

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Meet the 2018 Miss Readlyn Candidates!

ABBY SHEPPARD

Abby is the daughter of Doug and Amy Sheppard. She is sponsored by Readlyn Savings Bank. Abby has been active in volleyball, Club volleyball, basketball, golf, Vacation Bible School, and reading to kids during Literacy Week.



Abby feels she will bring a positive attitude and hard-working skills to the environment.

Her plans after graduation include babysitting this summer, spending time with family and friends, and preparing to attend UNI.

In ten years Abby sees herself with a job in elementary education or special education, married with a family, and living in the area.

Her favorite thing about Readlyn is how caring, nice and supportive everyone is!

JULIA LARUE

Julia LaRue is the daughter of Scott and Susi LaRue. Her sponsor is Mane Event.

Julia has been involved in Kids in the Park events, FFA Omelet breakfasts/food stands, helped clean the park for Community Service Day, and is a 6th grade religious education teacher. Her school activities include National Honor Society, FFA Chapter secretary, PALS mentor, competitive cheer, football cheerleading, wrestling manager, and track.



Julia feels her strengths include dedication, honesty, positivity, and a fun, outgoing personality.

Her plans after graduation include babysitting two small children, showing a steer and several laying hens at the Bremer County Fair, kayaking, spending time with family and volunteering at town celebrations and local fairs.

Julia has plans to attend UNI or Hawkeye Community College for general education and then transfer to Allen School of Nursing to get her Bachelor's Degree in Science of Nursing.

In ten years, she hopes to have a stable career in the nursing field as a pediatric nurse, living in Readlyn with her husband and starting a family. She hopes to have a dog, too!

Julia's favorite thing about Readlyn is that it's a quiet, little, close-knit town where everyone is willing to help each other out. It's a town she is glad to have grown up in and call her home.

CAITLIN MCELHOSE

Caitlin is the daughter of Mark and Jaime McElhose. She is sponsored by Quality Distributors, Inc.

Caitlin has been active in RAP Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Competitive cheer, football and basketball cheerleading, band, color guard, choir, chamber choir, musicals, archery, and the best big sister ever!



She feels her character strengths include positivity, teamwork, honesty and creativity.

Caitlin's summer plans include working at Dairy Queen, babysitting Haliey and Andrew Wehling, and hanging out with her little sister as much as possible.

In ten years, Caitlin sees herself living in another state (somewhere warm), possibly starting a family, and pursuing her dreams.

She loves how everyone in Readlyn knows each other and the people come together to get things accomplished.

CASSIDY BRUNSCHEON

Cassidy is the daughter of Jeff and Laurie Bruncheon. She is sponsored by Farmer's Co-Op.

Cassidy has been active in choir, chamber choir, musicals, National Honor Society, Individual Speech, Large Group Speech, Teacher's Assistant, Cheerleading, TAG, and college classes.



She feels her strongest assets include leadership skills, problem-solving, creativity and organizational skills.

Cassidy's plans following graduation include working at Precious Miracles, going to music camps, traveling with family and hanging out with friends. After graduation, she plans to attend University of Iowa for

Marketing Analytics.

In ten years Cassidy expects to have a college degree and a successful career.

She loves how Readlyn is such an easy place to call "home." Everyone is friendly and supportive of one another!

EVIE ROBERTS

Evie Roberts is the daughter of Andrew and Jill Roberts. She is sponsored by Quarter Ave. Storage.



Evie has been active in speech, choir, school musicals and traveling with her family.

She feels her strengths include honesty, respect, patience, integrity and joy.

Her summer plans include going to Dorian Summer music camp at Luther College, traveling to Europe for 2 weeks with a group called Travel for Teens.

Evie will be attending Wartburg College with a double major in music education and music therapy.

In ten years, Evie expects to be living in a bigger town and working as a music teacher for high school students.

Her favorite thing about Readlyn is the people. Evie says "everyone here makes you feel welcome by waving and having a friendly smile. I love the community and whoever visits our small town is sure to have a lasting impression of the kind people that live here."

MIKENNA JOERGER

Mikenna Joerger is the daughter of Chris and Angie Joerger. She is sponsored by Larry's Skelly Service & Repair.

Mikenna's activity involvement includes volleyball, basketball, golf, playing piano, and volunteering at church.

She feels her strengths include positivity, kindness and self-control. Her summer plans include a babysitting job this summer, attending several volleyball camps, and camping with her family. She will be attending Winona State University and will play volleyball there.

