

Readlyn Chronicle

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9th Annual Valentine Ball—February 9, 2018

Keep Your Heart in Readlyn!

Plan now to attend the 9th Annual Valentine Ball, Friday, February 9, at the Readlyn Event Center.

You will enjoy wine tasting, appetizers, a formal dinner, bidding on roughly 160 items between the silent and live auctions, and a night of dancing to the sounds of DJ Luke Schaefer of LNS Sounds.

Jim and Bev Collins and the crew of Sunrise Catering will perform their usual professional job on the wonderful dinner. Tami and Lyle Pries and crew will do a great job presenting appetizers and drinks and donating Tami's homemade cupcakes for the dessert.

Come young and old, couples and singles — formal dress is NOT required! For the past eight years, nearly \$160,000 has been given back to the small groups in

our community. It's a great way to give back to your community that gives so much to you! See you there!

To reserve your tickets, please call one of the following:

Dani Sauerbrei 279-3321
Ron Leistikow 279-3548
Kim Brown 279-4073
Tami Pries 279-3839

Donations made by the following (this is not a complete list):

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Sunrise Catering-25 person dinner party
Sunrise Catering-Seico Clock
Panther Lanes-certificates
Heinemann Precision Planting—cash
Waverly Democrat Newspaper-2 three months free subscription
Tiedt Nursery—basket
Dean & Lois Buhr—cash
Bremer Co. Corn Growers-2 toy tractors
Farmer's Co-Op—cash
Farmer's Co-Op Repair-certificates
Del's Auto Repair-certificates
Thompson Shoes-certificates
Mike Meyer Construction—Religious portrait
Schaes Welding-welded design
Jim Peters Farm Bureau Financial Ins.—cash
K&T Shrimp Farm-certificate
Power Wood Craft-cupid wooden hearts
Smiley Dentistry-cash
The Butcher Block-certificates
Readlyn Senior Citizens-cash
Readlyn Historical Society-one meal/month for 9 months
Ed & Kathy Traeger-Margarita basket
Judy & Ron Leistikow-salsa & dill pickle basket
Prime Ag Services-cash
Dave Matthias, Farm Bureau Financial Services-cash
2017 Grump Louie Hartman-Yard Art
Jean Buenzow-cash
Wapsie Valley Archery-bow
Aaron & Dani Sauerbrei-cash
Dreams Hair Studio-gift certificate and basket
B.E.Mick's-purse, scarf & coupon
Bonnie Erickson-Award winning pastel painting
Crowdaddy Outdoors-2 one-day free kayak rental cards
Readlyn Garden Club-6-8' tree, delivered and planted
Pat Wehr-2 bracelets + certificate for charms at Tenenbaum's
Pat Wehr-certificate to Inspired Luncheonette
Tenenbaum's-Alex & Ani bracelet with Swarovski crystals
Doris Hagenow-2 lap quilts
Love & Lace-basket
Wolff's Repair-certificates
Quality Distributors-\$100
More items will be added from now till the day of the Ball...make sure to sign up & be a part of the awesome evening!

Keep Your Heart In Readlyn



9th Annual Valentine's Ball
February 9th, 2018
Readlyn Event Center
Readlyn, IA
Tickets - \$40 per person



***All Proceeds Go to:** Community Lutheran Schools, Cubs Scouts Pack 3101, Helping Hands Clothing Closet, Rainbow Clovers, Readlyn Chronicle, Readlyn Community Club, Readlyn Garden Club, Readlyn Historical Society, Readlyn Library, Wapsie Mat Pac, WV 13U Baseball, WV 14U Softball, WV 4th/5th Grade Projects, WV Archery Club, WV Athletic Boosters, WV Baseball Club, WV Music & Drama, WV Senior Scholarship & WV Youth Baseball.

Having a wide variety of auction items helps make this evening a success.

Please contact Kim Brown if you have items or certificates to donate.

We appreciate your generosity!

Be A VIP Donor:

***Donors of \$100 or more will be entered into a special drawing to win cash/prizes. The following are the different donor levels:**

Bronze Level \$ 25
Silver Level \$ 50
***Gold Level \$ 100**
***Platinum \$ 250**
***Platinum Plus \$ 500**
***Diamond \$ 1,000**

Your \$40 ticket includes:

A formal dinner, appetizers, access to live/silent auction, motivational message, music by LNS Sounds, late night pizza & wings, not to mention a FUN Night on the Town & an opportunity to give back to this great community!

**Formal Dinner includes:

Prime Rib & Chicken Breast Dinner, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Dinner Roll, Glass of Wine & Cupcakes

Reservations should be made in advance by Wednesday, February 7th!

**To RSVP, Please Call One of the Following:
Tami 279-3839, Kim 279-4073,
or Dani 279-3321**

Schedule of Events

6:00 pm Social Hour/Appetizers
6:30 Silent Auction Starts
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Motivational Message
8:30 Live Auction
10:00 Silent Auction Closes
10:30 Silent Auction Winners Posted
10:45 Dance Starts!
***TBA Cashier Table Opens**
11:30 Pizza & Wings
11:30 Cashier Table Closes
1:30 am Dance Ends

Times are subject to change.

Mayor's Desk

By Dan Wedemeier



Hi Everyone!

I hope all is going well for you and your family. The weather certainly has been unpredictable. With the extreme temperature swings this winter, we have had three water main issues this winter and a switch problem with one well pump that created a skating rink in the City Park.

With the lack of snow this winter the city has been watching frost depths and we will let you know if any preventative procedures need to be done to keep your water service line from freezing.

I want to give a big THANKS to the RTC Communications for donating their old generator to the Readlyn Fire Department. They recently replaced their generator with new bigger unit. The unit they gave to the Fire Department is 3 times larger and about 30 years newer than the one that the Fire Department currently had. As a matter of fact, the old generator that the Fire Department had also came from the Telephone Company and it was made in the 1950's. So, if you see any RTC board members or Sharon or her crew, please tell them THANKS!!

The sewer plant is getting close to startup. The electricians are getting most of their work done. Their is still some underground plumbing that needs to be done, like new pumps at the lift station at the plant and other hook-ups that will be done when we get ready to start plant up.

It will be an ongoing process to get everything working as we would expect and it will also depend on Mother Nature! We will keep you informed on how things are going, but there's no need to worry, you won't notice a thing!

The Community Club got the LARGE rock from the sewer plant moved! Good job David Wittenburg and friends. It is now sitting at the northeast corner of the ball diamond park and I believe that's where it will stay! The latest information I have is that the Freedom Rock artist will be here around the week of June 19. Stay tuned!

The Council and I will be working on next year's budget soon, which will set our plan for the year for what we will be able to get done. If you have any ideas, suggestions or some input, please let us know.

I want to extend a big THANK-YOU to Mike Hupfeld for his years of service on Council. I would also like to welcome Keith Brunscheon to the Council. I think Readlyn has a good representation on the City Council and we are looking forward to getting a lot accomplished this year.

Be safe and be careful with our ever changing weather conditions, it can cause safety concerns for everyone.
Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

Grump's Grumblings

By Louie Hartman



Hello, February; I'm so happy to see you. My nephew suggested I open the Hartman School of Dance and Grace in January. Before you rush to sign up, let me explain. I had my right foot worked on again December 15 which resulted in wearing the ever-so-lovely, Big Black Boot. December 22, while entertaining around our kitchen counter, I tripped and fell into the side of the counter. This graceful move resulted in bruised ribs and a broken tooth. Yikes! I've never had a rib injury before but soon became very skilled at preventing a sneeze. I will end this little story by saying that visiting Urgent Care on Christmas Day one half an hour before they close is probably not the best idea. So, January, watch my dust!

