

## RESB Committee awarded Ripple Effect Grant

Readlyn, Iowa – On Tuesday, February 13, the Readlyn Emergency Service Building Committee (RESBC), comprised of members from the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department and Readlyn EMS, was awarded a \$5,000 Ripple Effect grant. The grant funding, made possible by RTC Communications and their technology partner Aureon, will be allocated towards reimbursing engineering and design costs for the new emergency services building. In addition to the \$5,000 Ripple grant, RTC Communications donated \$10,000 to help move the project forward as well.

“The RESBC greatly appreciates the support from RTC and Aureon. We are confident this project will not only benefit our emergency services, but the community as a whole and each grant or donation received gets us closer to providing those benefits.”  
– Ethan Kleitsch, Member of RESBC

The committee has secured a designated piece of land for the new building with the help of the city and has been working diligently on plans, specifications, and fundraising efforts. They will be partnering with Cardinal Construction to assist with site preparation and construction plans.

The new Readlyn Emergency Services Building will be a significant upgrade for the community, enhancing emergency response capabilities, providing a safe haven during times of need, and serving as a valuable community gathering space. The committee looks forward to continuing their fundraising efforts and breaking ground on this important project soon.

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### About Ripple Effect

Developed through a partnership al-

liance between Aureon and Iowa Area Development Group (IADG), the Ripple Effect program helps Independent Broadband Companies and communities become catalysts for advancing the economic health and vitality of rural Iowa.



Members of the Readlyn Emergency Services Building Committee were pleased to accept a check for \$5,000 from the Ripple Effect Grant.

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## “Comfort in Christ...for You!”



Rev. Kristian Kincaid

Grief Support Spring Workshop 2024 will be held Saturday, April 13, starting with registration from 8:30-9:00 a.m., followed by speaker Rev. Kristian Kincaid of Dubuque from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The workshop will be held at Immanuel Lutheran - Klinger, 2683 Quail Avenue, Readlyn, IA. The title of the workshop is “Comfort in Christ ... for You!”

Rev. Kincaid was born in Waverly, IA where his family attended St. John Lutheran Church. He was confirmed by Rev. Harold Roschke.

After graduating from Wartburg College, he attended and graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. He has served as a parish pastor since 1987 with the last 30 years at Our Redeemer, Dubuque. He is now retired.

Rev. Kincaid is married to Jennifer and they have three grown sons, Grant, Greyson and Gregor. He is the author of “Living with Grief” and “A Biblical Response to Suicide,” both published by Concordia Publishing House.

All are invited! If possible, RSVP by email to: [lwml.grief@gmail.com](mailto:lwml.grief@gmail.com) or phone St. Paul's Church office, Sumner, at 563-578-3315 by April 6.

The workshop is being led by: Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), Westgate Zone Grief Committee.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

Some people were happy with the weather in February. I was not. I have always liked to move snow, so you can see why. I'm grumpy with no work, so we left town for a while. We visited friends, family, and some tourist spots in the Phoenix area. The weather was 80 degrees every day. We enjoyed the Dwarf Car Museum outside of Maricopa. The owner started his career as an artist and then started messing around with a welder. He thought why not build dwarf cars and they are quite amazing. He starts from scratch forming the frames and wrapping metal around them. The interiors are finished also. They are powered by motorcycle engines.

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an amazing speed — factories, warehouses, and whole neighborhoods. Road construction is adding 4 lanes to 2 lanes to try to keep up with traffic.

Vacation is over and it's time to head to the Mesa airport. I told TSA security that I have a pacemaker and can't go through the screener. The TSA dude says that I can go through the big x-ray machine, but not the small one. After going through the bigger screener, another agent says I shouldn't have gone through that machine. I told him I was told to, and this second agent said he was just kidding, that I went through the right machine. We are not used to the TSA having a sense of humor.

After getting back there was a Community Club meeting to plan Grump Days. There were a lot of people there with great ideas. What a great bunch. I think it will be a lot of fun.

2023 Grump Ron Hartman



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lily Schwickerath

Hello, Readlyn community!

February was one of the busiest months out of the year for me! It was filled with musical practices every night, then archery practices every Monday and Thursday, with state archery on March 2. Then lastly my favorite, FFA Week and all of the preparation that goes along with it.

