

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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2018 Old Grump Larry Ladage, 2018 Volunteer of the Year Kim Brown, and 2018 Miss Readlyn Cassidy Brunscheon pose for a photo.



Little Miss Grumpster Makayla McCabe and Little Mr. Grumpster Alexander McCabe are twins! See more photos from Grump Days on pages 8 and 9.

Freedom continues to rock in Readlyn

After planning for nearly a year, Grump Days 2018 has come and gone. The Theme of "Freedom Rocks" was very popular as this is the year the Bremer County Freedom Rock will be painted located on the northeast corner of Readlyn. Soon it will be on display for all to view.

Preparing for Grump Days requires a lot of planning and many volunteers. Set-up took place on Thursday afternoon and the first event was a showing of the movie "The Greatest Showman." It was enjoyed by many children and parents. Friday the Annual "Grumpsters" Golf Tournament took place at Wapsie Ridge with a full day of fun for all. The beer tent opened at 4 PM, and the Readlyn Bank served ice cream sundaes until 7 p.m. The Balloon Man began at 5 PM, and food stands opened along with the beginning of the Grump softball tournament. All of the small children enjoyed the Pedal Pull in the park that began at 5 PM. Thank you, Wapsie Valley FFA.

At 6 p.m., it was time to crown the Little Grumpsters. Makayla McCabe was

crowned Little Miss Grumpster, and her twin brother, Alexander McCabe, was crowned Little Mr. Grumpster. There were six beautiful young ladies as candidates for Miss Readlyn. The judges must have had a hard time selecting the Runner-up Caitlin McElhose and Miss Readlyn Cassidy Brunscheon. Congratulations, Caitlin and Cassidy, and the rest of the candidates.

The "Old Grump" was selected differently this year. At the annual meeting of the Readlyn Community Club members were asked to vote their choice for the "Old Grump" but only after they asked if the candidate would serve in that position. The votes were later tabulated and the winner was announced Friday night. Larry Ladage was selected as the "Old Grump" by the entire Community Club. A big thank-you to all of those candidates that allowed their names to be submitted. The last event from the stage was the naming of the "Volunteer of the Year" award. Kim Brown was chosen the winner of this award by the Community Club.

Kim has participated for many years, and has promoted the Valentine Ball for many years. Congratulations, Kim.

After the Pepper Tournament and the Teen Street Dance, the Fireworks were enjoyed by a large crowd. The evening ended with Mitch Boevers' music in the beer tent.

Saturday morning arrived and it was time for the parade. It had many awesome floats and was nearly 40 minutes long. Judges selected the winning floats. They were: 1st place Readlyn Telephone Company, 2nd place went to Painting of the Rock by the Freedom Rock Committee, and 3rd place went to the Waverly VFW float honoring all those veterans who served. Congratulations to all and thank you to all who participated. After the parade, the food stands opened, along with the beer tent, Kids in the Park, the Balloon Man and Face Painting in the Park. Afternoon entertainment included the very popular Schafskopt Tournament, the Bean Bag Tournament and the Adventure Run at the Ball Park. There was

bingo in the Gazebo that was well-attended. At 5 PM, it was time for karaoke for all ages. Mostly young people participated and enjoyed the opportunity to show off their talent.

The evening entertainment was the band Beaucoup. Everyone truly enjoyed the music and they played until nearly 1 AM.

Sunday morning Pastor Jean Rabary of St. Matthew and Zion conducted a Worship Service at 9 AM. The service included special music by the Readlyn Area Choir, and soloists David Heinemann and Mitch Boevers. There were lots of comments about what a wonderful service it was and it should be done monthly in the park.

So, Readlyn Days are past, but not before the many volunteers are thanked for all their hard work. Committees were formed and everyone did their part. Only when it is over, those volunteers realize how much work it was. Impossible to name everyone, but a big thank-you to all.



First place float goes to Readlyn Telephone Company.



Readlyn's own large Grump has his wife helping out at the Grump Days Parade.

Readlyn veterans go on Honor Flight

Four veterans, Ron Leistikow, Larry Ladage, Don Billhorn and Charlie Albrecht, all from the Korean War era, traveled on the May 22 Cedar Valley Honor Flight from the Waterloo Airport to Washington DC.

They arrived at the airport at 5:30 a.m. and were treated with pastries, fruit and beverages served by Hy-Vee. Many family members were present to wish us a safe trip.

After arriving at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport, they boarded buses to visit the WWII Memorial. After about one-half hour, they were back on the buses to visit the Korean Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and then the Vietnam Memorial. They were some very humbling times bringing back many memories.

