

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Billboard added to Freedom Rock

In May, an attractive billboard, which involved a three-step process, was installed beside the Freedom Rock:

1) Stokes Welding in Janesville built the billboard.

2) As seen in the photos (right and below left), many strong Readlyn volunteers unloaded and anchored this massive sign.

3) Stokes Welding employee Nick West from Readlyn helped weld and complete the installation of this sturdy billboard.

The billboard contains the background information of the three veterans illustrated on the rock as well as a notebook for visitors to sign.

Visitors have come from as far as Italy, California, Texas, and almost every other state to visit the rock. This validates that the Freedom Rock is a great addition to our town and a real tribute to our Bremer County Veterans.

A formal dedication is set for June of next year. Please watch for the announcement and try to attend.



Readlyn Grump Roland Schmidt explains some of the Freedom Rock's history to Esther Wittenburg.



Esther Wittenburg and her daughter, Marlee Ryan, enjoyed a golf cart ride on Esther's 111th birthday!



Esther Wittenburg receiving birthday greetings after fellow golf cart riders sang "Happy Birthday."

Esther Wittenburg celebrates her 111th birthday in style

Readlyn Gardeners' "Hometown Hero," 111-year-old Esther Wittenburg, does not disappoint.

After the Annual Golf Cart Ride on the Bike Trail was delayed one day due to the inclement weather, the weather continued to be quite questionable the following day, Sept. 22. Since the tradition commenced six years ago to celebrate Esther's birthday, planners called the Wittenburgs

to see what they thought about the weather. Esther bravely announced, "I'm ready to go." That put the wheels in motion, and the golf cart riders forged forward.

Only riders on six other golf carts shared Esther's optimism. Her enthusiasm was rewarded as the sun broke through after the ride began.

Riders were rewarded with an amazing monarch butterfly display throughout the

trail. Many colorful flowers added to the scenery.

Lead golf cart with driver Grump Roland Schmidt, Esther, her daughter Marlee Ryan, and Kathy Sundstedt, even spotted some deer.

At the turn-around, Esther was serenaded with "Happy Birthday" as she was presented a birthday card signed by fellow golf cart riders. The ever humble

Esther graciously thanked everyone for their kindness. (She clutched her birthday card the whole way home.)

A side trip concluded the ride with the viewing of the Freedom Rock.

Anyone who knows Esther feels truly blessed. She is a Readlyn legend and a role model for all.

Happy Birthday!

Mayor's Desk

By Dan Wedemeier



Hi, Everyone!

It seems we went from nice mild summer to a cold, wet, windy fall. The harvest looks slow going for the farmers. We're hoping for better weather ahead. Maybe an Indian summer, for like 2 months.

The leaves have started to fall, and, remember, you can burn them in your own yard, but please be respectful of your neighbors. You can also always haul them to the compost pile at the sewer plant. This reminds me of several yards that I have noticed in town that have tree branches piled up on them. The City does have a place for that, also at the sewer plant location.

The Malone Street Project is moving along - even though the weather has not been the best conditions. The drainage line is installed and the concrete work has been done. I have had some good feedback from the drain on that 8th Street stub. We have also fixed a couple water service shut offs. Denver Underground has been back to do a few sump pump hookups and will continue as long as the weather permits.

While I'm talking about sump pumps, I still see several discharge hoses into the street. The ordinance states that the lines should not be within ten feet of the curb or property lines. If you have questions, please call City Hall. Thank you!

The City has done some winterizing of City property, but at this time we still have the restrooms open in the City Park and the Ball Diamond Park. As temperatures drop, they will eventually be winterized and unavailable to use during the cold weather months.

The Community Club is planning on Christmas on Main for December 13, from 5 to 8:30 PM. They are planning on a bunch of businesses on Main Street having open houses, a lighted parade and a Christmas tree lighting. Lot of work goes into the event, so please plan on coming out to enjoy the fun!!!!!!

Remember to get out and exercise your right to vote on November 5. Thanks!

Happy Halloween and be safe out there.
Dan Wedemeier, Mayor



St. Matthew's Church Dinner, Quilt Raffle

Plan on attending the Fall Dinner in Readlyn, on Sunday, November 3 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 2649 230th St. Readlyn, IA

The menu is turkey and roast beef, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, fresh corn, salads, rolls and homemade pies. Carry-outs are available and the cost is \$10 for adults, ten and under are \$5 and under 5 eat free.

The beautiful quilt pictured above can be yours also. Raffle tickets are available from any of the Martha Circle members and will be sold at the door during the dinner. Winner will be announced that evening.



Readlyn Gardeners Ruth Wittenburg, Bonnie Erickson, Gene Thurm, Roger and Marlys Detterding, Betty Matthias, and Pat Wehr spent the last gardening day removing summer annuals and planting 200 spring bulbs.



Undeterred by the chilly, drizzly weather, the annual Readlyn golf cart ride took place Sept. 22.

Miss Readlyn Comments

By Anna Richards



I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall and I hope to see you all at Grumtoberfest. I am very excited to talk to many members of the community as well as get to help judge the costume contest. Grumtoberfest is one of my favorite activities that the town of Readlyn puts on, it is a great way for everyone to get together and have a great time. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Senior year is flying by, the first quarter is almost over and I feel like it just started. I have been busy lately applying for colleges and scholarships. I am very excited that I have decided that I for sure want to go to school for Ag Business at a community college then transfer to a university to get my bachelor's degree in Ag Business so that I can become an Ag Loan Officer. I have toured several colleges and am starting to narrow down my options.

This next week I will be heading to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis with our FFA chapter. I am very excited to listen to guest speakers and go through the convention and learn more about the FFA program. We also will be attending the Brett Young concert, touring Purdue college, and touring Fair Oaks dairy farm. I went to National Convention last year and it was a wonderful experience, I am very excited to attend again. I encourage anyone in FFA to go to National Convention sometime in their four years.

Volleyball, football, and cross country are starting to finish up their seasons and all competitors have done amazing all year. They put in tons of hard work every day which is very commendable. Best of luck to the volleyball team in their game on Tuesday and cross country at their district meet. At the beginning of November, basketball will be starting and I cannot wait. Basketball is my favorite sport and I am ready to begin my senior season.

Have an amazing rest of your fall!

Community Calendar

Mondays - Novel Knitters 6 pm at the library
Saturday, November 2 - Pepper Tournament at the Watering Hole, 2 pm

Sunday, November 3 - Fall Dinner at St. Matthew's, 3-6 pm

Tuesday, November 5 - VFW 7:30 pm Post #5661 7:30 pm Readlyn Telephone Co.

Thursday, November 7 - Readlyn Reads Book Discussion, *This Blessed Earth* by Ted Genoways 7 pm at library

Tuesday, November 12 - VFW 7:30 pm at the library; Coloring at the library 1-3 pm - children after school - 5 pm

Thursday, November 14 - Deadline for articles for the Nov. 27 *Chronicle* 5 pm

Saturday, November 16 - 9 am, Historical Society, RCC Main Street decorating. If bad weather, the same plan, but Saturday, Nov. 23.