The Valentine Ball will be February 9. This year's speaker is Aaron Sauerbrei, and I'm anxious to hear what he has to say. His large, extended family has contributed faithfully to our community. If you haven't signed up for the ball yet, please consider going for the fun and support Readlyn. You may have the idea that the "Ball" means you have to dress formally to attend. NOT. Tuxes are not required—jeans will do just fine. You don't need a date either. Just come and enjoy your community members, GREAT food, and entertainment. The auction sports friendly competition and any money received goes back to Readlyn and Wapsie nonprofit groups, especially the youth.

The next Community Club meeting is Thursday, February 8. After a short business meeting, the plan is to help set up for the Valentine Ball. The rest of the decorating will take place Friday, Feb. 9. If you have some time, please stop by the banquet room to see what you can do to help.

You may have noticed "The Rock" was moved from near the bike trail to the northeast corner of the Ball Diamond Park. This was no small feat. Smith Excavating from Sumner, Dave Wittenburg, and Jen Aiello get the credit for this one. Painting the Freedom Rock is currently scheduled to start the Monday after Grump Days. Please see the rock article in this issue. You may have wondered what all the fuss is about regarding this patriotic rock at the ball park. But, just imagine people pulling into the parking lot to look at the beauty of the rock once the painting is complete. From there they will see the ball diamonds, the Splash Pad full of kids, and the nice homes and gardens around the park. They may decide to drive around town where they will see homes for sale, our well-kept streets, another park, the bike trail, businesses, and maybe they will stop to eat at Inspired or the Watering Hole. It's just all good for Readlyn's citizens.

So, rah, rah; that's my cheerleading drill from the Hartman School of Dance and Grace.

Your Grump,
Louie Hartman

Miss Readlyn Comments

By Erika Jeanes



Happy New Year to all! New Year's is always a time to reflect on the past year and new things to come in 2018. This year is my graduation year which is very exciting, but also very bittersweet.

I am excited about attending college in the fall and the many new experiences that come with it. I am planning on attending Iowa State University to major in Nutrition Science. This has taken many by surprise since I have been an Iowa Hawkeye fan since I was born. When I told my parents my plan to go to Iowa State, they were overjoyed and are proud of everything I have accomplished to get to this point. My dad asked me shortly after when he could get season football tickets, so I knew he approved of my decision as well.

Many people have asked me what I plan to study in college and what my plans are after college. I intend to promote agricultural commodities by helping people understand how their food is grown and where it comes from. I want to educate and help individuals in Iowa that are dealing with malnutrition and food insecurity. I would love to educate underprivileged countries about farm production and the agriculture industry to help countries become a more resourceful trading partner with the United States. Another personal goal I have is to promote the consumption of healthy foods within Iowa. I want to increase awareness of those living in Iowa on how and where their food is grown. These are just a few goals I have for the future.

We often make resolutions for the New Year. It may be a new diet, to exercise more, or just to be a better person. One suggestion to keep in mind for the New Year is to do what makes you happy. One way I try to keep myself grounded is to ask myself if I am being a good sister, teammate, friend, and daughter. I try to improve myself as well as help others along the way. There is always something to improve on, and I hope you all will find some way to better yourself and others in 2018.

January has been very crazy in terms of weather. One morning I walked outside with a heavy winter coat and boots, because it was -6 degrees, and a week later I had a light jacket on and was able to run outside because it was a mild 49 degrees. It is amazing how our weather patterns change here in Iowa.

Just a reminder to stay warm this winter and enjoy what the New Year brings. We will see you next month!
Erika Jeanes, Miss Readlyn

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Community Calendar

Mondays - Novel Knitters at the library 6:00
Saturday Feb. 3 - Sandy Salmon - Town Meeting at the Readlyn Library 11 a.m.-Noon
Pepper Tourney, 2 PM, Readlyn Event Center.
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - V.F.W. Post #5661 meeting at Readlyn Telephone Co.
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library, call 319-235-6201 for an appointment.
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting at the library
Thursday, Feb. 15 - 5 p.m .Deadline for Feb. 28 *Chronicle*.
Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Coloring at the library, 1-3 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Senior Citizens lunch and cards, 11:30 am at Inspired
Thursday, Feb. 22 - Book Talk, 7 pm at the library
Tuesday, March 6 - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library, call 319-235-6201 for an appointment.
Tuesday, March 6 - V.F.W. Post #5661 meeting at Readlyn Telephone Co.
Tuesday, March 6 - V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting at the library
Sunday, March 11 - Readlyn Firemen's Breakfast at the Center Inn.

Readlyn Community Happenings

~ Obituaries ~

Edna Emma Kuhlmann

Edna Emma Kuhlmann, 94, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Tripoli Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Edna was born on September 28, 1923, in rural Readlyn, Iowa, the daughter of Ernest C. and Ida (Pape) Moeller. She was baptized on October 21, 1923 and confirmed on April 10, 1938, both at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. She attended country school near Readlyn. Edna was united in marriage to Werner Kuhlmann on June 29, 1944, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Together they farmed in the Readlyn area. In her spare time, Edna enjoyed card club, crocheting, and going for rides. Werner passed away on November 6, 2005.

Edna is survived by her two daughters, Donna Lynn (John) Banzhaf of rural Readlyn; and Sharon Ann Schwerin of Readlyn; two grandchildren, Emily (Dave) Leone and John Banzhaf III; two great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Alaina Leone and a step-great-grandson, Kaleb Leone; and her sister, Esther Poock of Readlyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Werner; sister, Olinda Klemp; two brothers, Erwald Moeller and Carl Moeller; and an infant grandson.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018, at St. Mat-



thew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary. Burial was in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn. Visitation was on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and also for one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the family and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.

Berniece Norma Schumacher

Berniece Norma Schumacher, 93, of Readlyn, Iowa, died on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa.

Berniece was born on October 28, 1924, in rural Black Hawk County, Iowa, the daughter of August and Otilie (Matthias) Widdel. Berniece was baptized on November 22, 1924 and confirmed on May 22, 1938, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger, rural Readlyn, Iowa. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School, Klinger, through the eighth grade and then Readlyn High School graduating in 1942. On November 29, 1942, Berniece was united in marriage to LaVerne Schumacher at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger. Berniece co-owned and operated Schumacher Dairy Farms Inc., Readlyn, Iowa, where Berniece was the first woman to get the Bremer County Dairy Promoters Award. They started farming on a farm near Oran in 1946, then a farm in Black Hawk County in 1948, and in 1964, moved to their farm near Readlyn. Berniece moved off the farm and into Readlyn in 1981.

Berniece was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn, past President of Ladies Aid LWML, St. Paul's Altar Guild, Readlyn Historical Society, Merry Elders, and Community Club. Berniece enjoyed quilting, gardening, flowers, Bible study, and volunteering at the Historical Museum, however, her greatest enjoyment was time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Berniece's final gift of life was tissue donation at Iowa Donor Network.

Berniece's memory is honored by: seven children, Dennis (Diane) Schumacher of Papillion, Nebraska, Diane Killam of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, David (Therese) Schumacher of Readlyn, Iowa, Dean (Deb) Schumacher of Tripoli, Iowa, Doris (Ron) Russell of Cedar Rapids, Iowa,



Dale Schumacher of Lombard, Illinois, Debra (Jerry) Berns of Cedar Rapids; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Elsie Widdel of Denver, Iowa. She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband on November 22, 1974; two brothers, Lawrence (Lois) Widdel and Marvin Widdel; brother-in-law, Eldon (Gloria) Schumacher; two daughters-in-law, Kathie and Lois Schumacher, and a grandson in infancy.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 26, 2018, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Ronnie Koch officiating. Burial was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn. Visitation was on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and for one hour prior to services on Friday at the church. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul's Organ Fund or donor's choice and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.