The next stop was Arlington National Cemetery and watching the changing of the guard. This is a very quiet time and everyone watched again with thoughts of those who served this nation.

The Women's Museum gave everyone the opportunity to see how women served their country during the past 75 years. It was a very rewarding experience. The Air Force Memorial was next on the list, and we caught a glimpse of it when arriving, and then the rains came and we didn't get off the bus. We were given a good meal while waiting, but the rain didn't stop and we left for the airport to take pictures and board the plane for home.

On the flight home was mail call, and everyone received letters from family and local school children. It was an emotional time for everyone as we were thanked for our service to this great nation.

The Veterans were accompanied by guardians who assisted them with any needs they had, and were thanked for all the assistance they provided. A great many memories were shared by everyone, and the special welcome we were given at the airport in Washington was cherished by all.

The welcome home was the most humbling to everyone. The special music by the band, the wall of flags, and all of the friends and family that lined the walkway

all the way to the exit doors and then the drive from the airport with all the flags and policemen and others welcoming us back was very emotional for us all. This will truly be an event in the lives of these veterans that we will never forget.



Veterans ready to depart on the Honor Flight are, left to right, Ron Leistikow, Larry Ladage, Don Billhorn and Charlie Albrecht.

Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Ladage



Hello from the 2018 Readlyn Grump!

Everyone seemed to enjoy Grump Days. The theme of "Freedom Rocks" made for a very nice parade. There were lots of activities in the park on both Friday night and Saturday, with good food and entertainment. The fireworks on Friday night were great as always.

If you have not seen the Freedom Rock, it is located in the park just north of Kwik Star. Everyone should make an effort to go and see it. Readlyn needs a pat on the back for being able to have the Freedom Rock to represent Bremer County. Painting of the rock was scheduled to begin on June 22. Keep an eye on it as it is being painted, and after it is completed.

After the parade we had a party at our house for lunch with about 30 friends and relatives stopping over. Included among the guests were relatives from Owatonna and Northfield, Minnesota.

Thank you to everyone who voted for me for Readlyn Grump. I appreciate it very much. I hope to be able to represent this wonderful town throughout the year.

See you next month – hopefully the weather will cool down a little bit by then.

Larry Ladage, Your 2018 Grump

Please join us in celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary!

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Tuesday, July 3 - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library, call 319-235-6201 for an appointment.

Tuesday, July 3 - V.F.W. Post #5661 meeting at Readlyn Telephone Co.

Tuesday, July 10 - V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting at the library

Thursday, July 12 - Deadline for July 25 *Chronicle*, 5 pm

Tuesday, July 24 - Coloring at the library, 1-3 pm

Wednesday, July 18 - Senior Citizens lunch and cards, 11:30 am at Inspired

Wednesday July 25 - Merry Elders at Inspired 11:30 am

Thursday, July 26 - Book Talk, 7 pm at the library

All of these Readlyn veterans are also either past or present Readlyn Grumps. Do you remember them from years ago?



Charlie Albrecht from 1958



Don Billhorn from early military time



Ron Leistikow from early military time



Larry Ladage from service time of 1957

"Living in a small town...is like living in a large family of rather uncongenial relations. Sometimes it's fun, and sometimes it's perfectly awful, but it's always good for you. People in large towns are like only-children."

~ Joyce Dennys

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Readlyn Community Happenings



Installation of Officers to the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661 Auxiliary was held recently. Officers are Darlene Peters, Junior Vice Commander; Wilda Albrecht, Chaplain; Luann Happel, Senior Vice Commander; Ellen Thies, Treasurer; Marrillee Tiedt, Secretary; and Verdeen Pavelec, President.

Matthias/50th Anniversary

Ronald and Ella Matthias have recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ella R. Otten and Ronald W. Matthias were married on June 23, 1968 at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

They are retired educators having moved from Convoy, Ohio to Readlyn 13 years ago. The Lord blessed them with three sons and five grandchildren.

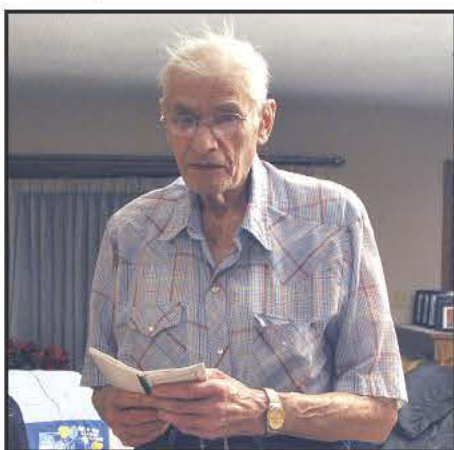
Their sons are John of Redford, MI; David (Lisa) of Readlyn; and James (Kelly) of Arden Hills, MN.