Wednesday, November 20 - Senior Citizens lunch and cards 11:30 am at Inspired

Wednesday, November 27 - Merry Elders 11:30 am at Inspired

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 16-18 - Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Wapsie Valley High School, 7 pm Sat. & Mon., 3 pm Sun.

Thursday, December 5 - Readlyn Community Club meeting, 7 pm, at Inspired

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Auxiliary meets October 8

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met October 8, 2019 at the home of Ellen Thies with six members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. General orders and chairman reports were read by all. Volunteer hours were turned in.

Burton and Ellen Thies, Charlie and Wilda Albrecht, Verdeen Pavelec and Luann Happel attended a welcome at Waverly V.F.W. for national president for V.F.W. Auxiliary Peggy Haakes of Hawaii. A presentation of Retrieving Freedom dogs was given followed by a meal.

A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to have a

poppyless poppy drive. Carried. November 1, the Auxiliary will fill the display case in the Readlyn Community Library.

Verdeen Pavelec visited Jean Wells in Sumner Nursing Home and Arlyce Heide-man in Terrace Hill Assisted Living.

Ellen Thies, along with other Auxiliary officers and National Auxiliary President, went to Camp Courageous Oct. 4 and toured the facilities. Christmas on Main will be December 13 and 14.

Fourteen legislative letters on veterans' bills were handed out to mail to our congressman. Canceled stamps were turned in. A motion was made by Marjorie Macken and seconded by Ellen Thies to adjourn. Carried. The meeting closed with prayer. Hostess was Ellen Thies.

Scouts collecting to help animals at Cedar Bend

Readlyn Girl Scout Troop 2616 is currently collecting items for the Cedar Bend Humane Society.

Cedar Bend Humane Society is in need of several items; they not only need pet supplies, but also laundry and office supplies.

To see their full wish list, visit <https://www.cedarbendhumane.org/donate/wish-lists>.

If you are interested in donating, we have a collection box at the Readlyn Library or contact Aubrey Johnston at 319-404-8896 or aubreyjames8@hotmail.com.

The troop will visit the Humane Society in early November to drop off donations, so the deadline to donate will be Nov. 1. We appreciate your support! Thank you!

Pepper Tourney

The first pepper tournament of the 2019-2020 season was held at Inspired on Saturday, October 5 with 12 players participating. The winners and their scores were:

1st Place: Lois Ganske and Grace Kuethe - 190

2nd Place: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 185

3rd Place: Suzy Heineman and Judy Henn - 167

4th Place: Joan Matthias and Matt Brunscheon - 165

The next tournament will be on Saturday, November 2 at the Watering Hole at 2:00 p.m. Bring a partner and join in the fun!



Delbert Oltrogge

Oltrogge/80th birthday

Delbert Oltrogge will celebrate his 80th birthday on November 3 with a card show-er. A family dinner will be held at a later date.

He was born in rural Readlyn, Iowa to Edward and Helen (Wehling) Oltrogge on November 3, 1939. He married Lavonne Kueker on June 30, 1963. He is actively engaged in farming and the owner/operator of Oltrogge Trucking.

His family includes his wife and their children, Lori (Nick) Wiley of Denver, Janette (Derek) Young of Wallingford and Brian (Erin) Oltrogge of Readlyn. There are six grandchildren, Kayla Wiley, Jennifer Wiley, Dylan Young, Dalton Young, Donovan Young and Brenden Oltrogge.

Cards may be sent to PO Box 164, Readlyn, IA 50668.



Readlyn's Auxiliary Post 5661 members met with the national VFW Auxiliary President (center).

Ruth Steinbronn
wants to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, food and blessings on her 90th birthday. It meant so much to hear from so many people!
Thanks again.
Love,
Ruth

Thank You
I would like to thank everyone that has taken the time to visit, send cards, make phone calls or done anything else to help us out since my van accident. My back injuries are going to be slow to mend, but I appreciate the great town I live in and all the prayers and concerns that have been expressed toward Janet and me.
Larry Ladage

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital and nursing home. A special thank you to Pastor Rabary for the prayers and visits while in hospital, nursing home and now at Cobblestone since being home.
Lou Fortsch

Thank You
Gary and I want to thank each and every one of you who have supported, prayed for, and shown concern for Gary's health. His cancer is not curable, but it is treatable, and as long as he is able to take treatment and feel well, we consider that to be a blessing. Living in a community of loving and caring people is miraculous. We thank God for his blessings and all of you for your thoughts and prayers.
Gary and Barb Buhr

CHURCH IS NOW HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Welcome One and All to
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Readlyn, IA

FALL DINNER

November 3, 2019
3:00-6:00 PM

~MENU~
Turkey & Roast Beef
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Connie and Roger Buhr

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Readlyn Community Library



Toy Story 4
Spider Man: Far From Home
X-Men: Dark Phoenix
Aladdin



Color Us Creative
JOIN US
Tuesday, November 12th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Baby's First Book

We strive to promote a lifetime of reading. If you know anyone in the Readlyn area that is expecting, stop by the library and register them to receive a free book. Help us welcome Readlyn's newest residents to the world and to the world of reading!



Every Thursday at 9:00 am.

Idea for an event? Let us know!

Hours:

Monday	10:00 - 7:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	10:00 - 7:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00

STEM Activities



The Readlyn and Waverly library are spearheading the development of a Bremer County Library Association series of technology classes for children. Classes will focus on a variety of STEM themes including computer programming, electronics, and robotics. Incorporating both hardware and software. Children will be able to learn and explore with both guided classes in a structured setting as well as individual free range experimentation where their imaginations can run wild with knowledge they have gained. All activities will be free and should begin in early 2020, though no date has been set. Stop the library for a preview and more information!



October's title: This Blessed Earth
by Ted Genoways

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on
Thursday November 7th at 7:00 pm
(Postponed a week due to Halloween)

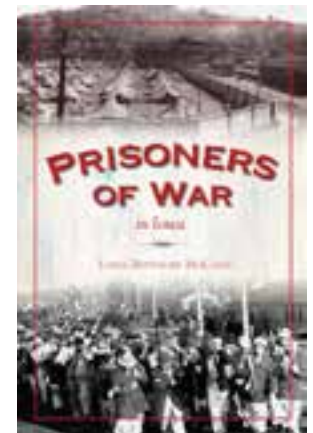


November/December's title: What Alice Forgot
by Liane Moriarty

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on
To Be Determined
(Book talk's December dinner has yet to be scheduled. We will return to our normal meeting time on the last Thursday of the month in January)



Alice Love is twenty-nine, crazy about her husband, and pregnant with her first child. So imagine Alice's surprise when she comes to on the floor of a gym (a gym! She HATES the gym) and is whisked off to the hospital where she discovers the honeymoon is truly over—she's getting divorced, she has three kids, and she's actually 39 years old. Alice must reconstruct the events of a lost decade, and find out whether it's possible to reconstruct her life at the same time. She has to figure out why her sister hardly talks to her, and how is it that she's become one of those super skinny moms with really expensive clothes. Ultimately, Alice must discover whether forgetting is a blessing or a curse, and whether it's possible to start over...