This FFA Week the chapter had daily trivia, hide the corn and pig, as well as serving malts every lunch. On Tuesday at the high school, we drove our tractor to school and we got a very great turnout, so thank you to everyone that participated. Also on Tuesday I had the amazing opportunity to visit the New Hampton FFA Chapter. On this visit, I got to meet many students, participate in their FFA Week activities, as well as learn how they keep involved in the student body. Then, on Wednesday, the chapter traveled to Waterloo, to compete in various competitions. I participated in the Job Interview competition, and earned

a gold, and advanced to Districts held on March 9. I am so proud of everyone that competed under the Wapsie Valley name! Then in the month of March I competed at state archery and shot the best I have all season. We then got the news that the high school team will be competing at nationals in the second week of May.

On March 8 & 9, all of the district officers drove up to Waukon to set up and compete at the District Convention. I earned a Silver and will not be competing at State in the Job Interview category, as well as retiring as the Southwest Sub-District Vice-President. But I am looking forward to competing in the Poultry Evaluation competition at state, and to hopefully taking home some hardware!

At the end of the month I will make an appearance at the Readlyn Egg Hunt. I am so glad I get to see all of the happy faces looking for eggs!

I hope everyone has an amazing Easter!

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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Readlyn Senior Citizens meet in Tripoli

On February 21, 2024, 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 Marylou Billhorn as Ron Leistikow, our President, was not in attendance. Marylou led us in prayer before our meal.

Birthdays celebrated for the month of February were Janet Ladage and Marlys Deterding. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Janet and Marlys. There were two couples celebrating anniversaries in the month of February. We all sang "Happy Anniversary" to Larry and Janet Ladage and Rick and Lois Thacher.

We all signed a sympathy card for the family of Robert Richard Thran who passed away on February 15, 2024 at the Waverly Health Center. His articles were published in the *Readlyn Chronicle* each month. Many in the area enjoyed reading his articles in the paper. Robert attended our Senior Citizens meetings. He will be

greatly missed by all.

The treasurer's report was read by Marylou Billhorn for Charlie Albrecht, as he was absent. The balance in the account after expenses was \$282.00.

The secretary's report were read by Lois Thacher for the meeting of January 24, 2024.

A motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Roland Schmidt to approve the treasurer's report and secretary's minutes. Motion carried.

### Old Business

The Readlyn Community Club is still in need of Grump candidates for the 2024 Grump Days celebration which is June 14-16.

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held March 20, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tripoli Bowling Alley.

Millie Crawford made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Ladage seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

*Lois Thacher, Secretary*

## Next Pepper Tournament is April 6

The March 2 pepper tournament was held at Grumpy's. There were 3 tables of players. The winners and their scores were:

- 1st: Barb Meyer and Grace Kuethe - 134
- 2nd: Shirley Kuker and Suzy Heine - 190
- 3rd: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 158
- 4th: Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 134

The next tournament will be held Saturday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's in Readlyn. This will be the last tournament until fall. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner!

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## Readlyn City Council

*March 4, 2023*

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Keith Brunscheon. Absent: Joey Jones, Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve minutes from the February 12, 2024 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve budget report. Library report was unavailable. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Resolution No. 2024-02 entitled "RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY". Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2024-02 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve spring leaf burning from April 1 to June 1, 2024. This will be subject to any burn bans that could be issued for Bremer County. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve dust control as in the past with two applications. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve public works employees attending the Region I AWWA conference. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve city clerk attending spring IMFOA conference. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on street light upgrades.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve bid from Steve Miller Construction in the amount of \$10,476.00 for garage cement. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on FY24/25 Budget.

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

*Dan Wedemeier, Mayor*

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk



In the spotlight

at RSB

Hi, my name is Cassie Munson. I grew up in Forest City and moved to the area a little over a year ago. My fiancé, Grant, and I live outside of Readlyn with our two dogs, Buddy and Buck.

In my free time, you can usually find me helping Grant with his pigs, walking our dogs, or spending time with my family. Together, Grant and I enjoy fishing, playing cards, finding a good sunset to watch, and relaxing.

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





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The Readlyn Community Library is a community drop-off spot for the Readlyn Easter Egg Hunt, so feel free to drop off your donated baskets here!

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The Readlyn City-Wide Garage Sale takes place on April 12th & 13th. We will have items for sale and are also taking donations for any sort of goods (baked goods, donated housewares, books, etc.) that you'd like to donate. All sales will benefit the library's programming budget.