The grandchildren are Jacob Lien, Gabriel, Derek, Adeline and Cora Matthias.



Ella and Ronald Matthias

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Burton Thies, Senior Vice Commander of the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661, gave the oath of office to the Auxiliary members.

Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met June 12, 2018 at the Readlyn Library with six members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The General Orders and Chairman reports were read by all. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. A bill was turned in and a motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Luann Happel to pay the bill. Carried. We got letters from Chuck Grassley in answer to the Veterans bills. We got another letter to mail in for a Veterans bill.

Six members and 10 Post members participated in the Cemetery Service and marched in the Memorial Day Service at the Readlyn Elementary Gym and mock grave service outside and some attended the potluck at the Readlyn Library at noon.

A motion was made by Ellen Thies and seconded by Luann Happel to adjourn. Carried. Hostess was Marrillee Tiedt.



Thank You

I would like to thank my wonderful family, church family, neighbors and friends for all the cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and prayers since my fall. I am slowly but surely getting better. May God bless each of you.

Dolores Ungs



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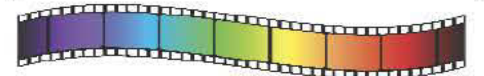
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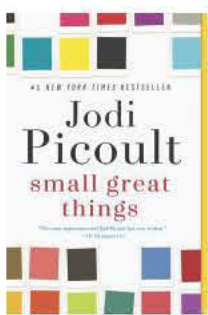


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Booktalk Readlyn Reads

The selection for July is "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. This book tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion. It causes you to think, step outside of yourself, take another's perspective, and re-think your beliefs — with a trademark Picoult twist.



'Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want

Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?' ~from Amazon

Pick up a copy and come join us at the library for discussion on Thursday July 26th at 7:00 pm.



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The Readlyn Community Library has a large collection of *novelty theme cake pans* that you can check out and take home to make unique cakes for holidays, parties, or just for fun! Super heroes, children's characters and holiday themes. You

your cupboards). To see what pans are available, go to the library catalog, in General Keyword search type in cake pan.

If we don't have what you're looking for, we can often find one through another library to borrow.



Color Us Creative

JOIN US Tuesday, July 24th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



The library will be closed on Wednesday July 4th



The Library Staff and Board would like to Thank the Community Foundations of Readlyn and Bremer County for funding to replace and upgrade the library's computers!

Deadline for July 25 Chronicle: Thurs., July 12, 5 PM



Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

Readlyn Community Building is a baby boomer

The Readlyn Community Building was erected on the two-lot site where, on Wednesday nights, outdoor movies were shown during the warmer months of the year. Much of the planning for the building occurred when I was in the Army forcing me to consult the families of those involved. The building was completed in 1953 and almost all of the active participants in its early history are deceased.

Shares, I assume, were offered at \$100 and the Readlyn Community Building was incorporated issuing \$35,000 of stock. The purchasers must have thought this would be a good investment. After scanning the names of the stockholders I find it hard to believe that some of those old Germans would part with their money unless they considered it a good investment. Or maybe they were civic-minded?

How could they sell this as an investment? Denver had two upstairs halls and almost every Saturday night one or sometimes both dance halls were busy. Readlyn might receive some of the wedding and anniversary dances. Bands could be booked and admission charged. The building could be rented for a host of activities.

Volunteers were to work activities. I have no idea who was doing the promoting or who was approaching the buyers.

My father said that at the first meeting in 1952 there was a big hassle! Should the building have a basement? After much discussion three successful Readlyn businessmen, Heinie Moeller (Plymouth-DeSoto car dealership), Herb Pries (Jack Sprat grocery store) and Art Miller (McCormick-Deering Farmall dealership) stated that unless the building had a basement they would put no money into it. My Dad, Oscar Thran, said most of the assembled group did not favor a basement but gave in to the three because it sounded like they would invest heavily. However, in the end they invested no more than the average stockholder, disgusting those who wanted no basement. The decision to include a basement proved to be a disaster.

A board of directors was selected. Art Miller was elected president and Heinie Moeller secretary. Dan Buhr was on the board and Larry Strottman informed me his father, Dick Strottman, was also a board member. The board solicited bids and awarded the bid to Russell Allison of Evansdale. In awarding a bid, one of the major decisions is: Should the contractor be bonded? Most of the people I approached believed the board did not request the contractor furnish a bond. However, Burton Thies and Werner Fuhr, employees of Fritz Albrecht, worked on the building. Burton stated that a bonding company had hired Fritz to complete the building.