Mark Edward Huebner

Mark Edward Huebner, 68, of Readlyn, died Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Unity-Point-Allen Hospital from natural causes.

Mark was born July 11, 1949, in Waterloo, Iowa the son of Marvin and Ruby (Aschbrenner) Huebner. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger. As a young boy he was active in 4-H. He was a 1967 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School and then earned a degree in Farm Operations from Iowa State University in 1971. On April 15, 1977, he was united in marriage to Rhonda (Dallenbach) at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger. The couple would farm crops and raise and milk dairy cows outside of Readlyn. Rhonda passed away in 1984 and Mark continued to live on the farm. He retired from raising dairy cows in 2011 but would continue to farm crops and show cows at local fairs.

Mark was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger, where he served as a deacon for many years. Mark was an outdoorsman and true caretaker of the land; he often had plants and flowers on his deck. He enjoyed attending and showing cattle at county fairs and cow shows and was active with the dairy promoters. He was an avid Iowa State University and Chicago Cubs fan, and enjoyed watching most any sport. Trips to Amish country were always a highlight for Mark. Indoors, he could be found reading the Bible or a Louise L'Amour classic, watching a John Wayne movie or enjoying time with friends playing cards. Above all he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Mark is survived by one son, Matthew Huebner of Readlyn; one daughter, Rachel (Glenn) Huebner of Readlyn; his mother



Ruby Huebner of Waverly; one brother, Dave (Cindy) Huebner of Crystal Lake, Illinois; one sister, Becky (Ken) Jordan of Collins, Iowa; four grandchildren; Leah (13), Lydia (3), Manny (11) and Macy (10). He is preceded in death by his father Marvin, wife Rhonda, and a daughter Emily.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018, at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger with Rev. Larry Feldt officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and for an hour prior to services at the church on Friday. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation and on-line condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn was in charge of arrangements.

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Valentine Pancake Breakfast

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Sunday, Feb. 11, 8 AM-12 PM

American Legion Hall, Sumner

Menu includes:

All-you-can-eat pancakes with sausages, orange juice, coffee and milk

Free-will donation

Proceeds will go toward finishing the inside of the SEMS building

Everyone welcome!



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Readlyn Community Library

We put the READ in Readlyn

Barb Sowers
Nancy Lockard

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In Memory of Jerry Oltrogge

Dean & Lois Buhr \$20.00
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In Memory of Vernon Soldwisch

Barbara Meyer \$10.00
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In Memory of Mark Huebner

Dan & Marva Schuldt \$20.00
Lavern & Jeanette Brase \$10.00
Rex & Barbara Blaylock \$10.00

Memorial Book Donations

In Memory of Mark Heubner

"Before Morning" by Joyce Sidman and
"We're All Wonders" by R.J. Palacio
from Farmers Co-op Readlyn/Shell Rock
"Give Thank You A Try" by James Patterson
from Dan & Connie Wedemeier

In Memory of Alice Barkhausen

"So Happy Together" by Jutta Langreuter
from Ron and Judy Leistikow

In Memory of Jerry Oltrogge

"Little Blue Truck's Springtime" by Alice Schertle
from Dan & Connie Wedemeier

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What's new at the Library.....

Free Technology Class Offered at Bremer County Libraries

Technology skills are integral to functioning in everyday life. Not only is it necessary to know how to use a computer and navigate the internet in the workplace and in education, but it is vital in accessing current reliable information regarding our everyday health and safety. It is often the only way to apply for a job or stay in touch with family members. Technology has become such a pervasive part of our lives that many children know how to use an iPad before their first birthday.

However, there are many individuals, especially senior citizens, who have little or no experience using computers and other technology. They find themselves left behind in our ever changing digital world and often don't have the resources or know where to turn for help.

The seven public libraries in Bremer County have seen the need for technology education first hand. Every day, library staff field questions from patrons needing help with technology questions. Our libraries have become the education centers for the public in gaining vital technology skills.

In 2017 the Bremer County Library Association obtained funding from the county to provide technology classes free of charge to residents. This project would be a unique opportunity for our seven county libraries to work together to fill a need in our county. It would enable patrons to take classes from qualified instructors at their local library, making it more accessible and convenient to senior citizens and those with limited resources.

Schedule of Classes in February

Facebook For Beginners:

Janesville Library, Thurs. Feb. 8 10 AM

Check out Free eBooks & audio Books:

Denver Library, Thurs. Feb. 8 6:30PM
Tripoli Library, Mon. Feb. 19 5 PM

Basic Internet:

Waverly Library, Fri. Feb. 23 10 AM

Internet Safety:

Plainfield Library, Fri. Feb. 23 2 PM

Buying & Selling on eBay:

Sumner Library, Tues. Feb. 27 2 PM

Facebook For Beginners:

Readlyn Library, Tues. Feb. 27 6:30 PM

New DVDs this month



Dunkirk

Battle of the Sexes

Breathe

My Little Pony the Movie

Make tonight a movie night!!

*Oh ye Maiden and ye Chappy,
Swear off observations snappy,
Give up habits sharp and scrappy
And you'll make the New Year happy.*
~John Kendrick Bangs (1862-1922)

Make 'em Don't Break 'em

Tips for keeping your New Year Resolutions

New Year's Resolutions usually revolve around these topics:

1. Get fit / Lose weight / Eat healthier
2. Cut clutter / Get organized
3. Quit smoking
4. Save money / Decrease debt
5. Travel / Be more adventurous

Try these tips for success:

- ⇒ Resolve to do what's really meaningful to you.
- ⇒ Only make one resolution.
- ⇒ Have a specific goal that's realistic / attainable.
- ⇒ Set checkpoints throughout your year (write them on your calendar!) and hold yourself accountable.
- ⇒ Check out free resources from the library to help you stay on track and reach your goals.

Winter Weather Reminder

In case of severe winter weather, the library will do its best to stay open. However, for the safety of our library patrons and staff the library will close for the day, close early, or open late if:

1. *Extreme* inclement weather: icy conditions, excessive snow accumulation or dangerously cold temperatures and/or wind chills.
2. Road conditions are so bad that travel is not advised.

Closing decisions will be made by the director and posted on Facebook and KWWL.

If you're wondering, just give us a call 279-3432



The selection for February is "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman (author of "A Man Called Ove")

This book is told with the same comic accuracy and beating heart as *A Man Called Ove*. It is a story about life and death and one of the most important human rights: the right to be different.

Stop by and pick up a copy and come join us at the library for discussion on Thursday February 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Thank you for your generosity



Color Us Creative

JOIN US

Tuesday, February 20th

We are trying a NEW TIME!!

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation: adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help to promote overall wellness. It can de-stress, generate quietness and also stimulate brain areas related to motor skills, the senses and creativity. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils, markers, and crayons will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

The Readlyn Chronicle

"I Know Not What the Truth May Be; I Tell the Tale as 'Twas Told to Me"

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READLYN, IOWA, THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 1940

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Wartburg

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Everding and Eda of Artesian were pleased

Junior

Readlyn during the Depression (1929-1941)

Kenny Werner was attending Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) in the mid-1930s



Bob Thran

in the heart of the depression. He was sitting in a barber chair in Cedar Falls, suddenly there was a crash out front. The barber said his car was hit and rushed outside to confront the driver. When the barber came back in someone asked if the driver had insurance. The barber said the driver had no insurance--that he paid only twenty dollars for the car and it was not all paid for yet. Unthinkable now, but this was the depression.