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# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Rest in Peace, Bob Thran

### Robert Richard Thran

Robert Richard Thran, 94, died February 15, 2024, at Waverly, Iowa.

Bob was born in Readlyn, Iowa, September 20, 1929, son of Oscar and Loueen Diekmann Thran. He attended St. Paul's Lutheran Parochial School and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1947. He attended Iowa State Teachers College 1947-1948, and The University Of Iowa 1948-1951.

Bob was drafted into the United States Army September 10, 1951 and served with the Forty-Fifth Infantry Division in Korea during the Korean War. He was discharged in May 1953. Bob married Gerda Franken of Allison on May 23, 1954. They were divorced in 1986, but remained friends. He worked for Philip Morris, Lutheran Mutual, and Rath Packing Company.

Bob attended Wartburg College 1958-1959, graduating in May 1959 with a degree in education. He taught German and later became Guidance Counselor at Williamsburg High School.

He was Personnel Director at Amana Refrigeration from 1965-69 and earned

a master's degree in psychology from the University of Montana in 1971.

Bob returned to counseling at Valley of Elgin and Tri-County of Thornburg, serving as Guidance Counselor at Nashua High School from 1973 and retiring in 1991.

Bob delivered Winnebago motorhomes throughout North America from 1995-2016. In later years, Bob wrote about the history of Readlyn for the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

Robert Thran is survived by a son, Eric, of Des Moines, a son, Tony, of Nashua, one granddaughter, Jessica Pfitzer, Marquette, Michigan, two great-grandchildren, Julia and Josiah, and three nephews, Mark, David, Mike & Jennifer Tomson, Fairfield, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Richard, a sister, Carol, and a nephew, Jon Tomson.

Services will be held Friday, April 12 at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua with visitation from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Veteran Honors will be by Nashua VFW Post.

A memorial marker will be placed in

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St. Paul's Cemetery at Readlyn with scattering of cremated remains among Bob's favorite places commemorating life in Readlyn and Bremer County.

Memorials may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church, Nashua, and The Readlyn Historical Society.

Bob enjoyed traveling to Germany to visit friends and relatives, and speaking to German students in English classes about life in America. Also, he enjoyed visiting

in German with older Germans, especially those who survived World War II.

Bob was an enthusiastic researcher of the history of Readlyn and was sometimes referred to as "The Readlyn Historian."

As a University of Iowa alumnus, Bob was a dedicated Iowa Hawkeye fan for over 80 years, having seen Nile Kinnick play in 1938 when he was nine years old.

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## Thank You

We would like to thank the Bremer County Community Foundation and Readlyn Community Fund for choosing Readlyn First Responders as grant recipients in 2023. These funds allowed us to update our stair chair (pictured at left). The new stair chair has tracks to help guide the chair up or down stairs allowing EMS members to move patients safely. The new chair will decrease the odds of EMS members being injured while assisting others and our patients will have a smoother ride as we transport them to the ground level. Pictured left to right: Back row- Jared Wright, Jason Franck, Andrea Buehler, Scott Broten. Middle row- Clinton Watts, Cassy Hesse, Kim Browning, Steve Aiello; front and center- Rocco Imbrogno.

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This opportunity tested some of our senses, challenged us to think outside the box, and opened our eyes to how we can provide better services when showing up

to calls and assisting those who have dementia.

This simulation opportunity is open to everyone. If you are a friend, caregiver, healthcare provider, or someone who wants to learn more and are interested in visiting the Dementia House, signing up is easy.

If you are interested in going through the simulation yourself, you can email [dementia.simulation@uni.edu](mailto:dementia.simulation@uni.edu).

### Donations continue for new RESB project

The Readlyn Emergency Services Building project, which is fundraising for the future home of Readlyn EMS & Readlyn Fire, received a significant boost, thanks to the generous support of our donors. The community came together to contribute towards this vital infrastructure for our first responders. Thanks to: In Memory of Pat Hunter, Jessica Block, In Memory of Eldon Kueker, Gene & Micki Thurm, St. Matthew's Martha Circle, Shirley Kuker, The Marvin and Helen Schumacher Family Fund, Joan Matthias, Lynne Bellile, Harry Fowler, The Van Nattas. Sean, Lorna, Kamille & Kolton, Wittenburg Truck Line, Dave & Kathy Shook Family, Rick & Barb Schares, Mike & Denise Ritzman, and Thomas & Jodi Risse

Additionally, RTC Communications is currently running a dollar match promotion for donations towards the building project. This matching program will be in effect until June 1, 2024, doubling the impact of every contribution made up to \$100,000!