Ten years from now Mikenna hopes to be finished with college and starting a family.

Her favorite thing about Readlyn would be the small town atmosphere and the opportunity to know everyone in town.



Women of LIFE to host Kids in the Park June 16

The Women of LIFE of St. Matthew and Zion Lutheran Churches are proud to host Kids in the Park again during Readlyn Grump Days! Join us Saturday, June 16 from 11:30am-2:00pm at Readlyn City Park for family friendly games!

Cost is \$5 per child. There will be some of your favorite carnival games for all ages, treat walk, inflatable jumpers, laser tag, balloon man and two face painters!

Every child will receive a goody bag of prizes!

Thank you to our awesome community for providing our children a safe and fun celebration during Grump Days!

We would also like to thank the following organizations and businesses for your sponsorship and/or donations: Readlyn Community Library, Readlyn Area Youth Group, David C. Matthias - Farm Bureau Insurance, Jaci & Ben Hogan - TruServe Insurance, Inspired, Kwik Star, Thrivent Financial, Dairy Queen, Casey's and Kwik Star.

Grump Days' theme

Freedom Rocks — yes, that is the theme for this year's Grump Days. It was voted on and decided on because this is the year the Freedom Rock, located at the ball park next to Reed Ave, will be painted by Artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen.

Please refer to the Grump Days schedule located in this issue on page 9.

Grump Days will kick off Thursday evening with a movie for the families of our community. It will be "The Greatest Showman." This will take place on the south side of the Readlyn Elementary School, in case of rain it will be in the Elementary Gym.

Lots of activity for Friday beginning with the "Grumpsters" Readlyn Annual Golf Tournament @ 8 a.m.. At 4:00, the beer tent opens, Readlyn Savings Bank serves Ice Cream Sundaes, The Balloon Man, Darrell Anderson will be busy, and the Pedal Pull will take place. Also, the 9th Annual Grump Cup Firemen's Softball Tournament will begin. At 6:00 the crowning of the Little "Grumpsters," the 2018 Readlyn Grump, the 2018 Miss Readlyn, and the Readlyn Volunteer of the Year. Remember to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening. A Kids Street Dance will take place on the street to the south of the beer tent between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. The ever treasured "Pepper Tournament" will take place following the crowning activities.

From 8:30 until 12:30, Mitchell Bowers will be entertaining in the beer tent, come and enjoy and at 10:00 the Fireworks will take place which may be viewed from the lawn on the east side of Zion Lutheran Church. Those donat-

ing for the fireworks will be given fireworks glasses. The beer tent will close at 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 16 begins with the Mat Pac sponsoring "Cow Chip Bingo." Do your gambling early. The Grump Days Parade begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by the food stands and beer tent opening. Kids in the Park begins at 11:30 with carnival games, bouncy houses, laser tag, face painting and the Balloon Man. The very popular Readlyn Schafskopt Card Tournament begins @ 1:00. The Readlyn Gardeners are sponsoring the Annual Turtle Races about 2:00, followed by Bingo in the Gazebo @2:30 for all ages. 2:30 brings on something new, "An Adventure Run" taking place in the ball park, sponsored by LeAnn Cushion. If you need a rest by now, the beer tent and food vendors are open all day to refresh you. Last year we had a very popular Karaoke/Talent Show and we are going to continue that from 5:00 to 7:00 this year near the stage at the beer tent. Saturday evening entertainment is "Too Beaucoup" in the beer tent. They will be playing from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m.

The Community Church Service will take place at 9:00 in the park with Pastor Sean Rabary of the Readlyn Area Parish leading the service. Please bring your lawn chairs and enjoy worshipping with everyone from the community.

We (the committee) cannot make the "Thank You" big enough for all of those individuals and businesses that have donated funds to sponsor all of the events. When you see those folks, please tell them Thank You also.

See pages 8-9 for more about Readlyn Grump Days!

Mayor's Desk

By Dan Wedemeier



Hi everyone. It sure has been an interesting spring!! It sure makes the grass grow. Remember that the City of Readlyn has an ordinance that prohibits mowing or blowing grass into the street. If grass plugs or gets into storm water intake it creates problems for everyone. Also we have a non-mowing grass ordinance with a height requirement. This ordinance will be enforced and is there to make Readlyn great for everyone!