The stock market crashed in 1929. Stocks lost most of their value or were worthless.

People who were once wealthy were broke or deeply in debt. Farmers and others who borrowed to purchase property saw their income shrink and lost their holdings. Banks and insurance companies foreclosed and thus held much property. Factories and businesses shut down. Unemployment reached 25%. There was little money in circulation. When taxes were not paid or if borrowers defaulted on their payments often sheriff sales were held--their property was auctioned off to pay creditors.

Prices plummeted. In checking my grandfather's ledger, donated to The Readlyn Historical Society, prices at Thrans Meat Market for items charged were bread, 10 cents per loaf, quart of milk, 9 cents, pound of butter 31 cents. A few who charged took a long time to pay. Some never did. Farmers traded him a hog for \$4.50 to pay their bill. Gasoline was seven gallons for a dollar. Two dip cones were a nickel. My mother said Arnold Meyerhoff rented the house just west of the new bank for seven dollars a month. Used Model T, \$20 to \$50, used Model A, \$50 to \$150. We children were happy if we found or were given a penny. My grandfather's ad on this page is from the December 1, 1932 issue of *The Readlyn Chronicle*. Mathias Mercantile (Paul) in the same issue listed a 49 pound sack of Jersey Cream Flour 89 cents; Hand Soap well perfumed 3 cents; Oatmeal, five pound sack, Quick and Regular, Good and Clean, 10 cents, Boys Every Day Shoes, \$1.29.

People in Readlyn and rural areas were not affected as much as those living in cities. Farmers raised their own beef, pork and chickens and had milk and eggs available. They also had enormous gardens which were necessary because of the many children in the family. Six up to 12 children per family was not uncommon. Almost all of the two-story older houses in Readlyn sat on two lots--the house on one lot and the other lot was entirely garden. Half the garden would be in potatoes. At our house

potatoes were eaten every dinner and supper. Families had a potato bin as well as a coal bin in their basement. (Also in those days families ate together and a prayer was said before each meal.) Vegetables were planted in the other half of the garden, peas, beets, corn, beans, tomatoes, cabbage made into sauerkraut, etc. Vegetables were eaten during season and much were canned. There was a strawberry bed, often raspberries, and yes, we Germans loved our flowers. Quite a few families in town had chickens. Gardens were a necessity stretching the money they had. Readlyn had many, many, apple trees. We had eight on our property. Much apple pie for dessert--no complaints!

Almost all wage earners living in Readlyn were employed-- some had a hard time because wages were low. I can recall of only one family on relief, the breadwinner was a painter. No work was available--painting was not absolutely necessary and thus was postponed. This family was looked down upon for being on relief, getting help from the government. What was this family supposed to do? Quietly starve? Later they moved to a city where work was available. Working hours were long-- 60 hour work week--7 a.m. to noon, an hour off, then 1 p.m. to six, six days a week. Almost everyone went to church on Sunday!

Some things had to be purchased such as coal, shoes, overshoes and winter clothing, sugar and flour. Farmers often burned wood, cobs or, if prices were too low, corn. Women bought patterns and sewed clothes from the pattern. Clothing was handed down to younger brothers and sisters or given to others. New overalls for boys were seldom seen--patched overalls were the norm. Students would bring their lunch to school in dinner pails or lunch buckets--no hot lunches! Much merchandise was bought through Montgomery-Ward or Sears-Roebuck catalogs. There were some families that really struggled. A friend told me that on their farm her father, to make ends meet, turned to bootlegging to help feed his family of seven. Eldo Moeller told me that one of his neighbors was resented for being a show-off. He dropped a check for one dollar into the collection plate in the Klinger Church every Sunday.

I was born in 1929, a month before the stock market crashed. My recollection of the depression era was: If we were poor we didn't know it. As children growing up we were satisfied with little and were not demanding as children seem to be now. We tried to please our parents and today the parents seemingly are trying to please their children allowing some to become tyrants. We did what we were told to do and we sat still in church--or else! By today's discipline standard many of our parents would have been arrested. Threats of spanking were carried out and mouths were washed out with soap if we said a naughty word. I think we were the better for it. Finally, there was no attitude of keeping up with the Joneses--we were all in the same boat.

My comment: I am proud of being a friend of the Kuethe family. The four children, Wayne, Dale, Jane Meier and Judy Henn, were born into a family that struggled during the depression. They were blessed in another way--they had great, caring parents! Their mother, Leona Judas Kuethe, was one of the finest persons I have ever known. She was soft-spoken, kind, generous, patient and a loving mother. She was also a talented artist and seamstress. She was a hairdresser for relatives and a few friends. Leona saw the bright side of life and the good side of people. Their Dad, Elmer, was extremely patient, nothing seemed to ever rattle him. He was also my favorite person to golf with. Wayne Kuethe is a retired elementary teacher living in Shell Rock. We all are grateful to Wayne for giving us some insight into conditions during the depression.

My family during the Depression

By Wayne Kuethe

After my mother, Leona Judas, and dad, Elmer Kuethe, were married they first lived on a farm one mile east of Buck Creek where Dad worked for a farmer. My mother was having labor pains. They had no car. My Dad walked about seven miles into Readlyn to get Doctor Osnes to deliver me. Later, Dad began working for the railroad as a section hand. We moved to Readlyn and after two moves we ended up upstairs in the rear apartment of the former *Readlyn Chronicle* building. The building now houses the Inspired Cafe. There were three of us born the first three years of our parents' marriage.

There my parents paid \$6 a month rent. In this apartment we had a little sink in the corner of the kitchen, the first running water we ever had. It was fun for us to turn the water off and on.

In the kitchen we had a cook stove heated by wood. The stove had a reservoir for water which was heated. No bathroom. There was an outside toilet in back. At night the six of us used a ceramic pail that had no handle and no cover. When we carried the pail downstairs we put newspaper on the bottom and on top. With six in the family using it at night it was quite full. We carried it down carefully. There were two bedrooms, one for my parents, and one for us four kids.

When we took baths Dad poured heated water into a washtub, a round tub about 12 inches deep and about two and one-half feet across. Judy, the youngest, was first, next came Jane, the next youngest, then Dale, next me and then my mother and finally my dad. By the time it was Dad's turn the bathwater was not very clean. In winter, to stay warm, we took baths next to the cookstove. When we were through with our baths we dipped the water from the tub into the sink.

I can remember one time the only food we had in the house were soda crackers and green tomato jam. The clothes we had were often given to us from various sources. Dale and I often got hand-me-down clothes, some from Reiny Freitag, who was a little older. We did not get much for Christmas--one year a present was given to both Dale and me--it was a picture puzzle and the tag said 29 cents.

Our family had no car until 1938, six years after our parents were married. Dad bought a 1929 Chevy. He paid \$50 for the car. The car had no thermostat. The car had no heater. It had a hose leading to the windshield serving as a defroster. In winter, whenever Dad parked the car, he had to drain the radiator. When we wanted to visit Grandpa Kuethe in Waverly Dad filled the radiator, drained it when we got there, and filled the radiator again to drive home, draining it again at home. A piece of cardboard in front of the grill acted as a thermostat. If the radiator got too hot Dad would tear off a piece of the cardboard to allow more air.