Due to generous donations, we have added a new donation tier: Legacy. The Legacy tier will be given to donors who contribute \$25,000 or more over the course of the fundraising time frame.

Moreover, mark your calendars for the upcoming Poker Ride Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27, where the community can further show their support for the Readlyn Emergency Services Building. This event

is open to anyone in the community and all modes of transportation are welcome to participate! Participants will register for the event at the current Readlyn Fire Station the morning of the event, and then go to various stops where they will receive a stamp indicating they visited that location. The ride will conclude at Grumpy's Bar & Event Center where riders will draw poker cards to try and put together a winning hand. Along with the poker ride, we will also have items available for sale via a silent auction to conclude the event. Check out the flier or visit [www.givebutter.com/resb](http://www.givebutter.com/resb) for more information. If you have any questions about the poker ride event, or would like to be a donor for our silent auction event, please reach out to [ReadlynFire@gmail.com](mailto:ReadlynFire@gmail.com) or a member of our volunteer fire & EMS services.

Watch the Readlyn Fire & Readlyn EMS Facebook pages as well as the *Readlyn Chronicle* for more information regarding these already planned fundraising events as well as future opportunities.

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# News from Community Lutheran School



## Happy National Lutheran Schools Week!

We celebrated the week of February 26 with learning how we are connected to Christ, the Father, the Spirit, the church, and to His commission. We had a fun-filled week with devotions, dress up days, Family Fellowship Dodgeball, Mc-Teacher's Night, Grandparents' Day, and Lutheran Hour Miniseries virtual trip to Australia activities.

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On Friday, March 1, we celebrated Grandparents' Day at the Readlyn and Klinger campuses. Students led a welcome program and then spent time doing activities with their grandparents. The love of family is a blessing from God.



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# News from Community Lutheran School



Thank you, Thank you! Wow!!!! What a fantastic night of fellowship, fundraising, family, food, and fun at our McTeacher's Night at the Waverly McDonald's on February 28! We raised \$1,135.47! Thank you to all who supported us through ordering through the drive through, dined in, bought coupon sheets, gave cash donations, helped spread the word, and/or helped solicit sales outside and inside the restaurant! Thank you to Sofier Family McDonald's for Education for your generosity! We are Connected to Christ!




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Central Rivers AEA recently hosted an engineering challenge to middle schoolers. A team of three students from CLS, Sadie Hogan, Daisy Jelsma, and Amy Schutte had one hour to design and build a paper table. The only materials allowed in the construction of the table were newspapers and masking tape. Since this was a remote challenge, the tables were sent in, and the judges tested for two areas. To test the strength, an empty container was placed on the table, and at various intervals, pitchers of sand were poured into the container. The efficiency was determined by dividing the weight of the sand held by the weight of the table. The CLS team won first place in both challenge areas! Their table held 14.55 kilograms and had an efficiency rating of 32.33. We are proud of their hard work and accomplishment.

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**The Community** Lutheran School 7th and 8th graders attended the Education Celebration at the Iowa State Capitol on March 6. While there, they participated in the School Choice Rally in the Rotunda. Representative John Wills and Senator Amy Sinclair spoke briefly on the importance of school choice and parents' rights in their children's education. Afterwards, the students and chaperones went on a tour of the building and met with State Representative Charley Thomson from District 58. All in all, it was a wonderful and informative day for the students and chaperones alike. God is good!



## Spring Event will feature butterflies

The Dunkerton Methodist Church's Spring Event will be held April 6, 2024 starting at 2:00 p.m. This year's speaker will be Deborah Hackman who will be telling us about raising Monarch butterflies. After Deborah speaks, there will be time for questions and answers, and

anyone else is welcome to share personal stories. Snacks will be provided after the event. We will be collecting a free-will offering to go toward helping with the upkeep of the City of Dunkerton's Butterfly Gardens. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you!