Don't Miss!

Author Visit:
(Iowan) Linda McCann

Discussing the 25,000 German, Italian, and Japanese prisoners of war in the state of Iowa from 1943-1946. Please attend this rare and special appearance by one of Iowa's own.

November 26 at 6:00 PM



A Wonderful Send Off

The Readlyn Library would like to thank everyone that was able to stop in and say good bye and good luck to Barb Sowers on her final shift on October 7th. Nearly 200 people showed up, a truly impressive number for a town of our size. With refreshments, friends, and good conversation Barb's final day was a reminder of what makes this community so special. Thank you all.

More Than Books

Books are the foundation of any library, however, in the age of the internet libraries have become more than warehouses for novels. Libraries are hubs of knowledge, they represent individual growth, learning, and the exchange of ideas. All of which are as important now as they have ever been.

Libraries also provide services and resources to the community that would otherwise be out of reach. Computers, faxing, test proctoring, video games, meeting room, photocopies, picture taking, photo editing, laminating, technology classes, puzzles, movies, and a host of other personal touches are all available just down the street.

Libraries are more than books, they are people and community.....but we do also have books!!





Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn Telephone Company 1907-1987

From a book by Dale L. Cummings, Manager, Readlyn Telephone Company

In 1906, Carl Bruns organized the Maxfield Telephone Company. He was also Vice President of the Readlyn Savings Bank. On April 29, 1907 the Maxfield Telephone Company was reorganized and renamed the Readlyn Telephone Company.

An application for telephone service shows a \$25 investment. This represents the approximate price of an acre of land



The residential office of the Readlyn Telephone Company was located at 121 Main Street until it was moved to Nieman's Lime Quarry at Fairbank in 1970. Photo courtesy of Esther Johnson.

in 1907. Today, in 1987, eighty years later, this company still collects \$25 from each customer for one share. The cost of extending a pole line would require an additional \$40.

William Sanwise was the first President of the company. Carl Bruns, the founder of the company, was the only director with a Readlyn town address.

The first rural line was from Readlyn to Klinger. Each succeeding year about a dozen to twenty shares were sold to applicants requesting rural service. In a few years, lines were extended in all directions and progressively more distant from town. One such line, north of Knittle, was shared with 24 families.

Interference and line noises were common, resulting in an occasional shouting match to be heard. Some of the first lines were isolated country lines. They were connected to a few neighbors, but not to the exchange. Later, they joined the system to access the network. An emergency call to the doctor could require a horse-back ride to the nearest telephone. The doctor would respond with a visit by horse and buggy.

The telephone was a new experience. Without radios, they became a vital link to the outside. By picking up the neighbor's ring, the most interesting news could be

heard. Sharing a party line took discipline and patience.

On the evening of September 9, 1912 a fire swept through a portion of Readlyn's Main Street. The Readlyn Telephone Exchange was located on the second floor of the drugstore. It is believed that service was lost several weeks until a new switchboard was installed on the second floor of Klemp's Barber Shop. Mrs. William Klemp was the company's first operator and continued from 1906 to at least 1914.

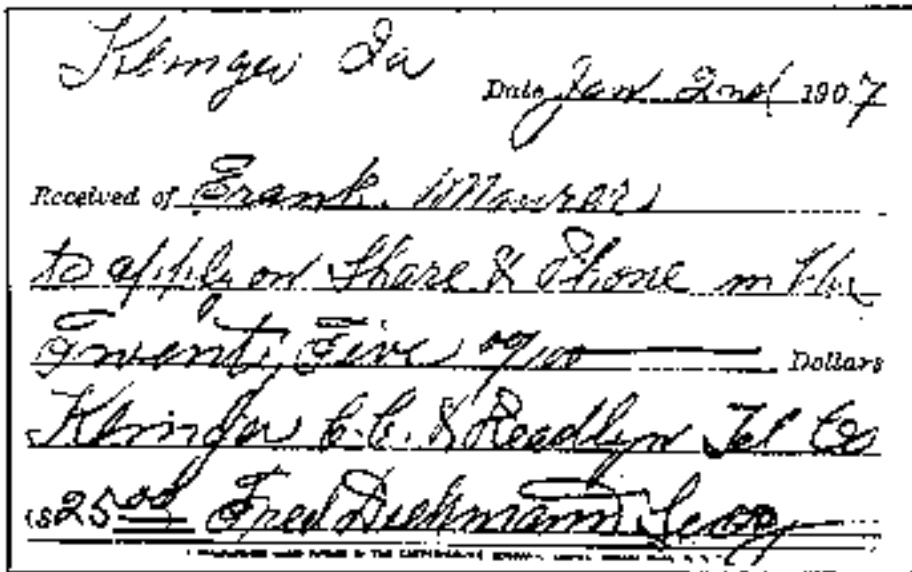
H. William Meyerhoff served as the first secretary-treasurer for eight years. By 1914, the company served 190 rural

subscribers and 31 residents, totaling 221. Operators that I remember were Henry and Annie Schumacher and Arnold and Gertrude Pook. December 1963 ended 57 years of tradition with the installation of an automatic dial system. The new dial system cost \$43,000 and an additional \$15,000 for 550 new dial phones.

Editor's Note: Those listed by Cummings who worked on the lines were Ed Zars, Edgar Albrecht, Jack Matthias, Arnold Pook and Larry Ganske. He also credits Burton Thies for his many years of contributing to the success of The Readlyn Telephone Company.



This photo, taken around the switchboard, dates around 1945 and they are [left to right] standing: Ann Perry, Clarence and Luceal Schumacher. Seated, [l to r] Agnes Strampeland, Esther Johnson. Photo courtesy of Esther Johnson.



This receipt acknowledged the \$25.00 investment for a share of stock and telephone service in 1907 for Frank Maurer. It was signed by Fred Diekmann, who was the first secretary-treasurer of the company while he operated the Klinger Store. Diekmann later built a new store in Readlyn where he made his new home. Courtesy of Wm. Maurer.

My Most Embarrassing Experience

By Bob Thran

It was Good Friday, 1955. I was recently married, working for Philip Morris with my territory Northeast Iowa. I worked in Dubuque Monday through Thursday and got home late Thursday night. Good Friday, I decided my lawn needed more tending than my soul. I raked the lawn at our home at 109 Briggs Street, then took what I had raked across the road onto railroad property. The Readlyn Telephone Company used this area for storage.

I started a fire. The wind came up. The fire got away from me and started the pile of old telephone poles they had collected on fire. I tried to put out the fire with pails of water. That did not work!

I called the Readlyn Fire Department.

Church was in session. The fire whistle blew! Firemen dashed out of church and arrived wearing their Sunday suits. They quickly put out the fire.