A hole was dug for the basement. The basement walls of the adjacent buildings could not be used as basement walls. Footings were dug and poured. A cement block wall was erected on the footings and the three foot plus space between the block wall and the foundation of the adjacent buildings was filled with dirt. It rained and it rained and the pressure of the backfill caused the entire four basement walls to cave in and land in the mud, greatly adding to the final cost of the building. What

a mess — worse than starting over. The cement blocks that fell into the mud had to be dug out of the mud, broken apart, the mortar chiseled off and cleaned before being reused. The building was eventually completed. I was told that the contractor, Russ Allison lost his home and business. I ran into Russ in Waterloo later. He had no time for Heinie Moeller, indicating to me that Heinie played the role of ramrod. Larry Strottman stated the board of directors paid out of their own pockets to finance the finishing touches of the Readlyn Community Building.

Upon completion of the building a mechanic's lien was filed by Spahn and Rose of \$7,183 against the building due to an unpaid Russell Allison bill. Later other liens were filed against the building. Again Spahn and Rose for \$4369.27, Lehmkuhl Plumbing, Fairbank, \$2745.39 and Ed Scott, blacksmith, \$512.81. At this stage

the original investors, through the courts, lost their investment. Reverend Paul Moeller paid off all creditors and received a clear title to the building.

The building opened with a dance, the name of the band, The Vikings, who featured waltz and polka music. The younger crowd, not thrilled by The Vikings style of music, wanted other music. Herb Wittenburg and his older group prevailed. At that time wedding and anniversary dances were popular. Invitations would be sent out or announced in the paper. Those attending would sign a register and donate a dollar or two. Our wedding dance was held on May 30, 1954. Donations were around \$460, Duane Pichelman band was paid \$90 and we bought a new color TV with the rest.

The Riviera Ballroom in Janesville became a popular venue and even many Readlyn couples opted to hold their dance

in Janesville rather than Readlyn. It was disappointing there was not more activity. The building was rented for dances and for square dancing and roller skating and various other activities. Leo Moeller tried to promote dances for the younger crowd but was revolted by their behavior and gave it up. Paul Moeller sold the building to a buyer who financed the purchase by obtaining a mortgage from an investment group headed by Wendall Matthias. Incidentally, the abstract shows that Wittenburg Trucking filed a claim for more than \$600 against the building due to an unpaid trucking bill owed by Wendall Matthias. The building was lastly rented to a company manufacturing small A-frame vacation structures.

Erv and Lou Fortsch enter the picture! They purchased the building from the Wendall Matthias group in 1984 for \$50,000. Until this time, lawyers had a heyday. A liquor license was purchased. A kitchen was installed and an area partitioned off for dining and a bar. With great difficulty, Erv removed the glue on the basement floor. The glue remained when A-frame buildings were constructed. Three pool tables were placed in the basement along with a small bar. Pool tournaments were held. A profitable venture!

The movie *Country* came to Readlyn in 1984. The dancing scene in the picture was filmed in the building. The basement was rented by the filming company to feed the cast and crew. Lou said co-star Jessica Lange's favorite meal was a grilled cheese sandwich and French fries.

The Wolfram family operated a pizza place in the building just to the north. Their business floundered and was taken over by the bank. Erv bought the building and fixtures from the Readlyn Savings Bank for the bargain price of \$10,000 with \$3,000 down. The bar and dining area located together was not conducive to a pleasant dining atmosphere. They immediately moved the bar into the recently purchased building and a doorway was formed connecting the two buildings.

The Riviera Ballroom in Janesville had burned adding to the use of the building. Lou and Erv were grateful for much support their business received from the Tripoli community. She and Erv enjoyed a financially successful 14 years in business.

The buildings and business were sold in chronological order to Larry Sauerbrei, Earle Cook, Mike Stripping, Herb Clement, Jim Collins, Kevin Toulouse and finally to the current owner, Tami Pries. The tavern building is now The Watering Hole. Presently, the original Readlyn Community Building has the name Readlyn Event Center. I wish Tami success in her venture.

Until the time of the purchase of the Readlyn Community Building by Erv and Lou Fortsch, the building was almost always in litigation with the many Waverly attorneys profiting greatly. The addition of the basement to the plan caused a great cost overrun and, thus, the original investors lost their equity. Erv and Lou are to be commended for transforming an underperforming Readlyn Community Building into a useful facility benefiting the entire Readlyn area.