With summer months coming this gets a lot of campers and boat trailers parked on streets. Please be considerate of your neighbors and street safety along with following our rules on parking on the street. It really comes down to a safety issue.

Along with street safety please let's not have our streets used as a playground. That really is a safety issue and is just too dangerous!

Barny and Austin are working hard to keep parks ready and looking good. We are planning on having the splash pad open on Memorial Day weekend.

As of this writing I have received word that Spahn and Rose Lumber Co. will be closing in Readlyn this June. I have visited with their company officials and also some possible replacements. This is very sad to hear but we will try and make the best of it. They have long been a part of the Readlyn community and employ several local citizens.

Congratulations to all the area seniors!!

Have a fun and safe summer.

Mayor Dan Wedemeier

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Community Calendar

- Mondays** - Novel Knitters at the library 6 pm
- Tuesday, June 5** - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library call 319-235-6201 for an appointment.
- V.F.W. Post #5661 meeting at Readlyn Telephone Co.
- Wednesday, June 6** - Summer Reading Program with Dino O'Dell at the library 10 am
- Tuesday, June 12** - V.F.W. Auxiliary at the library, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 13** - Summer Reading Program with Bremer County Conservationists Heather and Sarah at the library 10 am
- Thursday, June 14** - Deadline for June 27 *Chronicle*, 5 pm
- June 14 - 17 Readlyn Grump Days**
- Wednesday, June 20** - Summer Reading Program, Grout Museum presents The Science of Sound at the library 10 am
- Wednesday, June 20** - Senior Citizens lunch and cards at Inspired, 11:30 am
- Thursday, June 21** - Deadline for the *Chronicle* 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 26** - Coloring at the library 1-3 pm
- Wednesday, June 27** - Merry Elders at Inspired 11:30 am
- Summer Reading Program, Aspen Black The Singing Cowgirls, at the library
- Thursday, June 28** - Book Talk, 7 pm at the library

Grump's Grumblings

By Louie Hartman



Hello June! Despite the weather, there have been many activities and projects moving forward.

We attended the second annual Bremer County Nature Alliance spring banquet. This organization's mission is to help raise funds, coordinate volunteer efforts, support and advocate for environmental education programs with Bremer County Conservation to maintain our wildlife areas. Bremer County has 4,300 conservation acres which competes with much larger counties, ie. Linn, Polk and Woodbury for acres with a much smaller budget. And if you love snakes (and really, who doesn't?), you will be happy to know that the local Wapsie River is a model of wetlands, prairie, and water hosting 12 species of snakes including the prized Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake. This rattlesnake is endangered and our area is lucky to have it and the balance it adds to the wildlife. Please don't kill them and according to Google if you would get bit, you do not need to cut the bite area and suck out the venom. Wash the wound, go to the hospital. Good to know.

The Bremer County Conservation is hosting Bike the Grump Trail from Readlyn to Hwy 63 on Friday, June 22 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Participants must have completed 3rd grade and up, and will need to provide their own bike and helmet. Meet at the Ball Diamond Park on Wilmont Avenue. Cost-\$15.00 This program offers an opportunity to explore our world. Participants must bring their OWN snack and drinks, especially water in a string backpack. The Bremer County Naturalist(s) will lead the trip. A detailed timeline and list of items to bring will be mailed out upon receipt of the registration form. Call 319-882-4742 or email Heather Gamm at naturalist@co.bremer.ia.us for more information. Go online for the registration/liability form at <http://www.co.bremer.ia.us/conservation-board/environmental-education.aspx> and click on Summer 2018 Outdoor Explorer youth activities.

The Grump Days' Committee is meeting every week to fine tune your good time on June 15, 16 & 17. As usual, our local businesses are being generous sponsors of the various events. Please notice their names & logos on the events schedule and tell them thank you. This fun weekend can't happen without them or the hard working committee.

The Freedom Rock painting has been moved from June 16-20 because of my birthday. That is my birthday, but that just coincides with when Bubba Sorenson can get here.

Our family attended the Special Olympics in Ames May 17 & 18. I can't properly describe how moving and rewarding this experience was. Our two grandsons that were locked and hidden upon birth in an institution in Ukraine, were now celebrated, embraced and loved as they competed in their 25 meter walk. God Bless America. This is a wonderful reminder of the goodness of people.