I can vividly remember hearing Jim Klodt saying to me in his usual gruff voice, "Aren't you supposed to be in church?"

I was told, when the fire whistle blew, not only the fireman left church, most of the congregation must have thought their houses were on fire and they left, too. Monday morning, Eddie Albrecht and his assistant were cleaning up the Readlyn Telephone storage area along the tracks.

Having to call the fire department when I should have been in church was really an embarrassing experience.

Immanuel Lutheran (Klinger)

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Reunion held September 22

Judisch-Tietje reunion was held September 22 at the Readlyn Event Center.

71 people attended this reunion and 90th birthday celebration for Ruth Judisch-Peters Steinbronn.

At 11 AM, attendees socialized after they arrived and David Judisch led the German table prayer and a toast to the past, present and future Judisch-Tietje family members. We then followed by the English version of "Come Lord Jesus." We all enjoyed the meal at 1 PM that was made by Tami Pries at the Event Center. After the lunch, the attendees enjoyed a program as Bob Westendorf, Keith Westendorf and Kevin Westendorf led the singing of some favorite German songs. These talented singers are sons of Miriam Judisch-Westendorf-Walker. Aaron Judisch from Germany attended and sang "Edelweiss." We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Ruth Judisch-Peters Steinbronn.

The oldest person attending the reunion was Geneva Buhr who is 93, and the youngest attending was Jacob Peters, age

3. Jacob is the grandson of Gene Peters. Traveling the longest distance was Aaron Judisch, son of David and Gail Judisch, as he lives in Germany. The attendee with the best-looking legs award was given to Wayne McKinney, the husband of Kelly Gloede whose mother was the late Dorothy Judisch-Gloede. The attendee with the youngest/best looking legs award was given to Arianna Korantemaa Sarpong Judisch, granddaughter of David and Gail Judisch.

David Judisch made up a 69-page booklet of the genealogy of the Judisch-Tietje families and presented a booklet to each family that attended.

The guests came from Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, Waverly, Waterloo, Madison WI, Denver, Decorah, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Germany, New Hartford, Cedar Falls, Arizona and Milwaukee, WI.

Lois and Rick Thacher, Rick and Kathy Gloede and David and Gail Judisch hosted the reunion. We are all ready for next year's reunion in September!

Senior Citizens meet

On September 18, 2019, 14 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at Inspired for the Senior Citizens. Charlie Albrecht led everyone in prayer before the meal.

Charlie Albrecht called the meeting to order as President Ron Leistikow was not in attendance. The meeting:

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$180.00.

The secretary's minutes from the August 2, 2019 meeting were read.

Motion was made by Sonja Bast and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to approve the treasurer's report and secretary's minutes. Motion carried.

One birthday for the month of September was Larry Ladage. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Larry. Another birthday this month was Ruth Steinbronn and we all signed a card to have sent to her to wish her happy birthday.

The anniversaries for September were Ron and Judy Leistikow and GaryLee and Bonnie Thurm. They were not in attendance. Congratulations to these two couples.

Old Business:

Charlie Albrecht stated that on September 15 the Poor Farm had a pie day. This was from 2 until 6 PM with Blue Grass music from 5 to 6 PM. Tours were taken that day by all who attended the open house. Whole pies and pieces of a pie were sold to raise money for the Foundation to maintain the Poor Farm.

New Business:

Verdeen Pavalec stated that September is Suicide Awareness Month for the Military through the VFW Auxiliary. If you see people wearing a teardrop sticker that is the reason they are wearing them.

Marlys and Roger Deterding reported that the town decorating for fall would be September 28 starting at 9 AM. They always need more help.

The Grumtoberfest will be October 24 at the Readlyn Event Center sponsored by the Readlyn Savings Bank. A meal is provided and costume contest for all ages.

Received letters from Brandi Marticoff, who is a sophomore majoring in biology, and Alec Marticoff, who is a human physiology major with a minor in psychology, and both are pre-med and very passionate about this cause of the Dance Marathon. This is a student-run organization that works year-round to provide emotional and financial support to families affected by pediatric cancer at the University of Iowa's Stead Family Children's Hospital. This organization has donated over \$32.4 million to the 11th floor. Dance Marathon has shown how incredible these kids are and how much fight these families truly have. Alec and Brandi have spoken with families who have lost a child, they have seen children hooked up to a hundred tubes and wires in a hospital bed and they have also heard the amazing stories of survivors and families who have fought through it all and overcome cancer. Brandi and Alec are required to raise \$900.00 each in order to participate in the Chicago Marathon which will be the first weekend in October. They both thanked the Senior Citizens group for the previous \$50.00 donation last year to this great cause. Brandi and Alec are both grandchildren of Ron and Judy Leistikow. Sonya Bast made a motion to have the Senior Citizens donate \$50.00 to this Dance Marathon. Marlys Deterding seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting was October 16 at 11:30 AM at Inspired.

Motion was made by Don Billhorn and seconded by Roland Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was followed by card playing and fellowship.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

Obituary

John R. Bast

John R. Bast, 82, of Mason City, formerly from Readlyn, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019 at Mercy Medical North Iowa following heart surgery.



He was the son of Richard and Margaret Bast. John graduated from Readlyn High School in 1955. He married Judy Roberts in

1971. They later divorced and he married Dixie Peterson in 1982. She died in 2014. He remarried Judy in 2015. He was employed at a variety of places including, his dad's blacksmith shop in Readlyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Wayne, and sister-in-law, LaVonne Bast. He is survived by his wife, nieces and nephews, as well as many cousins. His body has been cremated. Services were held Saturday, Oct. 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City.



Barb Sowers was surprised by friends with a cake acknowledging her retirement from the Readlyn Library.

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Annual WVEF dinner, auction is Friday, November 15

We Put the \$\$\$ into Learning... Wapsie Valley Education Foundation's 16th annual dinner and auction is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15 at the Readlyn Event Center. A listing of all the enrichment grants that were awarded following last year's auction illustrate how all of the grade levels benefited from the enrichment grants. Check out the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation's Facebook page for stories and photos illustrating some of the applications of the enrichment grants.

The list of auction items is a result of the generosity of the many businesses and families and for that we thank you.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute towards the foundation, please contact one of the board members.

Please save the date to attend this year's dinner and auction.

Thank you from the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Board of Directors: Chad VanDaele, Joey Rigdon, Kristi Marticoff, Marilyn Steggall, Sylvia Casterton, Tom Risse, Jill Krall, Kim Brown, Tina Kaufman, Mischa Matthias, Doug Sheppard

Following is a brief summary describing the enrichment grants approved following last year's dinner/auction and a listing of auction items to date:

Readlyn and Fairbank Elementary

Writing Curriculum	6th Grade	\$2,000.00
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News from Community Lutheran School



Celebrating September birthdays with Pastor Phil at lunch time!



The third through sixth grade students learned focus, their archery unit taught by Jess Lampe, Kaliya Lampe and Mady Richards. The National Archery in the Schools Program helps to develop micro and macro motor skills, listening and observation skills through the sport. Target shooting promotes character and self-reliance development. CLS is very appreciative to Jess Lampe, Kaliya Lampe, and Mady Richards for giving of their time and talents to our students!