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Service work in Minnesota

The 7th and 8th grade students and their parent chaperones went on a service trip to Open Arms of Minnesota May 20-22, 2018 (photos at left, below and at right). They prepared and delivered hundreds of meals to clients in need and worked in the community garden. By helping others we serve our Lord!



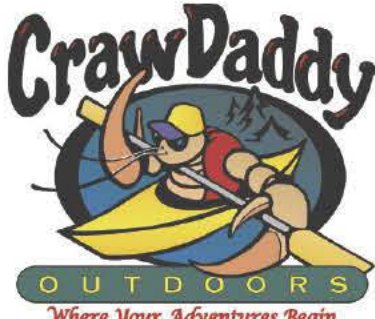
Congratulations to the following CLS students in achieving excellence in education. These fifth through eighth grade students earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the 2017-2018 school year.

Madison Forcier, Hazel Sexton, Reagan Barnes, Drea Behnke, Issy LaRue, Naomi Mueller, Noah Richards, Braden Strottmann, Lydia Wehrspann, Leah Huebner, Cannon Joerger, Silas Wehrspann and Zoe Sexton.



Congratulations to our 2018 CLS graduate Silas Wehrspann! God's blessings to Silas as he continues his education at Jesup High School. Principal Don Meier is pictured congratulating Silas.

Congratulations and God's blessings to the CLS students for completing the 2017-2018 school year, living and learning in God's loving grace!



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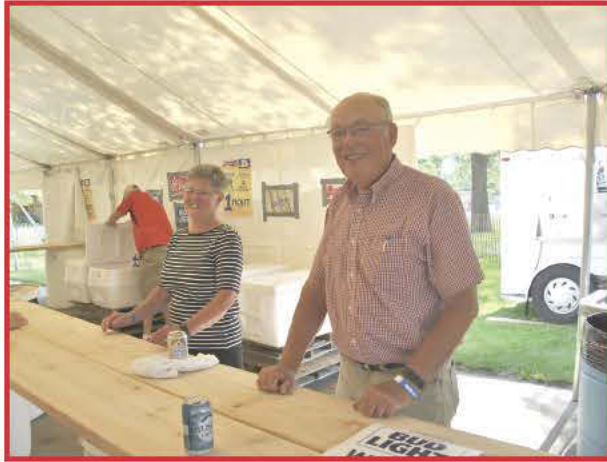
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Ten soon-to-be 1st grade boys were candidates for Little Mr. Grumpster, and four soon-to-be 1st grade girls were candidates for Little Miss Grumpster. The names of the McCabe twins, Makayla and Alexander, were drawn for those positions.



Second place float was Painting of the Freedom Rock by the Freedom Rocks committee. What an awesome, beautiful float.



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Wapsie Valley Mat Pac has a nice float, and assisted with the Grump Days celebration.



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FFA Leaders Attend District Conference

By Iowa FFA Association and Reily Richards, Chapter Reporter

Each year Northeast District and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conferences for FFA members in the Northeast District. Hawkeye welcomed FFA

chapters from all over the Northeast District on June 6, 2018.

While at Hawkeye on June 6, 2018, district and state officers led four interactive workshops for FFA Chapter leaders, many of which are officers, for the annual COLT Conference. The workshops facilitated

were local FFA Chapter programs focused in the areas of teamwork and networking, agriculture literacy and knowledge, servant leadership, and professionalism. FFA leaders also received training relative to their specific officer duties within the local chapter.

The Wapsie Valley FFA officer team had a great time meeting officers from all over the Northeast District and learning more on their new offices. Wapsie Valley FFA President Jacob Risse stated, "COLT was a great experience; it gave me a new look on how officers can continue to do great things in our chapter and community."

Iowa FFA President CD Brinegar stated, "COLT conference provides a chance for FFA members to learn more about their responsibility as a local leader and is a conference for members to meet and connect with state, district and other chapter officers."

COLT conference programming is designed as a two-year rotation of local leaders training. The focus areas of next year's program include advocating for the agriculture industry, connecting with stakeholders, recruiting for the local chapter, and working as a cohesive team. The goal is to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high school and beyond.



COLT conference is made possible with support from Energy Transfer Company Dakota Access Pipeline, LLC through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,400 student members as part of 235 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.



Left to right are FFA President Jacob Risse, Vice President Hannah Miller, Secretary Anna Richards, Treasurer Lydia Martins, Reporter Reily Richards, and Sentinel Kaylee Kleitsch.