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# School Board Meeting February 19, 2024

Wapsie Valley CSD  
Exempt Session, Public Hearing, & Regular Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, & Wolfe. Sauerbrei (excused) Declare a quorum. Supt. Hoover, & Sec. Arndt

2. President Wolfe called the Exempt Session of the Board to order at 6:00 PM Roll call- Auel, Aiello,

Kaufman, Wolfe-All Ayes Motion carried 4-0 Negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitrators shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 21.

21.9 Employment conditions discussed. A meeting of a governmental body to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under chapter 20 is exempt from this chapter. For the purpose of this section, "employment conditions" mean areas included in the scope of negotiations listed in section 20.9.

3. Adjourned the exempt session at 6:59 PM Roll call- Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, & Wolfe-All Ayes Motion carried 4-0

1. President Wolfe called the Public Hearing on the JH/HS Gym HVAC Project to order at 6:59 PM. Roll call- Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, and Wolfe-All Ayes Motion carried 4-0

A. Directors: Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, & Wolfe. Sauerbrei (excused)

B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt & Principals Forsyth, Murphy, & Myers

C. Brian Stark, Josh Johnson, & Vaughn Gross

2. Brian Stark presented the bids for the JH/HS Gym HVAC Project-Matt Construction (low bid of \$457,000)

3. No public comment on the JH/HS Gym HVAC Project

4. Closed the Public Hearing and adjourned at 7:01 PM Roll call- Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, & Wolfe-All Ayes Motion carried 4-0

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:03 PM.

A. Directors: Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, & Wolfe. Sauerbrei (excused) Declare a quorum.

B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt & Principals Forsyth, Murphy, & Myers

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2. No changes to the agenda

3. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0

4. Public comment: Vaughn Gross-This is CTE month. FCCLA had a lock in for students. It was a successful event for the students. It is FFA week. Robotics just missed going to state.

5. Spotlight on Education: Josh Johnson from Central Rivers AEA presented information on bills in the House and Senate regarding the impact of AEA services for Wapsie Valley.

6. Consent Items: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the financials & bills that were reviewed by Steve Aiello as presented. Motion carried 4-0 Open enrollment: Tessa Bartels request her Kindergarten son attends WV the 24-25 school year.

7. Communication & Reports: Board: Auel asked if WV cut back on credits offered for concurrent enrollment classes. Murphy explained narrowing course offerings but if a student needs a specific college level class they should ask Kate Nitz or himself.

Superintendent: Report includes virtual learning & expectations, makeup snow days, school closures & communications, high quality curriculum, facilities, safety grant, & AEA bill.

District- Report included professional development updates, & virtual snow days.

PK-12 Principals: 100th day of school, Valentine's parties, Gallagher Bluedorn performances, mood meter, counseling, ESSA, & activity updates.

8. Personnel-Resignation: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the resignations of Jennifer Harter-Varsity Girl's Assistant Track Coach for the 2023-2024 school year, Jess Lampe-Para-Professional/Driver effective 7-31-2024, & Elizabeth Kempf-Para-Professional/Driver effective end of school year and thank them for their service to the students and staff of WV as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Contracts: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve contracts for Destiny Quario-Cook \$11.90 P/H Tracy Gruetzmacher-Sub Driver-\$26.10 per Reg & Special Ed Route, \$15.35/shuttle, \$15.54/Activity Route Brett Bergman-Asst. HS Track-\$2,190-Base 2/Year 9, Cain Cushion- JH Boys Track-\$2,095-Base 3/Year 10, Justin Davie-Head Boys Track-\$3,588-Base 5/Year 20, Duane Foster-Head Girls Track-\$3,298-Base 3/Year 11, Austin Jeanes-JH Girls Track-\$1,950-Base 2/Year 5, Ethan Kleitsch-Asst Boys Track-\$2,190-Base 2/Year 6, Brenda Roberts-Co-Girls Head Golf-\$3,588-Base 5/Year 23, & Zane Sittig-Asst Girls Track-\$2,045-Base 1/Year 0 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

9. New Business: Moved by Auel, Seconded

by Kaufman to approve the bid from Matt Construction (\$457,000) for the JH/HS Gym HVAC Project as presented. Motion Carried 4-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to keep the Preschool Tuition at \$375 per month effective the 24-25 school year as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the 77 Passenger 2025 Bluebird Bus lease with Farmers State Bank with three yearly payments of \$29,361.75 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve extending the deadline date of March 1, 2024 for both the 23-24 classified and certified staff early retirement packages as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Discussed new requirements regarding the property tax statement for budget purposes. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve setting the public hearing date on the Proposed Property Tax Statement of April 3, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Discussed the 24-25 School Calendar. Moved by Kaufman, seconded by Aiello to set the public hearing date on the 24-25 School Calendar of March 18, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the Cooperative Sharing Agreement with Denver for soccer for the 23-24 school year.