The first and second grade CLS students enjoyed their field trip to the Cattle Congress on September 13 (below). They found Miss Kiefer and her cow.



All of the CLS students and teachers wish to congratulate Barb Sowers on her recent retirement from the Readlyn Library! You have shared your kindness, and love of reading and story telling with hundreds of our students throughout the years! God bless you!



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On October 7, the CLS third through sixth grade students, teachers, and parent chaperones combined efforts with St. Athanasius from Jesup to package 69 boxes of food in two hours. These 69 boxes will provide 14,904 meals that will be distributed in schools, orphanages, clinics, and feeding programs around the world. A total of 720 boxes were packaged by 1,067 volunteers between October 7-9 at the Westminster Presbyterian in Waterloo! That equates to 155,520 meals and 426 kids being fed for a year! Community Lutheran School is proud to partner each year with Feed My Starving Children!



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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Readlyn Elementary students wrapped up a great Fire Prevention Week with a visit from the Readlyn Fire Department. Students were able to explore trucks and the Fire Safety Trailer (above and at right). Thank you to the Readlyn Fire Department for visiting the school and for serving our community!



2nd grade students attended the National Cattle Congress and learned about animals (above), one-room school houses (below), and attended a show with a bike enthusiast doing some amazing tricks!



Thank you to Jennifer Gordon (above right) and Duane Wilcox (above) for keeping Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary clean and safe every day!!



Thank you to the Fairbank Fire Department for coming and helping all the classes learn more about fire safety (2 photos above)! Students were able to explore fire trucks, a pumper, a rescue boat, an ambulance, and experience what it would be like to see a fire fighter in the dark. Our 6th grade students even practiced using a fire extinguisher. We appreciate what these volunteers do for our community!!



Congratulations to our September Warrior Way All-Stars (above and below)! Thank you for being a great role model for our students!



We have WV Spirit!! The elementary students and staff love having the football players, cheerleaders, pep band, and the Homecoming King and Queen come and put on pep rallies!



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Readlyn Area Scout Troop 101 toured the Readlyn Historical Museum on Friday, October 11. The Scouts and their leaders included Gabriel Koopman, Tucker Reckhemmer, Zach Boevers, Ryker Oberle, Drake Russell, Scott Koopman, Ray Knight, Liam Reckhemmer, and Hayden Reckhemmer.

Historical Museum News

Judy Henn and Judy Leistikow were tour guides for Readlyn Area Scout Troop 101, informing them about Readlyn history. The town of Readlyn is 115 years old. The museum used to be an old filling station and in 1927 two men came into the filling station and stole money from the cash register that is on display. We talked about cutting ice in the winter from the Wapsie River and how it was covered with saw dust to keep from melting.

The Scouts were very interested in Readlyn history. One question that was asked is whether anyone had found gold in town. We did not know the answer but we told them that in the fall of 1938, the Army Calvary traveled through and camped overnight where Malone Ave. is now. We also have the uniform that one of Readlyn's oldest residents, Wilbert Huebner, wore when he was in service on display.

The first Readlyn School House was built in 1906, The museum has Readlyn High School class photos displayed along with the old score board from the gym. Many old typewriters and adding machines have been donated.

Thank you for coming and come back again as we keep getting more items and have lots of information to share. The parents are also very welcome.

The museum has pictures of all 30 "Grumps" on display for keeping history up-to-date.

Alzheimer's is topic at Willow Winds

Kelly Carman, Alzheimer's Association Community Educator, will be presenting "An Introduction to Alzheimer's and other Dementias" on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 6:30-7:30 PM at Willow Winds Assisted Living in Denver.

Kelly is not only a trained Community Educator, but has experienced the disease first hand, helping in being a caregiver for her father, who suffered from and passed away 2 years ago as a result of Vascular Dementia.

In this session we will cover the following topics:

- Changes associated with normal aging versus potential warning signs of Alzheimer's.
- Common risk factors of the disease
- Difference between Alzheimer's and the term "Dementia"

- The 10 Warning Signs to help you understand the difference between normal aging and common signs of possible dementia.

- Resources that are available to you through the Alzheimer's Association

- How to take action to fight this disease

Did you know that there are 5.8 million American's living with Alzheimer's disease? And more than 16 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias? And between 2000 and 2017 deaths from heart disease have decreased 9% while deaths from Alzheimer's have increased 145%. Alzheimer's and other dementias are having a devastating impact on us.

The public is welcome to attend this free program.

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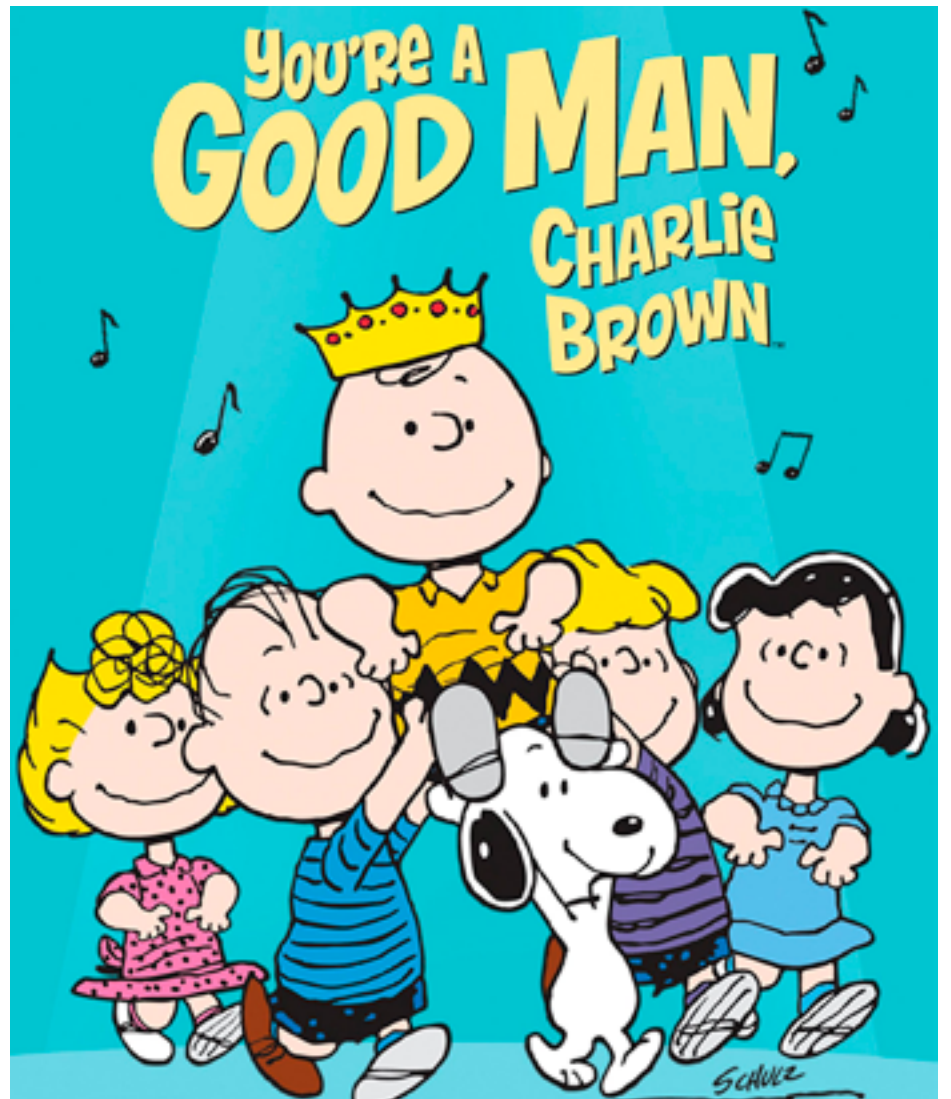
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Musical is Nov. 16-18 at high school