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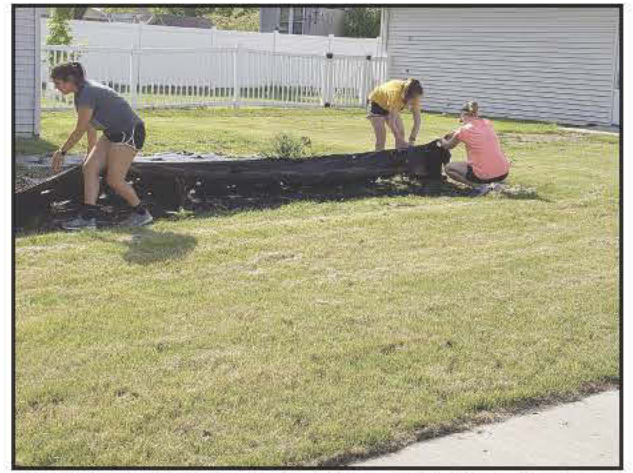
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Some students were able to help Jim Kaufman clear tree branches off his field.



A group of students stayed at the high school to help spread rock and assist the custodians.



Students helped the Little Island Child Care Center by fixing the flowerbeds.

Giving Back to a Supportive Community

By Reily Richards, Chapter Reporter

The Wapsie Valley FFA put on the first annual Warrior Way Community Day on May 24. The freshmen, sophomores, and juniors all went out to help the Wapsie Valley community who has continuous-

ly supported the students. Students were seen walking ditches, fixing flowerbeds, painting, cleaning fields, or doing whatever needed done for local businesses and community members.

A sophomore at Wapsie Valley, Han-

nah Miller, commented, "It's amazing to see how much one school can do for their community when they actually try. You realize that helping your community can also make you feel like a better person too."

Approximately 140 students and all of the Wapsie Valley High School staff, as well as four bus drivers, played a part in making the first annual Warrior Way Community Day a success. Thank you to all who assisted.



Some students helped the City of Fairbank by washing their fire trucks.



A couple of students helped out by painting at the Fairbank Food Center.



Some agriculture students participated by cleaning up the flowerbeds at the high school.

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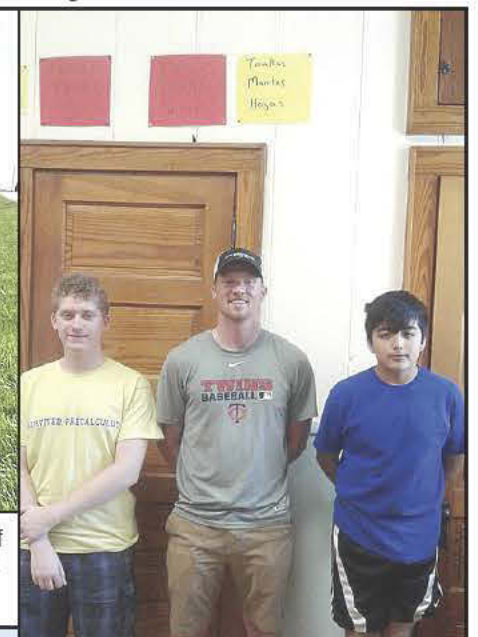
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A group of twelve students and two staff members walked ditches of highway 281 just east of Fairbank.



A couple of students helped at the Helping Hands Clothing Closet by folding clothes and cleaning.



A majority of the freshman class walked an Aronia berry field for Aronia Berry Services.





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Ag Student Attends Iowa Youth Institute of World Food Prize

By Natalie Risse, Chapter Reporter
 On Monday, April 24, Wapsie Valley junior Erika Jeanes attended the Iowa Youth Institute in Ames, Iowa. It was held in Hilton Coliseum on the campus of Iowa State University. The Iowa Youth Institute is built off of the World Food Prize, a prestigious award started by Dr. Norman Borlaug, for those that have played a major role in fighting world hunger. The Iowa Youth Institute is for high school students, and to participate they must write a five-page research paper on an agricultural factor in a developing country. The students then presented their research to a panel of judges and their peers. Also, they went on various learning excursions to learn more about different agriculture factors and why they are important. Jeanes wrote about water scarcity in Kenya. "It was an amazing experience, and I learned a lot about different underdeveloped countries and why they struggle