I'll end this with an "Oh for Heaven's Sake" moment. Upon finally getting to work in my garden on a beautiful, warm day, I liberally applied sun screen since we haven't seen the sun in 6 months. Then I cut open a bag of rich cattle manure, resulting in a big cloud which immediately adhered very smoothly to all my sun screen. It was rich.

See you at Grump Days,
Louie Hartman



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Erika Jeanes



Happy May to all! This month I am proud to say I'm a Wapsie Valley alumni! I graduated May 20 with the class of 2018. I don't think it has truly hit me that I am done with high school, but I know it will very soon. My graduation day was filled with many laughs and tears, and I am so thankful that I could share this day with many of my friends and family. I wish all my classmates the best of luck in their future endeavors, and I cannot wait to start a new chapter in my life. Thank you to the Wapsie Valley community for all the special memories!

The month of May brings many graduation parties, and I can honestly say I am not even tired of eating party potatoes yet. Preparing for my party has been a process, but, since I am the youngest of the family, my parents and I have a little experience party planning.

The Wapsie Valley track and golf season came to an end this month. Congratulations to all the athletes who made it down to the state track meet at Drake. I was fortunate to make it to a few track meets this season, and I also got to see the Wapsie Valley athletes run and throw at state!

Softball and baseball is underway, and I could not be more excited! Our coaches and players are all looking forward to a great season! This will be the last sport some of the seniors will play as a Warrior, so it will be bittersweet for all of us. I can't wait to take the field with all my teammates very shortly. Thursday, May 24 we played against Union. Our first game was postponed due to weather and it will be rescheduled for a later date. For an up-to-date schedule of all the softball and baseball games and all activities at Wapsie Valley, you can visit the school website, wapsievalleyschools.com.

Enjoy the remainder of your spring and the warmer weather!

Erika Jeanes, Miss Readlyn

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I would like to thank everyone that sent the beautiful cards to me on my birthday April 17. It was so special to receive so many greetings helping me celebrate my 98th birthday. Thank you all so much.

Wilbert Huebner

Happy 75th Birthday, Joan Drewis

Come help Joan celebrate on June 17 1-5 pm at Backbone Beach Lodge, 1347 129th St., Dundee, IA.
Hope to see you there!
 Cards can be sent to Joan at
 PO Box 623, Strawberry Point, IA 52076

Senior citizens meet in Readlyn April 19 at Inspired

On April 19, 12 members attended the 11:30 meal at Inspired for the Senior Citizens' meeting.

President Ron Leistikow led everyone in prayer. We enjoyed a great meal for lunch.

President Ron Leistikow called the meeting to order. The Secretary's minutes from the March 21 meeting were read. A motion by Don Billhorn/Wilda Albrecht to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Charlie Albrecht reported a balance of \$182.00 in the treasury. Motion by Judy Leistikow/Wilbert Huebner to accept the report. Motion carried.

We signed a birthday card for Jean Buenzow whose birthday is April 21. It will be sent to Allen Hospital as she is in the hospital.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Wilbert Huebner, birthday April 17, Darlene Peters' birthday, April 3 and Mary Lou Billhorn, birthday April 22. Wilbert is now the oldest man in Readlyn at 98 years old.

Old Business:

Grump statue is done but will wait until it is dry and warmer to place it in the park. David Wittenberg power washed the Freedom Rock, machine donated by Carmi Flavors. The pea rock and trucking is donated by Kenny Bergmann. \$2300 has been donated so far. Anyone who wishes to guess the weight along with a donation should give the money to Dani Sauerbrei at the bank. Motion by Don Billhorn/GaryLee Thurm to give a donation of

\$150 to the Freedom Rock. Carried.

Vote for the Grump at the bank by May 15.

The Grump plaques are at the Historical Society building ready to be hung. The old plaques are for sale. Work day at the museum was Saturday, April 21.

The next meeting will be May 16 at 11:30 AM at Inspired. Motion by GaryLee Thurm/Don Billhorn to adjourn. The meeting was followed by fellowship and card playing.

Mary Lou Billhorn,
Secretary for Lois Thacher

College News

Graduated

Hailey Broten from Readlyn graduated cum laude meritorum with a bachelor's degree from Upper Iowa University in Financial Management on May 5.