The Wapsie Valley High School music department will present the Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on November 16, 17 and 18. Wapsie Valley's production is directed by Nathan Lange and Amy Nosbisch and includes many talented Wapsie Valley performers. The musical schedule will be a little different this year with the first show beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16; 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17; and Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wapsie Valley High School Auditorium. Advance tickets are available at \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. To purchase your advance tickets, please contact Nicole Barnes at nicole@truserveins.com or at 319-290-0974. Tickets at the door are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.



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By: Eric Johnston

Bassmaster Junior National Championship

To those who have regularly read my article over the past year, you may remember the article from last fall about me being a boat captain and coach for Justin Schmadeke and Hunter Patton from the Independence High School Bass Club at the Iowa Bass National High School State tournament. You may also remember the boys taking home the win and qualifying for the Bassmaster Junior National Championship. This month, I will fill you in on our adventure in early August at that tournament.

A lot of excitement was felt throughout the year as I would speak to Justin or his dad, Paul, about competing in this tournament. Justin and Hunter would often dream of big fish and being on the big stage. The Bassmaster Junior National Championship was to be held in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at nearby Carroll County 1000-Acre Lake. Neither I nor the boys knew anything about this lake, and I would soon find out, through online research, that the lake is relatively new, being built in 2011. A lot of times, I can prepare for a tournament through online research as far as past tournament results, maps, articles, etc. With 1000-Acre Lake being so new, there was not much of anything to be found online. I knew this would be a learn-on-the-fly type tournament for the boys. Without much to research on the fishing, I made hotel reservations and mapped out the area as far as places to eat, gas stations, and all the places I needed to have the boys to for meetings before the tournament. Once that prep was all done in early spring, all that was left to do was wait for the first week of August.

As the first week of August finally rolled around, I made sure my truck and boat were all prepped for a 10 hour trip. I had a full checklist of everything to go over, as you can't be too prepared when pulling a boat that far. We left on Friday morning from Justin's house in Brandon. We loaded all their gear in my truck and boat, said goodbye to their parents and we were on our way to Tennessee! Excitement was very high as we started our 10 hour drive. There was talk between Justin and Hunter of ten pound bass and the thought of winning the tournament and the \$2000 scholarships each. I was surprised to see that excitement fade quickly as we rolled down the highway about an hour into the drive. Both boys were sound asleep and I was suddenly all alone on our drive. As I crossed into Missouri, I made a quick stop for gas and woke the boys up. Soon after we got back on the road, again sound asleep. "Come on boys," I thought as I got towards St. Louis. I finally woke them up as we got into St. Louis as I needed spotters through traffic.

"Hey Justin, am I clear on the right? Justin?" Looking over to a head bobbing, I finally gave up and realized I was on my own. Upon further questioning, I learned they had both stayed up all night in excitement of

the trip. We made a couple more stops and, around 5 PM Friday, we arrived at our hotel. We moved in and the boys and I readied our equipment as I was able to fish with them during practice. The official practice days would be Saturday and Sunday. The lake then went off-limits on Monday and the tournament was held Tuesday and Wednesday.

Saturday morning arrived and we were on our way to 1000-Acre Lake. We quickly launched the boat and started to survey the lake. The lake was very clear and I thought the water temperature gauge was broken on my depth finder. The water temp was 92 degrees at 6 AM, and, as we would soon find out, climbed to 96 degrees each day. The air temp each day neared 100 with heat indices taking it much higher. These type of conditions, especially in a lake with no current, was something I had never really encountered. After a long day of practice, we had found our usual bass fishing techniques were not going to work here. We found out, to catch fish on this lake, we were going to need to fish deep water. As we went into practice Sunday we tried deep diving crankbaits, and dragging big plastic worms across the bottom with Texas and Carolina rigs. About midday, I realized these standard bass deep techniques weren't going to produce much either.

With the very clear water, and the bass feeling sluggish due to the hot conditions, I knew it was going to take finesse tactics to catch these fish. When I say finesse, I'm talking light line, spinning reels, and very small baits. Anyone that knows me will tell you I'm not a strong finesse fisherman. Yet here I was, trying to teach Justin and Hunter how to dropshot and use small ned rigs to get the job done.

Shortly after we picked up the light tackle, we started catching fish. We found the old creek channel down the middle of the lake and quickly realized we could catch fish in 17-20 feet of water everywhere there was a slight hump in the bottom of the lake along the old channel. The boys were quite excited as we left the lake Sunday and happy we had figured something out.

The next day was Monday and this would be a day of meetings. We had official check in at Bethel College at 12 PM and a quick meeting to go over the rules. The boys started to see they were indeed at "The Big Show" as we arrived at the college. Bassmaster laid out the red carpet for these teams. The auditorium was full of sponsors giving the teams gear, hats, stickers, and much more. We got officially checked in and learned there would be 62 teams in the tournament of young men and women from all across the United States and Canada. We spoke with teams from Arizona to New Jersey. The boys were in awe the whole time, and I was quite excited for them to experience such an event. We drew boat number 32 for take off on day one.

The next morning was tournament day, I'm fairly certain Justin and Hunter didn't get much sleep, but were ready to go as we



headed for the lake at 4:30 AM. We arrived at the lake plenty early and waited our turn to launch. Once launched, I parked the boat along the side and we waited for 6:30 takeoff. The national anthem was sung, and I fired up the motor. We made our way to the dock in order, with an emcee calling our names with music in the background!

We headed to our first area and Justin soon hooked up with their first keeper bass. Then, the fishing went into a lull. By 10 AM, Justin and Hunter had one fish in the live-well and were getting a little down. I told them it only takes four more bites and you've got three hours to do it. Soon after, we drifted over a hump and I could see on my Lowrance depth-finder there were fish on it.