10. Board Talking Points-Kaufman questioned college credits and competing in athletic events. Murphy-since these classes earn college credit as well as high school credit, the student must follow the no pass no play rule.

11. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Motion carried 4-0




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become active in something they are interested in at WV.

**Virtual Learning** — With the increase in active weather patterns, we are now ready to utilize virtual learning snow days. Virtual snow days will allow us to minimize the disruption that missed days cause to student learning and achievement. State law allows school districts to use up to 5 days of virtual learning for the entire school year. Therefore, if we cancel school any day, until the end of the

school year, because of the weather, we will be having a virtual learning day. We will be asking students to take home their devices if we have an impending weather event.

**Elementary Materials** — In preparation for a school closure, materials will be sent home ahead of time. These materials will be paper copies of work that would need to be completed on a virtual snow day and there will also be virtual aspects through apps and videos on their devices. The paper materials will be labeled Snow Day #1, Snow Day #2, Snow Day #3, etc. Please keep the materials in a safe location until needed. The teachers will also be providing directions through seesaw, Google classroom, and/or email.

**Devices** — If inclement weather is predicted, your child(ren)'s device will be provided by the school district to participate in the learning opportunities for that day. PK will not be sending devices home and instead will be utilizing learning packets. Kindergarten and 1st grade utilize iPads and 2nd-6th grade utilize Chromebooks. Please look for the device in their backpack. Sometimes weather can come up unexpectedly. If this occurs, devices may not be able to be sent home and, in this case, students will only be required to complete the paper copies of work that was sent home.

**Communication** — When it has been determined that school will be closed due to inclement weather, you will receive an email from the district announcing the virtual snow day. Students should complete their snow day assignments throughout the day. In the event that this does not work for your family, students will have up to 7 days to turn work in to their teacher. If your

child receives special education services, their Instructional Strategist will be reaching out to develop a plan for services on a virtual snow day.

**Secondary Information** — As a part of the student handbook, secondary students are expected to take their devices home and charge them every night. In the event of a snow day, your student(s) should have his/her/their device at home to work on class work during their virtual learning day.

Staff will provide the following for students on the virtual learning day:

- Staff will share a Google Meet link in Google Classroom or by email by 9:00 am

- Staff will post the virtual learning lesson to Google Classroom by 9:00 am

- Staff will be available for students through email all day

- Staff will have office hours from 11:00 - 12:00 on Google Meet for students who need to check in or have questions

Students are expected to do the following on a virtual learning day.

- Students will log into Google Classroom to begin work on their virtual learning lessons.

- Students will utilize email to communicate to staff throughout the day.

- Students will utilize office hours from 11:00 - 12:00 with staff if they need to check in or have questions on the virtual learning lesson.

- Students will complete their assignments in the following timeline to be counted present for the virtual learning day.

- Snow day, plus following day to complete work; due before class the next day (ex: snow day Wed., work due

Friday before class).

On the virtual learning day, staff will post directions on Google Classroom or send an email to their class rosters before 9:00 am that morning. Students will receive the appropriate attendance based on their work completion. If students do not complete school work prior to the start of school the second day after the snow day, they will be marked absent for that period of their virtual learning day. If students need to reach staff members for questions, they can reach out by email or set up a Google Meet. Students can also attend the staff member's office hours from 11:00-12:00 via the Google Meet link provided in each student's Google Classroom.

Our goal is for virtual learning to allow flexibility for student learning and continue to keep the academic day a high priority. Staff will be available through email or Zoom for students or parents to contact just like a regularly scheduled school day. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to make our virtual learning snow days a success.

**Makeup Snow Days** — With the snow days that we have currently missed here are the makeup days: February 19, April 15, May 24. We will be using some of our extra hours within our calendar to forgive 1 student day that we missed. Again, we WILL have school on February 19, April 15, and May 24.

With all of this warm weather, we hope that we will not have to utilize any virtual learning days, but you never know here in Iowa! Take care and please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Chris Hoover, Superintendent

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