Our family's going to church was never IF we were going to our church, Zion Lutheran, it was a question of are you ready yet. In the mid-1940s Dad bought a house from Charlie Everding, the father of twins Doris and Diane, for \$5,500. This house was at one time owned by George Vandewalker, a Civil War (1861-1865) veteran and the first mayor of Readlyn. This house was the first place we lived in that had an inside toilet. The house had three bedrooms. It was the first time Dale and I had our own bedroom and Jane and Judy also had their own. Now, as I look back at our family's situation, we probably did not have the comfort and the material things that some other families in Readlyn had, but we were happy. We all grew up to be good citizens.

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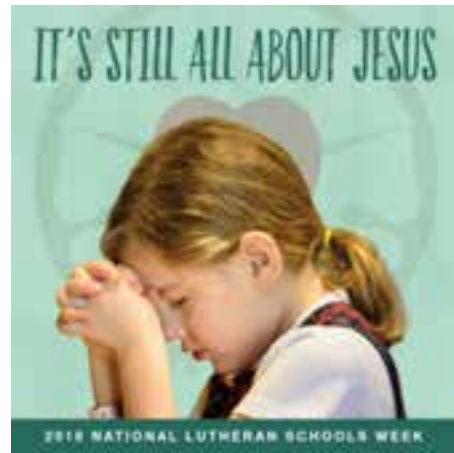
News from **Community Lutheran School**

CLS proudly celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-26, 2018 with a variety of activities that focused on how "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.



The three-year-old and four-year-old preschools celebrated Jesus' Christmas birth with songs of praise!



Christine Sexton, a registered dietitian and mom, came to teach the KG - 2nd grades how to eat a rainbow of foods and they all tried a kale smoothie. Yum!!



The kindergarten through 2nd graders are learning about bones and our amazing bodies God created. They created their own skeletal systems using Q-tips.



The KG through 8th grades glorified Jesus' birth with songs, bell choir, and reading scripture. Jesus is The Gift!



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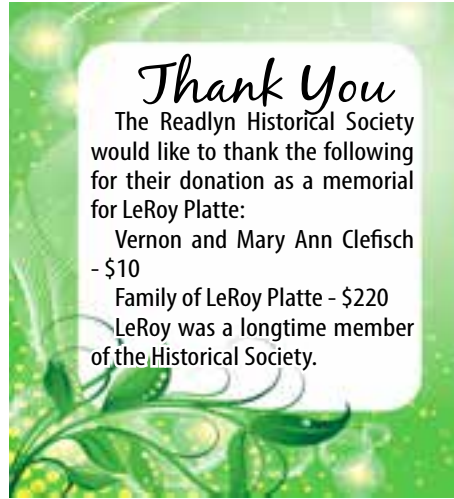
Readlyn Community Happenings

Business Spotlight

Wiley Construction

Owned by Nick Wiley, Wiley Construction specializes in siding, roofing, doors, windows, decks, home remodels of bath, kitchen and additions, and farm/ag building repair.

Wiley Construction has been operated by Nick Wiley since 2003. The business is located at 3138 E. Marquis Rd., Denver. He can be reached by calling 319-404-3518.



~ College News ~

Area students graduate from Allen College

WATERLOO, Iowa – Two graduates from the Readlyn area received a degree from Allen College. The College awarded 89 degrees at its commencement ceremony on Friday, December 15 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Tarrisa Ollendieck of Readlyn received a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy.

Taylor Odneal of Fairbank received a Master of Science degree in Nursing.

Allen College conferred 14 Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degrees, 56 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and 19 Master of Science of Nursing

degrees.

The speaker for Allen College's fall commencement was Dr. Michael Iwama. Dr. Iwama has a PhD in Sociology from Kibi International University, Tokyo, Japan; PhD in Health Anthropology from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands; MSc in Rehabilitation Sciences from the University of British Columbia; BSc in Human Performance from the University of Victoria; and a BSc in Occupational Therapy from the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Iwama is professor and chair of the department of occupational therapy at Augusta University. During his tenure as chair he has been wholly committed to institute community service as an important facet of their program. Service is good for the soul and demonstrates the humanity and commitment to serve and help one another; a good pre-requisite for becoming an occupational therapist/health professional. He has also been a long-standing member of the Salvation Army, dating back to his teens while growing up in Canada. Activities included disaster relief (fires, floods, etc.), serving at soup kitchens and prison visitation.

Allen College offers degrees in both health sciences and nursing. Approximately 630 students enrolled at the College this fall. Information on Allen College is available at www.allencollege.edu.

**Deadline for Feb. 28 Chronicle:
 Thurs., Feb. 15, 5 PM**

Pepper Tournament

Five tables of players attended the pepper tournament on Saturday, January 13 at the Readlyn Event Center. It was good to have some new players join us. The winners and their scores were:

1st Place: Keith Brunscheon and Miles Matthias - 216

2nd Place: Grace Kuethe and Ron Brunscheon - 204

3rd Place: Roger and Connie Buhr - 182

4th Place: Joan Matthias and Matt Brunscheon - 178

The next tournament will be on Saturday; February 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Readlyn Event Center. Entry fee is \$3.00 per person. Bring a partner. Everyone welcome.

Shirley Kuker and Judy Henn



Bench enhances Bike Trail

Another great addition was completed on the Readlyn Rolling Prairie six-mile Grump Trail. This sheltered bench is located west of Navaho Ave. It is in memory of Richard Bueznaw by his wife, Brenda and Shane, Ben and Lindsay. It overlooks a valley with the sound of water in the background. Richard was a great outdoorsman. Thank you Bueznaw family.



The groundwork and shelter was built by David, Darby, Dallas Wittenburg and Myron Schmidt.

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Is that a ... giraffe?

Lots of chuckles, smiles, and double-takes were provided this summer when motorists passed by the giraffes that found their homes in a couple of cornfields around Readlyn.

The idea originated from Nick Wiley's father, who lived in Delaware County near the town of Greeley. Nick's father had made a wooden giraffe years ago and it made an appearance in his cornfields each year along the highway going west out of Greeley. Nick's dad passed away in 2016 and, as the family cleaned out his belongings, a friend suggested to Nick to get the giraffe so they could make a couple. The original giraffe stayed with the farm and Nick got the pattern.

Summer 2017 arrived and Nick cut out two giraffes and drew the faces and spots onto the boards. One evening, Nick and Dennis Kuker got together, had a little fun and painted the giraffes. The next week, they got together again and mounted the giraffes to their poles. With their wives supervising and providing guidance of where they should be placed and their perfect height, the men placed the giraffes in each of their own cornfields.

The giraffe at Nick and Lori's was named Jerry and the giraffe at Dennis and Lynn's was named Jimmy. The giraffe at the Kuker farm was placed along the Readlyn bike trail so it was a perfect location for many to see it and a surprise for trail users as they crossed the road only to see the giraffe looking back at them!

Even at the intersection of two gravel roads, the Wiley giraffe got a lot of attention. Several weeks later, Nick decided to move his giraffe to a more visible location so more people would see and enjoy it.

Jerry the Giraffe was moved to the corner of V-49 and Marquis Road, to a field that Nick's in-laws farm. It was at this location that the giraffe sighting really got the attention on social media and just in general conversation. A highly traveled road, Jerry the Giraffe surprised many people and brought a lot of chuckles and smiles to those that passed by!

You never know where you might see the giraffes wandering next summer ... or with whom!



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Freedom Rock rocks Readlyn!

Great news! The Bremer County future Freedom Rock has been moved to the northeast corner of Readlyn on V49 near the ballpark. The rock will be ready to be painted by June 18, 2018, when the week-long painting will commence.