Suddenly Justin hooked up with another keeper! He would quickly follow that up with three more bass and they now had their five. Fishing was slow after that flurry of action, and we reached check-in at 1 PM with those five bass. We were excited to have a limit as we knew the fishing was tough. The weigh-in was held in downtown Huntingdon and we waited in the checkout line for officials to make sure our bass were alive in the livewell and added some ice to the water to keep our fish healthy, then a 20-minute drive into town for the weigh-in. Again, Bassmaster made this a huge event as they had the elite series stage set up and interviewed the teams as they weighed in. The weigh-ins were streamed live each day on Bassmaster.com.

Justin and Hunter were very professional as they weighed and interviewed. The boys ended day one with five bass for just over 5 pounds and sitting around 15th place. We were still in striking distance as the weights were very close and feeling excited for day two.

Day two arrived and again we were start-

ing mid-pack as the takeoff numbers were inverted for day two. We arrived to the area where Justin had caught them quick on day one, and most of the field ended up in this area. The other teams had caught onto what the leaders were doing to catch fish. The area looked like a boat yard with boats very close to each other and everyone dropshotting. Hunter quickly hooked up with a nice keeper bass and that settled the boys' nerves. A bit later Justin caught another keeper and they were feeling good with two in the live-well quickly. They continued fishing hard and started noticing other teams around them catching fish and they weren't. I tried to keep them from getting spun out by telling them to keep their heads in it and not worry about what others were doing. The boys fished hard and didn't quit until the end, but could only come up with two keepers on the day.

I was very proud of them as they crossed the stage and both their families were in attendance to see them weigh in. They thanked their parents and sponsors for helping them get there. When we get off the stage, I let them both know how proud of them I was for how they had put a plan together in very tough conditions and fished hard until the very end. They finished 42nd out of the 62 teams. We had a great week and an awesome experience! Truly something the boys and myself won't soon forget!

I want to take this time to thank Paul and Andrea Schmadeke, Wade Patton, and Lisa Johnson for allowing me to coach and have the privilege of going on this adventure with Justin and Hunter. I hope to again qualify to do this again before the boys are through high school. I also would like to thank the Independence High School Bass Club and their coach, Todd Reed, for this opportunity as well. I can't explain how fun this has been.

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RCC makes plans for Readlyn's Christmas on Main

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by vice president Hailey Broten. Present: Hailey, Ron and Judy Leistikow, Roger and Marlys Dederding, and Pat Wehr

Secretary's report from August 29, 2019, was read; moved by Roger and seconded by Marlys that the report be accepted; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was not available.

Old Business:

Can Recycling: New recycler: R's Redemption from Waterloo on Nevada Street (Tripoli guy). Roger met with him. Rather than paying 1 cent per can, we will be charged only a flat rate of \$50 for both Kwik Star and RCC can pickup. A great savings! (Thanks, Roger!!) In less than one hour, cans were picked up on Wednesday. We need to call when bins are 3/4ths full to have a pickup. Ron and Laverne Leistikow and Chris Davis will take care

of the can recycling. R's Redemption will give us thicker plastic bags; 2 or 3 rolls of bags are presently available.

Grump Days: Deanne Leistikow might be interested in serving hot dogs, brats, and maybe burgers at the ball diamond.

Decorating Main Street: Fall decorating had another small group, as usual: Roger, Marlys, Ron, Aubrey Johnston with three little girls, Laverne Leistikow and the Platte boys.

• Christmas decorating and fall removal are scheduled for two weeks before Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 16; if the weather is bad, it will be moved to the Nov. 23.

• We need help! Ron will talk to the City guys regarding assistance. I called the high school and talked to counselor Brett Bergman; he will pass the information on to the possible volunteers. Kim will see if her father-in-law can recruit the help of Mormons.

• We need to remember to check all decorations to make sure the lights work.

Golf Cart Ride, September 22: Esther Wittenburg was delightfully adorable and thoroughly enjoyed the ride. It was postponed a day due to weather; when I was hesitate about the weather Sunday, I called the Wittenburgs, but Esther perkily announced, "I'm ready to go!"

• Only seven carts rode the trail, but I think it was due to weather rather than the \$10 fee.

• An article was in the Waverly paper, and I will write one for the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

• Ron moved and Marlys seconded that we reimburse Roland \$75 for the Grump cart rental, and that we pay for all carts on the Annual Golf Cart ride next year; it passed unanimously.

• Ron will talk to Laverne regarding next year's Grumps' parade vehicles.

The Dog Waste Station was placed in the City Park. No other word on the project.

New Business

Christmas on Main : Meetings are every Wednesday, 6 pm, at Jessica Buck's house. All are welcome!

• Paid \$1,060 to Country Horse and Carriage business.

• Fire department will do s'mores.

• Meyers will have something connected with Grumpsters.

• balance will have Women of Life hot chocolate.

• St.Paul's plans to have a card making activity in the commons and sanctuary.

• CLS will sell lighted novelties.

• Alex McCreary will do pictures.

• Lynn Ott will do Christmas crafts.

• Dreams will be in the telephone company meeting room.

• Pat will have Christmas cards for writing messages thanking military personnel. (Possibly sponsored by Novel Knitters.)

• Mane Event will do something.

• Nick Toby will do Christmas karaoke.

• Inspired will have a venue similar to previous years.

• Santa, Mike Tiedt, will be at the Historical Society; Jess will bring the chair over; Sheila is bringing the backdrop; oranges, apples, peanuts, and candy plus a wooden ornament from GaryLee will be in the bags; Roger will check on bags and RCC will reimburse him. Ron will check with Darlene Peters regarding cookies.

• Sign up also at the Historical Society for one of 24 five pound hams from 5-7 PM. (Remember to order one for "Santa" = 25 needed.)

• The ham drawing will be at Inspired at 7:30 before the lighting ceremony; winner's names will be posted at Inspired and announced at the lighting ceremony. (Heads up: Kim does not have room to store the hams.) You must be present to win, and hams must be picked up by 8:30.

• Checking to see if the telephone company will do the Christmas tree lights and if the City will close our Main Street.

• Ice sculpting?

• So far Christmas on Main is only a one night event.

• Ben Wittie suggested we all carol along Main Street.

• There will be a lighted parade.