with malnutrition," stated Jeanes. "I was able to hear the governor of Iowa speak on her perspective of these pressing issues. I had the pleasure of presenting my paper to judges and I listened to other students, which taught me about how I can make a difference. I also learned about different issues causing world hunger." For participating in the Iowa Youth Institute, she will receive a \$500 scholarship to use at Iowa State University's College of Agriculture. Dr. Norman Borlaug was the father of the Green Revolution, and is best known for his work with genetic modification of wheat. He is from Iowa and is credited with saving over a billion lives, more than any other person in the world. He started the World Food Prize to continue to strive to end world hunger. Other states hold youth institutes as well, and the Global Youth Institute is held in Des Moines in October. Jeanes will find out in June if she advanced to the global level to present her

paper. The Iowa Youth Institute is growing each year. This year, almost 300 students from over 100 high schools around the state attended. Governor Kim Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg spoke to the students during lunch about the importance of STEM education and of feeding the growing population. The event also included over 80 industry professionals that were able to judge the students' papers and offer their perspectives. The Iowa Youth Institute is a great opportunity for students to learn about world hunger and their role in finding the solution.



Erika Jeanes attended the Iowa Youth Institute World Food Prize Symposium in Ames, Iowa on April 24.

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By: Eric Johnston



“Post-spawn”

As I sit down to write this column, it's mid-June and I'm preparing to leave for Lacrosse, Wisconsin to be a Marshal for the Bassmaster Elite Series. For those who aren't quite sure what I'm writing about, the Bassmaster Elite Series is the pinnacle of tournament bass fishing. These anglers are the best-of-the-best in the game. These are the pros you see on television, Kevin Vandam, Skeet Reese, Mike Iaconelli, to name a few. I will be starstruck all week hanging out with these guys and my duties for the four-day event will be to ride with a pro each day to enforce rules, and communicate with tournament officials via smart phone on approximately how much weight the angler has and how the angler's day is going. This information is then posted to Bassmaster.com to aid in their live coverage of the event. As excited as I am for this event, my excitement has grown knowing the post-spawn conditions these guys will have on the Mississippi River. The bass fishing the last few weeks on the big river has been some of the best I've seen lately. The pros will have fantastic fishing and I expect big weights for the

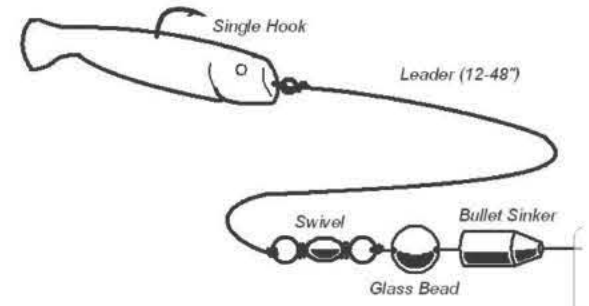
tournament. I will write a column on my experience at this event in the near future, but this week I'm going to talk about the last few weeks of fishing and some tips and techniques I've worked on this spring that could help your fishing.

Traditionally, post-spawn bass fishing can be tough. Bass are recovering from the spawn and oftentimes aren't in the mood to bite. This year has been quite different from previous years; we had a very late spring and then it warmed up very quickly. The conditions made for a fast spawn and fish coming out of spawning areas were hungry. I'll begin with rewinding to Memorial Day Weekend. Myself, wife, Aubrey, and daughter, Delana, spent a few days at our cabin in Prairie du Chien. On Saturday I took Aubrey and Delana out for a boat ride and did a little fishing. We had a fun outing, but hadn't found the greatest fishing. On Sunday Aub and Delana decided they wanted to go hiking, so I tagged along with our river neighbor Brian for a day on pool 9. This day was hot; with heat indices over 100 degrees, we weren't sure the fishing would be great. Typically the heat will hinder the bite, but we found quite the opposite. The fishing was just as HOT as the weather! We hit traditional post-spawn areas. Post-spawn areas I look for are near the small or large openings near the shallow backwaters where bass spawn. Bass use these creek-type channels as travel routes back out to their summer main river current areas. This applies to any river system, such as locally the Cedar or the Wapsie. River bass will school up after the spawn on areas of the river with some current, such as wing dams, smaller channels off the main river with some depth, or grass banks with current. This year, the bass have been relating to rocky structure more than the grass bank areas. We have caught some in grassy cuts, but the better bite has come on rock and rip-rap type areas. Brian and I started our day near a very well-known spawning area, the small cut leading out of the backwater was loaded with large-