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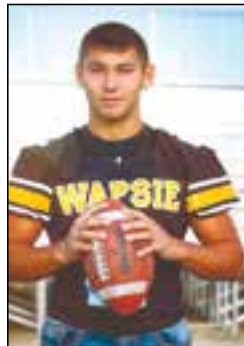
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Schrader receives scholarship

VanDaele Insurance Agency of Fairbank, along with Grinnell Mutual of Grinnell, Iowa, has named Colin Schrader of Wapsie Valley High School in Fairbank as one of 60 recipients of a 2018 Road to Success scholarship.



"We're happy to recognize Colin's academic accomplishments and safe driving record with a Road to Success Scholarship, and we wish Colin the very best in future endeavors," said Amber VanDaele of Van-

Daele Insurance Agency in Fairbank.

Schrader was selected from thousands of Grinnell Mutual policyholders based on excellence in the classroom and a safe driving record. Colin's parents are Dayna Schoer and Joe Syharath. VanDaele Insurance Agency is an independent insurance agency serving Fairbank and the surrounding area. The agency provides several lines of insurance products and represents Grinnell Mutual.



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Memorial Book Donations

In Memory of Jean Buenzow

"The Rabbit Listened" by Cori Doerrfeld
from Dean & Lois Buhr
"A Hat for Mrs. Goldman" by Michelle Edwards
from Chris & Sharon Davis

In Memory of Carol Corwin

"Maybe Something Beautiful; How Art Transformed a Neighborhood" by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howell from Ron & Judy Leistikow

In Memory of John Herman

"No Yeti Yet" by Mary Ann Fraser
from Ron & Judy Leistikow

Booktalk **Readlyn Reads**

The selection for June is "Truly, Madly, Guilty" by Liane Moriarty. "In Truly Madly Guilty, Liane Moriarty takes on the foundations of our lives: marriage, sex, parenthood, and friendship. She shows how guilt can expose the fault lines in the most seemingly strong relationships, how what we don't say can be more powerful than what we do, and how sometimes it is the most innocent of moments that can do the greatest harm." from *Amazon*

Pick up a copy and come join us at the library for discussion on Thursday June 28th at 7:00 pm.



Color Us Creative

JOIN US Tuesday, June 26th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Rock this summer by reading, listening and participating at the Readlyn Community Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program

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All programs take place on Wednesdays in June and are free of charge.

We welcome **Adults** and **Children of all ages** to our programs!

June 6 10:00 am
Dino O'Dell

Music is all around us: birds singing in the trees, the clickety clack or a train rolling down the track, and the beating of our hearts.

Join Dino as we sing about monsters under our beds, swim in a pond full of peanut butter, and learn about the four categories of instruments: percussion, wind, string, and electronic. It's an interactive and educational musical adventure.

June 13 10:00 am
Bremer County Conservationists
Heather and Sarah

Nature's Sounds
Learn about animal sounds and who makes them.

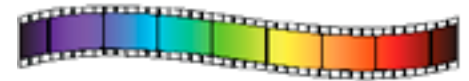
June 20 10:00 am
Grout Museum presents
The Science of Sound

See the amazing science of sound as we demonstrate vibration, frequency and the Doppler effect with singing rods, singing pipes and spouting bowls.

June 27 3:00 pm
Aspen Black
The Singing Cowgirls

You may register for the reading program at the library any time after the last day of school for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

New DVDs



- Paddington 2
- The Commuter
- Forever My Girl
- The Post
- Maze Runner—Death Cure

Welcome to the Team!

The Readlyn City Council has approved Dalton Meyer to the Readlyn Library Board. We appreciate his willingness to serve on our board and look forward to working together.

Other board members are Susi LaRue, A.Jay Behnke, Carolyn Mohlis, and Lauri Phelan. I thank these trustees for volunteering to serve in these unpaid positions. All Board meetings are generally held on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 pm, with occasional exceptions.

The Library Board is responsible for the governance, policy development and financial oversight of the library. Board members are the vital link between the library and its community.



We're cleaning out! The items below are available for bids. Stop by and make an offer. Bids will be reviewed and awarded at our July Library Board Meeting.



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Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

German family names

In the last issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle* I stated that around 1950 Readlyn and surrounding community was composed of more than 97% German ancestry. How did Germans acquire their family names?

In the Bible people were identified by location as Jesus of Nazareth, by duties as John the Baptist, or lineage as Joseph, son of Jacob. Sometime between the birth of Christ and the Reformation (1600s) people acquired family names. Do you ever wonder why in America we have an overwhelming number of Smith families? Every village in England had one or more blacksmiths who earlier were identified as, for example, John the Smith or Henry the Smith. The family dropped the and assumed the name of the occupation.