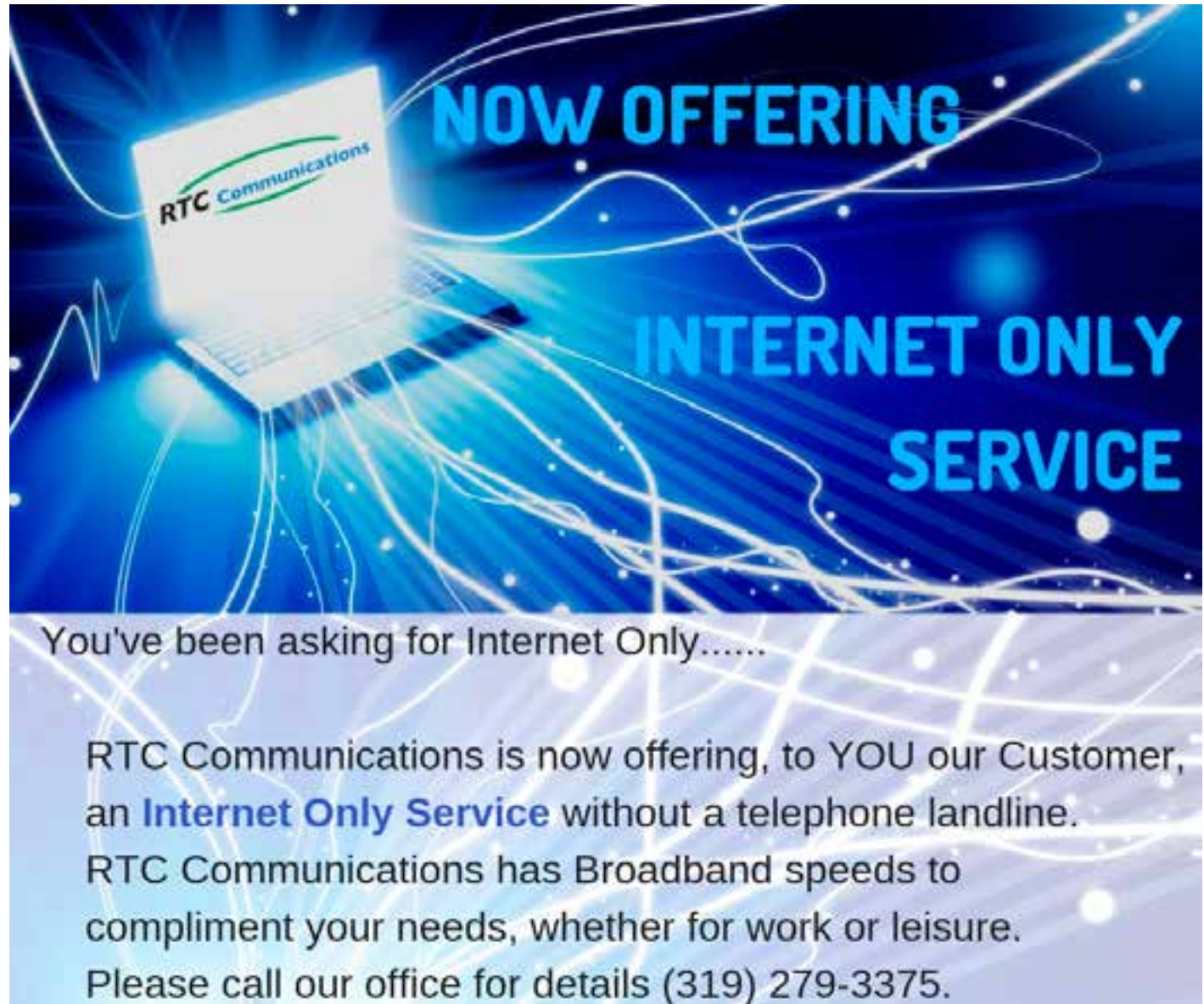
House Christmas Lights – RCC will sponsor a contest with three winners; details will be posted later at City Hall.

Next meeting – Thursday, December 5; 6:30 for the board, and 7:00 for members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wehr, Readlyn Community Club secretary



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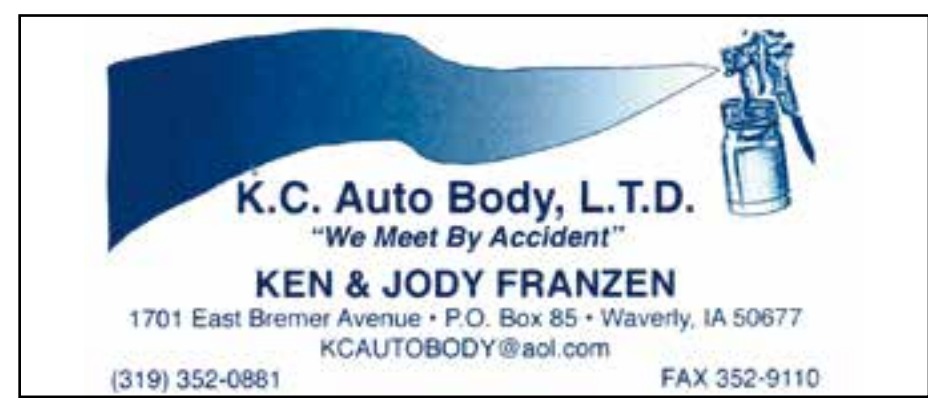
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Larry W. Kuhlmann

Larry W. Kuhlmann, 79 of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on October 22, 2019 at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner.



Larry was born February 1, 1940, in rural Bremer County, Iowa, the son of Harold and Melba (Poock) Kuhlmann. He attended elementary school

through 8th grade at Immanuel Lutheran

an-Klinger and went on to Readlyn High School, graduating in 1958. Following high school, he served in the United States Army Reserves. Larry was united in marriage to Imogene Ann Heineman on February 5, 1961 at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He worked at John Deere and Wuttke Chrysler in Sumner. In 1970, Larry and Imy started Larry's Skelly in Readlyn. Together they owned and operated the service station until Imy passed away in March 2010. Larry sold the business in 2014 to his two sons, Steve and Tom, and semi-retired. Larry enjoyed auto repair, attending car shows and pontoon rides while spending time at their trailer near Harpers Ferry. He especially enjoyed family time and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Larry is survived by a son, Steve (Lisa Schares) Kuhlmann of rural Readlyn, Iowa; a daughter, Kim (Tom) Rourke of Fairbank, Iowa; a son, Tom (Karen) Kuhlmann of rural Tripoli, Iowa; and a son, Kevin (Sandy) Kuhlmann of Sully, Iowa; 14 grandchildren, Erica (William) Dawsen and their children, Edith and George; Lindsey Kuhlmann, David (Kristi) Kuhlmann Joseph (Emmy) Kuhlmann, Andrew (Cassie) Rourke and their daughter, MacKenzie; Kelly Rourke, and Troy (Theressa Garthoff) Rourke and her son, Braydon; Kalais (Dwight) Slaubaugh and their daughter, Toma; Lexis Kuhlmann, McKenna Kuhlmann, Cassidy (Griffen Cabalka) Kuhlmann, Landen Kuhlmann, Canyon Kuhlmann and Blaize Kuhlmann; two brothers, Virgil (Judy) Kuhlmann of Readlyn, Iowa and Darel (Marlene) Kuhlmann of Dunkerton, Iowa; one sister, Carol (Larry) Wilharm of rural Sumner, Iowa;

a sister-in-law, Marjorie Brunscheon of Denver, Iowa; a brother-in-law, Leon (Mary) Heineman of Readlyn, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father and mother-in-law, Harold and Ruth Heineman; his wife, Imogene Kuhlmann, a sister in infancy, one sister-in-law, Corella Kuhlmann, and a brother-in-law, Werner Brunscheon.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger, rural Readlyn. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Klinger. Visitation was on Thursday at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Readlyn, and for one hour prior to services at the church. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

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