This almost five-year project began in August of 2013 when Jen Aiello, then the secretary of the Readlyn Community Club (RCC), applied to have the Bremer County Freedom Rock in Readlyn; her application was accepted. A rock along the bike trail was selected and, after several city council meetings, the site was chosen. Unfortunately, due to the rock's enormous size, many people doubted that it could be moved.

David Wittenburg, a member of RCC, volunteered to take on this monumental challenge. David made it his personal quest. He contacted several excavating companies to no avail. Thanks to David's tenaciousness, he never gave up. When Smith Excavating from Sumner was contacted, they accepted the challenge. Doubt still continued throughout the community. After numerous discussions and strategic planning, it was decided to wait until the ground was frozen to attempt this feat.

On January 9, 2018, history was made. Smith Excavating

crew - Mark, Sam, and Paul Smith - arrived with their heavy duty equipment. The rock actually had to be rolled rather than picked up. Four hours later, amid cheers, the rock found its new home by the ball park only about one mile away. The RCC cannot thank David and Smith Excavating enough for tackling and successfully completing this enormous project.

For those of you not familiar with the Freedom Rock Tour, you can type in "Freedom Rock" on your search engine, or go to <https://www.thefreedomrock.com> to view other Freedom Rocks and learn more about this patriotic program.

Briefly, artist Ray "Bubba" Sorenson II began by painting one Freedom Rock in Adair County and has expanded his tribute to veterans by planning to paint a Freedom Rock in each of Iowa's 99 counties. All but one county have applied. By the end of 2017, 69 rocks had been painted. Bubba's goal is to "thank our veterans, one painting at a time."

Promoting tourism in Iowa is another purpose of his project. Since he paints ten to twelve rocks per year, his goal is to complete this project by 2023. Veterans cannot thank Bubba enough for his recognition of their service and sacrifice.



David Wittenburg and the members of Smith Excavating - Mark, Sam and Paul Smith - pose with the Freedom Rock.



We Put the \$\$\$ Into Education...

On Tuesday, January 13, the board members of the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation met with Principals Taylor Anderson and Josh Sinram to review the applications for enrichment grants submitted by the faculty of the Wapsie Valley School District. The goal of the meeting was to award the proceeds from the annual dinner/auction held in November 2017. After deductions were made for scholarships that are paid in January to students awarded scholarships in May 2017 and payment of dinner/auction expenses, the amount of \$25,906.00 was determined to be the maximum amount that could be allocated. All of the applications were approved.

The following enrichment grants were approved at the meeting:
 Amanda Bockholt, Brittany Lenth, & Lori Thurm, 6th grade, Microscopes, \$1,904.00
 Amy Buzynski Alyson Forsyth, PK-6, Literacy Week, \$2,000.00
 Amy Buzynski Alyson Forsyth, PK-6, Dry Erase Tables, \$1,200.00
 Danielle Miller Amy Sheppard, K, Incubators-2, \$390.00
 Amy Buzynski, Fairbank & Readlyn ELP Programs, Lego Robotics- one set for each elementary bldg., \$3,194.00
 Cheryl Kleitsch Crytal Shedenhelm, 3rd grade, Next Generation Foss Science Kits, \$2,148.00
 J. Beck, A. Kleitsch, K. Lincoln, & J. Miller, K-8 Rural, Smart Pencils & Cards-2/building \$450.00
 Emilie Drenkow Ashley Miller, Pre K, Outdoor/ Indoor Play Equipment, \$2,000.00
 Kathy Bachman, Briana Hayward, & Linda Wittenburg, 2nd, Flexible Seating Options for Students; BrainPOP Jr. subscription: Classroom Buzzer Sets, \$710.17
 Ericka Benschoter, PreK-6, General Music Curriculum and Instruments, \$1,980.57
 Kari Pleggenkuhle, Jean Lincoln, & Kari Woodley, 4th grade, Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum, \$658.00
 Nicole Boevers Jody Busch, 5th grade, Camp Ewalu Trip, \$2,028.00
 Melanie Curley, Special Education, Whiteboard Table, \$487.52
 Julie Kuker, Special Education, Whiteboard Table, \$283.00
 Jennifer Merdinger, Mark Sabotta, Math Teachers (2), Document Cameras, \$1,080.18
 Valerie Pickett, Vaughn Gross, Science, Student Dry Erase Boards, \$1,190.00
 Brett Bergman, School Counselor, Why Try Curriculum -subscription renewal (Resilience), \$100.00
 Jaqueline Faust, Art, Art Department Display, \$2,000.00
 Cain Cushion, Industrial Technology, Metal brake and shearing machine; rivet gun; 2 year subscription Woodsman Journal magazine, \$1,742.00
 Total Approved: \$25,545.44

None of this would have been possible without the generous donations made by the businesses, individuals, and families of the communities that make up the Wapsie Valley Community School district. The board would like to thank you for your continued support of the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation.

Wapsie Valley Honor Roll

3.5 Honor Roll

*4.0 Semester
 ** 4.0 Cumulative GPA

Seventh Grade

Brylee Bellis*; Keegon Brown; Brooklyn Etringer*; Kathryn Garlow*; Brok Grober; Jenna Hammitt; Clayton Hershey; Ashlyn Hyde; Benton Hyde*; Emma Jones*; Justus Kelley; Chloe Kleinheksel*; Braden Knight; Hannah Knight*; Jaxson Kuhlmann; Sydney Matthias*; Amelia Meyers; Casey O'Donnell*; Kalvyn Rosengarten; Dawson Schmit*; Kane Schmitz*; Jeannie Suhr*; Autumn Sullivan*; Elle Voy; Brady Weepie; Bryce Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade

Jada Aiello; Brody Blaylock*; Mary Bodensteiner*; Paige Burgart; Isabella Durnin; Cael Gray; Nicholas Grober; Lydia Imbrogno*; Jaylyn Jensen; Maxwell Kayser; Chloe Larson; Gavin Leistikow; Michael Mann; Sydnie Martin; James Muir; Ellie Neil*; Olivia Oldfather; Becca Platte*; Ayden Powell*; D'laynee Ritter; Katlyn Rundquist; Elly Schares*; Ryan Schares*; Bridget Seemann*; Josie Shannon; Nollynn Silva*; Christopher Tibbott.

Ninth Grade

Blayde Bellis*; Ben Foelske*; Olivia Hershey; Grace Imbrogno*; Asa Kelley; Johnathan Kerns; Kaylee Kleitsch*; Brayton Kohl; Kiana Lortz*; Joslynn Miller*; Colin O'Donnell; Ethan Oltroge

ge*; Tyler Ott; Adri Platte; Kobe Risse*; Jordan Rubner; Trevor Sauerbrei*; Mac-ey Schmit*; Courtney Schmitz; Brody Stark*; Cody Wilke; Dallas Wittenburg*; Camryn Wolfe*.

Tenth Grade

Sloane Banger; Kaci Beesecker**; Morgan Biretz**; Tanner Blaylock*; Brendon Brown; Jenna Curley; Cayle Huebner**; Gavin Hyde**; Samantha Kane**; Traeton Kaufman; Hannah Miller**; Cole Neil**; Kennadi Neil; Alexandra Parker; Adrianna Richards**; Reily Richards*; Paige Robinson; Katie Sauerbrei**; Samantha Schnor*; Emma Silva*; Elsie VanDaele**; Reese Welcher**.