mouth and smallmouth bass! We quickly caught a load of bass. The next area we stopped on was a larger area that is situated downstream of a very large spawning area. This particular area was loaded with bass! It has rock with about three feet of water and current. I can't begin to guess how many bass we caught. To sum it up, it was a fantastic day! Oftentimes while fishing with someone, I watch what they are doing, to always be learning. On this day Brian was throwing a Carolina rig. This is a rig I had never given much thought to on the river. It consists of a weight a foot or so above the hook kept there by a swivel and a bead is added for noise. Brian was catching them well on this. We were fishing plastic baits this day and I quickly realized why Brian was doing better with the Carolina over a Texas rig. That foot of line allowed the bait to hover just above the bottom and the bass couldn't resist. That night I rigged up a rod with the Carolina rig. The next evening I planned to put Aubrey and Delana on these fish. The weather was still hot that evening, but the fish were still biting well. We started in the second area and Aubrey quickly hooked up a couple casts in. Shortly after Delana hooked up and fought hard to land a two pound largemouth. I then decided to teach Delana, at 7 years old, how to fish a tube bait along the bottom and feel the difference between the rocks and a fish biting. It took her only a few casts to catch her biggest bass so far. I was so proud to watch her feeling the bait come along the bottom and set the hook when the bass hit the bait. It was funny to watch as my wife held

on to Delana's life jacket as she fought the fish so she didn't get pulled in! I quickly helped Delana hoist the bass in the boat and she was so excited! The moment was so special to share as a family on a beautiful calm evening on the river I love so much. That moment is surely one I won't forget. While the girls were catching fish I decided to practice the Carolina rig. I immediately loved fishing it! It was producing bites almost every other cast and from here on out, I'll always have one tied on in the post-spawn period. I rigged mine with a lizard bait, but you can use most any plastic bait you decide. I provided a picture on how to rig it, and while it's far from a "new" rig, it's new to me for river fishing and I'm anxious to try it on the Wapsie and Cedar for bass. Since that weekend, the fishing has held up and Adam and I had a tournament at Lacrosse that we finished well in running the same pattern, but I've run out of space to write about it! Oh well, a story for another time. So, to sum all this up, I'm hopeful I've led you in the right direction to catch some bass as we roll into summer. I can't wait to tell you all about my adventures with the Elites in Lacrosse! Until next time, get out there with your family and friends to make some memories! And Get Outdoors!!

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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



4th graders ended the year with a field trip to the rock quarry at BMC Aggregates in Raymond.



Our first year has ended for our full-day preschool program. Pictured are our first graduates of this program.



Even though Field Day was postponed a day, our 3rd - 6th grade students were ready to compete and cheer on all of the events coordinated by Mr. Weepie.



4th graders proudly show off their hard work at the 4th Grade State Fair held in Readlyn and Fairbank. Students complete research about a state throughout the second semester. Each 4th grader was given a blank book, funded by Readlyn Community Club, to write a picture book about their state. It's a wonderful keepsake of all their hard work.



This year 1st and 3rd graders at both Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary participated in the Bike Rodeo, a unique opportunity to experience an educational, hands-on bicycle safety event.



Bucky with the Waterloo Bucks came to talk to our students about their summer reading program.



The excitement of the end of the year approaching did not stop these students from showing the Warrior Way up until the last day of school! Pictured (above and below) are students at Readlyn and Fairbank Elementary who are our May Warrior Way All-Stars!



The end of the year was celebrated with our youngest Warriors in preschool visiting Phelps' Youth Pavilion.





On May 20, the Westgate Circuit welcomed Pastor Phillip Girardin as new pastor of Immanuel-Klinger and St. Paul-Readlyn churches. A large group of pastors from the area joined in the celebration for the installation including Pr. Feldt who served as lector, Pr. Koch as liturgist and Pr. Mark Girardin, his father, as guest preacher. President Saunders was there to perform the installation. We welcome Pr. Girardin, his wife Heather, and children Lily and David, and pray for God's blessing on his service in our community! Pictured from left to right are: John Ellingworth, Ron Koch, Larry Feldt, Pres. Brian Saunders, Michael Holmen, Philip Girardin, George Volkert, Mark Girardin, John Block, Mike Knox and Herbert Mueller.







Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 Paige Burgart, Lydia Imbrogno, Brady Sauerbrei, and Ryan Schares confirmed their faith at St. Matthew Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary. God's blessings!

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	St. Paul Lutheran Church 120 West 4th Street Readlyn, IA 50668 (319) 279-3961 Vacancy Pastor: Pastor Ronnie Koch Worship 8:00 AM
	Zion Lutheran Church 240 Elmer Avenue Readlyn, IA 50668 (319) 279-3643 Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor Sunday Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays Ruth Circle 1st Thursday 1:30 p.m. Evening Circle 1st Thursday 6 p.m.

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