The Norwegians simply took the name of the father and put a son behind it. Ole to Olson, Lars to Larson, Swen to Swenson, Torkel to Torkelson, Erick to Erickson, Nels to Nelson, etc.

In this period of history there were no factories mass producing goods on an assembly line. People lived in mostly small villages and goods were produced by local craftsmen. Each village had possibly one or two blacksmiths, a tailor, a baker, a butcher, etc. Families often acquired their family names from their occupations. German occupations translated into English are: Schmidt--blacksmith

- Schaeffer--shepherd
- Becker--baker
- Decker--roofer (probably thatched roofs)
- Schneider--tailor
- Meier--stewards of animals belonging to owners of the land
- Traeger--carrier, transporter
- Schumacher--shoemaker
- Metzger--butcher
- Gruber--digger or miner
- Maurer--builder of walls-- cities built huge walls for protection
- President Eisenhower--iron chopper
- Schultz--village official (mayor, constable, etc.)
- Zimmermann--carpenter
- Koch--cook
- Mueller--miller, often changed to Miller on Ellis Island due to similar pronunciation
- Bauer--farmer
- Seeman--seaman
- Ackerman=land tiller
- Buchholz=book wood, maker of wooden book bindings.
- Messerschmidt--knife smith, was name of a famous WWII German fighter plane

Names ending in -ow and -tz as Leistikow, Buenzow, Hagenow and Schlewitz came out of eastern Germany or Poland area and are slavish names I listened to Kirk Ferentz identify his name as slavish We Thrans came from Buechow, --ow, the Jaschens from Zirkwitz --tz, villages 1 mile apart in eastern Germany. Kremnitz --tz is a neighboring village. At one time this area in eastern Germany and Poland was inhabited by slavs. Many villages have --ow or -tz endings.

Names ending with berg indicate mountain or hill, as in Bergman, Wittenberg, Lutherstadt. Names ending with burg suggest fort or castle. The Wittenburgs probably came from Wittenburg, a city northeast of Berlin. Wartburg is a castle but built like a fortress.

The Thurm family lived near and identified with a tower as Thurm is a tower. Reiny Freitag's family possibly had something important happen on a Friday as Freitag is German for Friday. The Steinbronn (stone fountain) family identified with a stone fountain. Sauerbrei in German is sour mash, the family having something to do with producing sour mash, maybe in a brewery.

OK, Wes?

The official language of Germany is High German adopted in part because Luther's writings were in that dialect. Languages need a literature. Low German dialects have no literature. There were five or six Low German dialects. Many of the families that settled in the Readlyn vicinity came from the province of Hessen where Low German was spoken. Family names have meanings in Low German but the translation is lost. I would love to know what a strott is for.

Strottman or what the verb moellen means for Moeller, or what hueben means for Huebner or what a boeve is for Boevers or what heine is for Heinemann or what a diek is for Diekmann, my mother's maiden name.

Kuhl is cool in German. What did the Kuhlmanns cool? A klinger is a bell, Klingman, a bell ringer. The apostle who took the place of Judas, the betrayer of Jesus, was named Matthias. A connection? Seedorff--village by the sea. Schimmel--white horse. Reiter--rider of an animal. Westendorf--west village. The first name of a family father was sometimes chosen



Front row: Ed Traeger, Judy Gruber Leistikow, Harold Meier, Jeanette Maurer Brase
Back Row: David Schumacher, Roland Schmidt

as a family name. The Otto name could be an example.

Names were created from colors as Schwartz=black, Braun=brown, Weiss=white or from size, Gross=large or Klein=small. Some names come from personal characteristics as General Schwartzkopf (blackhead) must have had coal black hair. An interesting name in Readlyn is the name Rosengarten (rose garden). It is doubtful that their ancestors possessed a rose garden.

In those times people were referred to as serfs, who were subjects of whoever ruled. They probably lived near a rose garden or

else tended the roses of the owner.

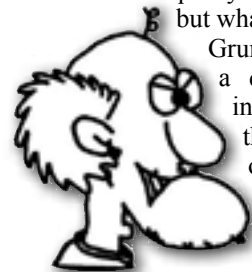
My name, Thran, is a Danish name. There is a lake and a stream named Thran in Denmark. My ancestors in the 1600s were part of an entourage that accompanied a Danish princess who wed a prince living in what is now eastern Germany.

