear weather for this hunt and it made for a very enjoyable hunt.

We slowly made our way into the blind on the access trails I cut back in late August for a very quiet entry. Again, it didn’t take long for deer to start making their way to the mixture of Mossy Oak BioLogic clover, turnips, radishes, sorghum, and pumpkins.

Pumpkins, Eric? Yes, pumpkins. One part I forgot on the plots is in late May, Delana came to me with the idea to plant

pumpkins along the edge of the food plot in front of her blind. I kinda rolled my eyes, but she was persistent and I bought 3 ninety-nine cent packs of pumpkin seeds. We planted six mounds of pumpkins and, honestly, I didn’t expect much out of it. Surprisingly, those six hills went crazy and we had a large amount of pumpkins. And even more surprisingly, the deer started feeding on them this particular evening. We had numerous deer come and go that evening with some as close as 5 yards in front of the blind. But Delana decided to hold off and we had another good episode for the channel.

Early Muzzleloader ended and now painfully Delana had to wait until December 2,

Iowa’s regular gun 1 opening day. We made a trip to the rifle range over Thanksgiving and checked her sights and comfort with her 350 legend. We were all set and, after a long wait, Delana would get another chance. The morning of December 2, we were

up early and I’ll be the first to say Delana is not a morning person. She wasn’t very chipper to start this YouTube episode. There was zero wind this morning and I’m certain we sounded like rhinos going through the timber to the blind. We sat until 10:30 a.m. with surprisingly no deer sighted. We headed home, had lunch and made our way back to the woods.

The camera was rolling and Delana had

some energy for this hunt. We both had a high excitement level and it just felt like it would be a great evening. We hadn’t been in the blind long and it began to snow. This made for such a neat scene, and a doe made her way out of the east thicket and began feeding. Delana thought about filling a doe tag in this moment, but decided to wait in hopes of a buck coming out. Soon, four does made their way onto the plot and I caught movement behind them in the thicket.

“Delana, there’s another deer coming, I think it’s a buck — check with the binoculars.” A quick check and, “Dad it’s a buck!” I propped up her rifle and she shouldered it.

“Dad, I can’t see through the scope!” I neglected to cover the scope lens and it had filled with snow while we sat. I quickly grabbed my glove and wiped away the snow. “I can see him now Dad.” “Shoot if you want to,” I relayed to her as I filmed while the small buck fed at 40 yards in front of us in the turnips. I heard the safety click off and BOOM! the buck dropped instantly.

“I dropped him like a sack of taters.” Delana called out with this new found video side of her as we hugged and high fived. We took our time and safely made our way out of the blind and, once on the ground, there was no slowing Delana down! She got to her buck and we both took the moment in, smiling and hugging each other and me telling her 100 times how proud of her I am. After gaining our composure, we did a follow-up interview for the video and took pictures! Traditionally, the first phone call was to “Papa” which is what Delana calls my dad and they chatted while I got the truck. We field-dressed and loaded the buck up in the snowy misty weather and were all smiles on the ride home. A big hug from mom is how Delana was met at the door.

This is definitely a hunt I’ll never forget and, hopefully, Delana won’t as well. I truly cherish these times with her and I need to thank the landowners for the playground for us to make these memories. If you’d like to watch this hunt and all our adventures, check out The EDJ Outdoors on YouTube. Thanks for reading and until next time, GET OUTDOORS!



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Christmas decorations taken down ...

Members of the Readlyn Community Club got together to take down the Christmas decorations. Left to right above are J.D. Stover, Michael Bergmann, Ed Harrington, Kristie Boies, Tiffany McCumber, Craig Hesse, Judy Leistikow, and Larry Pavelec

... and put away.

Storing the decorations until next year are, at left (up the ladder), Mike Bergmann; left to right, Ed Harrington, Roger and Marlys Deterding (Not pictured: Laverne Leistikow and Pat Wehr).

Deadline for the Feb. 28 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., Feb. 15

Readlyn City Council Meetings

December 11, 2023

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, December 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 Rocco Imbrogno, Joey Jones, Jason Franck, Nicole Barnes. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Steve Aiello, Matt Mahoney.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the November 20, 2023 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Matt Mahoney, representing Butler County REC gave an update for the City of Readlyn. Certain future upgrade possibilities will be looked into further.

Council received an update on the Main Street Project. It was noted no pay request or change orders were presented for approval.

City sewer line maintenance was discussed. Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve bid from Mauer Tree Service in the amount of \$2,200 for tree removal. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on city utility vehicles. No action taken at this time. Discussion on condition of property at 110 Briggs Ave.

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

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

January 8, 2024

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, January 8, 2024 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: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Jason Franck, Keith Brunscheon, Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias, Cassidy Hesse, Randy Kleitsch, Kim Hollon, Scott Broten.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the December 11, 2023 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve treasurer and clerk reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

Council received an update on items completed on the punch list for the Main Street Reconstruction project.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve the "MODIFIED 28E AGREEMENT CREATING THE EAST BREMER REGIONAL RECYCLING AUTHORITY, LLC". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

City department representatives presented their proposed FY24/25 budgets. All were taken under advisement. Council will have a special meeting on January 17, 2024 at 6:00PM to work on the budget.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve Mayor Dan Wedemeier and Rocco Imbrogno as Readlyn's representatives on the Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve Mayor Dan Wedemeier and Jason Franck as Readlyn's representatives on the EBRRA Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Jones to approve Mayor Dan Wedemeier as Readlyn's representative on the Waverly Area Development Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve council appointees for the next two years as follows:

City Attorney: Engelbrecht & Buchholz Law Office/Beau Buchholz

City Clerk Lois Buhr

City Treasurer: Lois Buhr

Police Chief: Steve Aiello

City Superintendent: Bernard Wiersma

Electric Superintendent: Todd Tatroe, dba Tatroe Electric

Water Superintendent: Bernard Wiersma

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Park Superintendent: Austin Matthias

Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier appointed the following Council Committees to serve the next two years as follows:

Electric: *Franck, Imbrogno, Barnes

Sanitation: *Imbrogno, Franck, Brunscheon

Street: *Barnes, Jones, Brunscheon

Purchase: *Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck

Water: *Jones, Imbrogno, Brunscheon

Finance: *Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno

Ordinance: *Barnes, Jones, Brunscheon

Parks: *Franck, Brunscheon, Jones

Public Safety: *Imbrogno, Franck, Barnes

*First person will serve as chair person.

Mayor Wedemeier appointed Nicole Barnes Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve Police Chief, Steve Aiello and Scott Broten to the Bremer County E-911 Board. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Franck to approve Police Chief Steve Aiello to the Black Hawk County E-911 Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

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



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