Eleventh Grade

Magen Biretz; Cassidy Brunscheon**; Mikenna Joerger; Hayley Kleinheksel; Bryce Kleitsch; Julia LaRue; Lydia Martins; Erin Riordan; Jacob Risse**; Nolan Rochford*; Tanner Sauerbrei**; Carley Schmit**.

Twelfth Grade

Sean Banger; Emma Barnes; Mitchel Bartels; Peyton Brown; Joseph Burke*; Kimberly Cortez; Benjamin Erhardt; Jason Even; Ashley Gonzales; Erika Jeanes; Jacob Joerger; Maria Kayser; Jacob Kuhlmann*; Madison Landsgard; Charlotte Lundberg*; Riley McDaniel; Sam Nissen; Cameron O'Donnell**; Donald Schmit**; Sidney Schnor; Colin Schrader; Aubrey Stacey; Benjamin Weepie**; Jackson Willey; Austin Wittenburg.

Wapsie Valley Preschool- Fairbank & Readlyn



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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



The Warrior Way All-Stars are rewarded for showing the Warrior Way everyday during the month of December. Above are the Fairbank All-Stars and the Readlyn All-Stars are at right.



Christmas Craft Night, sponsored by Fairbank's PTO, allows students to make several crafts at different stations and also decorate and eat cookies.



Preschool through 6th grade rocked the gym during their Winter Concerts in December!

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County Democrats to hold caucus Feb. 5

The Bremer County Democratic Central Committee announces the 2018 caucus date is Monday, February 5 beginning at 7 pm.

All voting precincts for the Democrats in Bremer County will be held at the Waverly Shell Rock Senior High Library. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Enter the high school through the north door by the main office.

Agenda is: elect delegates to the County Convention to be held on March 24 at the Waverly Shell Rock Middle School, submit platform resolutions, sign candidate petitions, and organize for the 2018 elections.

You may contact Gary Duneman (352-4637) if you have any questions. If you are unable to attend this caucus but want to submit a platform resolution, you may forward it one of two ways. Mail to: Bremer County Democrats, P. O. #4, Waverly, Iowa 50677 or send an email to: info@bremercountymocrats.org.

Be sure you are a registered Democrat with a legal residence in Bremer County. Please sign your resolution and indicate your present address. If you are not a registered Democrat and wish to participate in this Democratic Caucus you may change your party affiliation the evening of February 5."

Community Foundations' grant application now available

Grant applications can now be submitted to the Bremer County Community Foundation and Waverly and Readlyn Community Funds for their 2018 grant cycle. The deadline to submit applications is 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2018. Grants are awarded to projects in the following areas: art and culture, community betterment, education, environment, health, historic preservation and human service.

There is one application process for all three grant cycles. Please make sure to review grant guidelines for detailed information. The online grant application and guidelines can be found at any of the three Community Foundations' websites: www.bremerccf.org, www.waverlycf.org or www.readlyncf.org. Grant recipients will be announced in June 2018. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2018 to be considered for funding.

First-time grant applicants should contact Dotti Thompson, Program Manager, at (319) 243-1358 prior to submitting an application. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization (or government entity) serving Bremer County in order to be considered for funding.

For more information, please contact the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa at (319) 287-9106.



Preschool Registration Night Community Lutheran School



Thursday, February 15, 2018

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3 Year Old Options

- M - F 8:15 - 11:30am - \$150/month (Scholarship Options Available)
- M,W,F 8:15 - 11:30am - \$125/month (Scholarship Options Available)
- T,TH 8:15 - 11:30am - \$100/month (Scholarship Options Available)

4 Year Old Options

- **Morning Preschool:**
M - F 8:15 - 11:30am - No Tuition, covered by grant
- **Extended Day Preschool:** New this year!
M - F 8:15am - 3:30pm - \$285/month includes lunch
Students will join the Kindergarten class at 11:30am when morning preschool is excused. Activities include lunch, recess, rest time, specials, interest area choices, and structured teacher directed Kindergarten experience activities.

*Must be of age on or before September 15.

*Scholarships may be available based on family income. Please ask if you are interested. All information is kept confidential.

*Before and after school care available for preschool and school age children at \$2.50/hr. Please ask for more information.

Items to bring to Registration Night

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Doctor's Physical
- \$50 nonrefundable registration fee
- Registration paperwork**

**Registration paperwork is available for pick up before registration night! Stop by the school, call, or email for the paperwork in advance.

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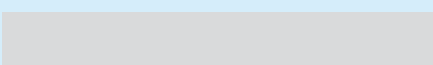
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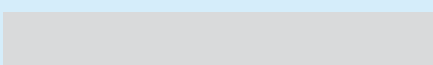
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Outdoors in the Cedar Valley *By Eric Johnston*



The Elusive Shed Antler

I still remember every detail of my first shed antler find. Although I was only thirteen or fourteen years old, I was on a mission to figure out how to find shed antlers on the property we deer hunted. I had been watching VHS videos, (yes I said VHS) by Drury outdoors and on their videos they always spoke of finding shed antlers to help them figure out the bucks they hunted. My Dad and I started hunting them, it was something we could learn together as my Dad had never shed hunted either even with all of his years of deer hunting experience at that time. We started out walking deer trails and would put on literally miles of walking without finding so much as an old deer skull. We hunted many weekends that late winter and couldn't find any. It became very frustrating, but made me more determined than ever. I started going after school by myself searching. Then late that shed season I was hunting a local public hunting ground, I searched hard that afternoon and came upon a thick deer bedding area. I searched every part of it and started to follow a deer trail leading out of it along a steep river bank. As I neared the top of the steep hill I noticed little white tips sticking up out of the late winter dead grass. I ran the rest of the way up the hill to my first ever shed find!!! I

was so excited I rode my bike home as fast as I could and ran in the house and showed my mom. "Mom I finally found one!!" I said excitedly waving it in front of her. I could tell she wasn't nearly as excited as I was, but as always, she was happy I had accomplished a goal I had worked hard at. I immediately called my Dad and if I remember correctly, he had to tell me to slow down a couple times. I relayed the story to him and we were both excited! What I didn't realize at the time was that little four-point shed had unlocked many more sheds over the years. When I sat back and thought about how I had found that shed, the puzzle started to come together. This week I'll break down how I shed hunt to help you not have to work as hard for that first one as I did.

First off, let's talk about the time frame to productively look for sheds. That first year, we started about mid January. That was our first mistake, while some bucks have started to shed, most haven't. We started too soon that year and essentially spooked a lot of bucks out of our area before they had dropped their antlers. Now as the years have passed, I've narrowed the window down to between about mid February to mid to late March. I had some trail cameras out last winter that showed a few bucks still carrying their antlers as late

as April 1. While that's rare, it can happen. So, I try to keep my hours spent each shed season within that window. What a lot of folks don't realize is antlers typically drop with the amount of daylight changing or photoperiodism. Animals' clocks all run by photoperiodism, and while cold weather and stress on deer can make them drop earlier or later, that window I gave is a good one to follow. You may want to adjust that time frame slightly if areas you shed hunt have pressure from other hunters. You'll want to be the first one out, but be mindful of intrusion on the deer and work hard to not spook them out of the area.