In writing about German names I attempted to include family names found in the Readlyn phone book. I hope you found this of interest. When it comes to the subject of German names you should no longer be a complete Dummkopf! (dumbhead)

How Grump Days was born

(This story was originally published in 1990)

So Grump Days is a wonderful combination of tradition and innovation, with quirky events in between;



but what are the origins of Grump Days? This is a question shrouded in mystery. Though this is the 20th year of The Grump, the story goes back much further than 1990. There's an old saying in Readlyn Town - and indeed it's part of the *Readlyn Chronicle* Journalist's Credo: "I don't know what the truth may be; I tell the tale as told to me." That said there is a tale, sometimes told in hushed tones in the dim nooks of the Center Inn. It is a story that goes back to the younger days of our nation and to the birth of Readlyn Town, circa 1904.

An old-timer - a "rider of the rails" they called his kind — was wandering his country. Some say he was a soldier of the

Civil War, originally from Ohio perhaps, who was on Sherman's March to the Sea (1864). Others say he was but a simple vagabond from who-knows-where. Anyway, the story goes The Old Grump was but a young man then when he jumped his first train. "He rode them rails for 40 years," goes one telling. From California to the New York Island, from the redwood forest to the gulf stream waters, our weary traveler saw nearly every inch of America.

Just about the time the railroad came to Readlyn this mysterious soul arrived in town; by now the young man had grown old and grumpy. He walked the town with his hickory cane, his tired spirit impervious to the happy greetings and smiles of the 857 Friendly People who never did begrudge him his grumpiness.

"Too bad for the reason," they'd say, "but he's our neighbor now," and so they were all the friendlier to him. Nobody knew his name, nor did he tell it, so they just called him The Old Grump.

"Good morning, Old Grump!" they'd say happily and sincerely. "How's The Old Grump this afternoon?"

Also what the people didn't know is why The Old Grump got off the train that day and decided to stay. The simple reason is that he loved Readlyn. Never before in his old life and in all the places he visited had people been so friendly to him. His face was frozen in a frown but inside he was happier than he had ever been.

It took him a whole year, but then one fine morning in mid-June a miraculous thing happened: the Old Grump smiled! And laughed! They say his sudden smile lit up the town like fireworks and his laughter burst like a marching band in a parade. Some say that he smiled and laughed at his first sight of a child riding a bicycle: a curious sight at the time. But others said it was just that it took a whole year of Friendliness for his heart to finally thaw out. And he lived in Readlyn happily ever after.

The End.



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News from Community Lutheran School



Friday, April 6, 2018 the first and second grades met their farmer pen pals they have been corresponding with all year! This was a year-long Ag in the Classroom Grant project used to introduce the students to seven farming units: bees, corn, pigs, soybeans, dairy, beef and eggs. Thank you to our 13 area farmers who made this such a meaningful and memorable learning experience!



Friday, April 20, 2018 State Representative Sandy Salmon visited our school. Preschool through second grades sang her a song after she toured our school. She talked with the students about her job in Des Moines at our State Capitol. They discussed rights and what makes living in Iowa great! She also discussed all of the symbols on the Iowa State flag. The students were prepared with questions to learn more about our state government.



April 25 the three-year-old and four-year-old preschool classes sang praises to God on stage! They sang "The Butterfly Song," "God is Great!," "Pearly White Gates," and "The Doxology."



The kindergarten, first and second graders learning all about dairy farming today at the David and Justine Liddle dairy farm in Tripoli. Thank you for the ice cream treat and for showing us what cows eat, how cows are milked, the calves and all of the other cows!



Above: April 25 the kindergarten through 8th grades performed the musical "The Rock Slayer and His Greatest Hit," which retells the story of David and Goliath.



The 5-8 grade science students use the law of motion to make the cars go the farthest down the hall.



The kindergarten, first and second grades explored Sweets Marsh with Bremer County Naturalists Ms. Sarah and Ms. Heather! They used nets to catch critters! On their adventure they observed leaches, dragonflies, a scud, a snail, frog eggs, duck weed, and damselflies.



The Readlyn Valentine Ball would like to congratulate the 2018 Readlyn Involvement Scholarship recipients! Peyton Brown received \$500, Brandi Marticoff received \$300 and Jacob Joerger received \$200. Your future is so bright and your Readlyn community is wishing you the best in your future college experience!