Next, let's talk about the most productive areas to shed hunt. What I like to do is first find out what fields the deer have been using the most over the winter to feed. I'll watch from a distance in the late afternoon to see where the deer have been herded up. Once I find that, I'll begin the process. I'll start by combing the fields first. The nice thing about hunting a field is a lot of times you can spot them from a distance. I'll basically grid search the field where I find the most tracks and deer sign. Once I've checked the field, I'll start to walk the fence line where they enter the field. A lot of antlers get jarred loose when a buck jumps the fence, so fence lines are

very productive places to look. Then I will plunge into the bedding areas. When I say bedding area, I'm talking the thickest part of the timber you are hunting. Search until you find spots the deer have been bedding. If you have a bedding area on a South facing slope, those are very productive areas as bucks will bed up in these areas and take advantage of the winter sun. The biggest tip to finding shed antlers is think about where a deer will spend a lot of time, which is typically the food source and the bedding areas. One bonus to shed hunting and what the Drury's were relaying to me on those VHS tapes, was late winter is a great time of year to scout for the next fall. As the snow melts, all of the deer sign from last fall is once again visible and has been preserved so to speak. You can now follow that deer trail or plunge into a bedding area you were once afraid to last fall because you didn't want to spook deer out of the area. You can use this time to solve the puzzles you had the season before. And when you find a shed, you know that buck made it through the seasons. So as we roll into mid February, lace up the boots and start putting some time in. And with these tips you should be successful in finding some sheds. It's also great exercise! Until next time, Get Outdoors!



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Our volunteers gave 550 hours of their time in 2017 to HHCC. Volunteers sort donations, assist clients as they come in and with the big switch from summer to winter clothing and again with winter to summer. This year we have had volunteers as young as ten and some that are much older. HHCC could not operate without the help of each of our volunteers. A huge

thank you to each of them.

Thank you to everyone for their donations of new or gently used clothing, boots, shoes, bedding and towels. Also thank you to area churches, individuals and the Readlyn Valentine Ball for their monetary contributions to HHCC. Monetary donations are used to purchase new underwear, socks, and this year we were able to purchase kids' winter coats and boots at the end of season sales. We appreciate Wapsie Valley's FFA help on their day of service.

HHCC is open every Tuesday morning, 9-11 am, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm and the first Saturday morning of each month, 9-11 am. Donations can be dropped off during our open hours or left on the front steps of the Clothing Closet. If you or your organization is interested in volunteering; please call 319-279-3247.

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The classes, which are funded by the county, are offered once a month at each library site; Denver Public Library, Sumner Public Library, Tripoli Public Library, Readlyn Public Library, Plainfield Public Library, Janesville Public Library, and Waverly Public Library.

Classes for the spring session will start on February 8 and run through the end of April. A summer session will be held in June. Various classes such as downloading free eBooks and audio books from the library, storing your digital photos, Facebook for beginners, how to purchase the computer you want, and more are being offered during this session. Classes are scheduled at various times of the day so anyone can sign up for a class at any one of the seven library sites at a time that is convenient for them. Classes are taught by qualified instructors and some topics are offered more than once at various library sites.

Sign up to take a free class now! Schedules are available at each of the seven county libraries. Pre-registration is suggested. Simply call the library that is offering the class you would like to take to reserve your space. You are welcome to bring your laptop or device to class.

Below is a schedule of Spring Classes:

February:

- Facebook For Beginners:** Janesville Library, Thurs., Feb. 8, 10 AM
- Check out Free eBooks and audio Books:** Denver Library, Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30PM
- Tripoli Library, Mon., Feb. 19, 5 PM
- Basic Internet:** Waverly Library, Fri., Feb. 23, 10 AM
- Internet Safety:** Plainfield Library, Fri., Feb. 23, 2 PM
- Buying & Selling on eBay:** Sumner Library, Tues., Feb. 27, 2 PM
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- Buying & Selling on eBay:** Janesville Library, Thurs., March 8, 10 AM
- Internet Safety:** Denver Library, Thurs., March 8, 6:30 PM
- Facebook For Beginners:** Tripoli Library, Mon., March 19, 5:00 PM
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- Storing Your Digital Photos:** Plainfield Library, Fri., March 23, 2 PM
- Readlyn Library, Tues., March 27, 6:30 PM
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April:

- Internet Safety:** Janesville Library, Thurs., April 5, 10 AM
- Sumner Library, Tues., April 24, 2 PM
- Buying a New Computer:** Denver Library, Thurs., April 5, 6:30 PM
- Waverly Library, Fri., April 27, 10 AM
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- Basic Apps For Androids:** Readlyn Library, Tues., April 24, 6:30 PM
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Auxiliary meets Jan. 9

The Wayne Teisinger VFW #5661 Auxiliary met January 9 at the Readlyn Library with 5 members present. The meeting opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, Minutes and Treasurers reports were accepted. General orders and chairman reports were read by all. Volunteer hours were turned in.

Three more Christmas boxes were sent to deployed military personnel: Theresa Bowers, Bryant Eike and Brent Miller. Previ-

ous one went to Cameron Brandt. 214 poppies were handed out a Christmas on Main and 70 Christmas cards signed and sent to military personnel. Legislative letters pertaining to veterans affairs were handed out to mail to senators and representatives. A thank you was read from Marjorie Macken and Retrieving Freedom. The 3rd district meeting will be Saturday January 13, 2018 at Nashua. The meeting closed with prayer. The hostess was Wilda Albrecht.

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God's truth is absolute

According to social scientists, we live in a postmodern culture; a culture which is resistant not only to Christian truth claims but to any truth claims. In postmodernism, there is no objective truth; there is only the perspective of the group, whatever the group may be. Since there is no objective way of determining the truth, all viewpoints, all lifestyles, all beliefs and behaviors are regarded as equally valid. As a result, the notion of right and wrong is fading away as tolerance takes center stage. "This is the new millenium my friend, everybody is doing their own thing. I am OK. You're OK. We all are OK," so I was told. Really?

But if all ideas are equally valid, as postmodernism insists, then no idea is really worth our allegiance, nothing is worth living or dying for – or even arguing about. If there is no right or wrong and truth is whatever each one of us makes of it, are we not flirting with chaos and disaster? No organized entity can survive without any moral compass to guide its thinking and way of living. The existence of law, whether civil or religious, clearly points to the vitality of their role for orderly living.

Christians need to be aware of the fact that God gave the Ten Commandments as a guiding principle based on the absolute truth of his Word. By the way, it's called the "Ten Commandments" and not the "Ten Suggestions." They are meant to bless us through a right way of relating to God and the neighbors. God's law works like a fence that protects us, mirror that reflects our sins and our need for a Savior, and a sign-post that guides us to holy living.

Does the truth of Christ really matter in

this day and age? Absolutely, positively yes! It has guided many generations before us and will guide those coming after us. The truth of Christ tells the truth about us, "We are God's creature that rebelled against our Creator by making our own rules as we go along in life." Yet, Christ's truth also tells us that Jesus came on this earth to save us from our perishing condition. So, Christ's truth is a truth that tells us who we really are, God's creature, and who God intends us to be.

God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6a) That statement rings true in our time. We lack godly knowledge about ourselves and about what God expects of us. Godly knowledge is acquired only through daily reading and studying God's Word and applying it in life with the help of the Holy Spirit. Martin Luther suggests that we let God's Word interpret itself for the Holy Scripture is clear in itself.

In a world that offers all kinds of alternatives, God's truth stands tall compared to other claims for it gives life, sets us free from self-deception and sinful condition (John 8:31-32), and restores our human dignity. We may be in a post-modern time but the truth of God's Word has stood the test of time. It is timeless and you and I can anchor our life in it.

Last of all, the truth of God's Word will prevail against all and any human thinking and even existence (Luke 21:33). The Battle Hymn of the Republics visualizes God's truth as a marching army conquering every thing in its path, "His truth is marching on." "Let my people think and stand upon the truth of my Word," said the Lord. For there is life eternal in God's truth found in Christ, "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," (John 14:6). Shalom!

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