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There will be no garbage pick up on the following days:

Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2018
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2018
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 23, 2018
Christmas Eve	Monday	December 24, 2018
Christmas	Tuesday	December 25, 2018

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

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

Little Grumpster candidates

The Readlyn Community Club would like to thank 2017 Little Miss Grumpster Elise Benhke and 2017 Little Mr. Grumpster Marshal Tiedt for doing such a great job this last year. Grump Days is soon approaching and we again get to pull a name out of a hat for one Mr. and one Miss Little Grumpsters. Little Grumpsters are any child that goes to CLS or Wapsie Valley school finishing kindergarten and starting 1st grade in the fall.

We have four beautiful candidates for 2018 Little Miss Grumpsters.

Makenna Boevers is the daughter of Andy and Sheila Boevers. She is a ball of energetic personality. She has one sister, Juliann, and one brother, Zachary. Makenna and her sister are best buddies. She is an awesome big sister and very proud of her role. This summer Makenna is doing swim team, t-ball, Girls Scouts, and plays guitar. Makenna would like to be Little Miss Grumpster so she can visit and talk to everyone. She is a talker!

Makayla McCabe is the daughter of Amanda McCabe. She has red hair and a personality that at times is sweet and at times not so much... Perhaps "grumpy" expressive eyes and a talent for drama help her express her plethora of emotions. She is very talented at drawing and coloring, very creative in imaginary play, independent in her opinions yet a bit shy at times. Makayla loves *Frozen*, singing every word of the theme song. She has a twin brother, Alexander, and one older brother, Jayden.

Andrea Miller is the daughter of Brent and Tami Miller. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. She loves make-up and *The Descendants*. She enjoys singing. She is actively involved in dance, and t-ball. Andrea has 3 siblings, her twin sister, Alexia, little sister, Ella, and little brother, Ethan. Andrea is especially proud of her daddy who she loves and misses very much. Her daddy is actively deployed overseas. Andrea is a very sweet girl that loves to help her mom any chance she gets.

Alexia Miller is the daughter of Brent and Tami Miller. Alexia is the oldest of four kids. She has 3 siblings, her twin sister, Andrea, her sister, Ella, and a brother, Ethan. Alexia's favorite colors are pink and purple. She is involved in dance and t-ball. Alexia's daddy is actively deployed overseas; she misses him so very much and can't wait for him to come home. Alexia really enjoys going camping with her family and cousins. She enjoys music and singing.

We have eleven handsome candidates for Little Mr. Grumpster.

Dustin Adams is the son of Danny and Alicia Adams. Dustin loves camping and fishing with his family. He really enjoys playing t-ball and wrestling. He also likes learning about animals and visiting the different zoos. His favorite baseball team is the Cubs and he can't wait to go to another game. He spends a lot of his time building with LEGOs, playing with race cars, and swinging on monkey bars. Dustin likes school and is excited for 1st grade.

Jackson Brunscheon is the son of Keith and Tanya Brunscheon. Jackson's hobbies include fishing, golfing, riding his bike, and wrestling. Jackson enjoys reading and math at school. He really enjoys playing with his friends and cousins. Jackson likes spending time with his family. He has an older sister, Lexi, who he loves a lot. Jackson is a friend to all and enjoys talking to everyone; he always has a great story to tell.

Drew Phillip Destival is the son of Aaron and Bridget Destival. Drew is the middle child; he has an older sister, Whitney, and a younger brother, Davis. He has a black lab named Diesel. He loves to be outside farming alongside his dad. Drew is very helpful and enjoys helping. His favorite sport would be wrestling. He also enjoys baseball. His favorite thing to eat would be walking tacos. Drew's favorite color is blue.

Easton Diers is the son of Justin and Jamie Diers. Easton likes to play t-ball, ride his bike, and ride the 4-wheeler. He spends most of his time outside on the farm riding in the tractors, having gator rides, and tending to his cows and chickens. Easton has one sister, Lily, who will be a 4th grader next year. Easton looks forward to spending his time at swimming lessons and camping this summer. If selected as Little Mr. Grumpster, Easton will enjoy meeting new people and making new friends.

Asher Giberson is the son of Nick and Laura Giberson. Asher has one brother and one sister. A dog named Maggie is also part of the family. He loves to be outside riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers. He has participated in wrestling for the last 2 years and loves it. He also enjoys playing t-ball. He loves to go camping, swimming and snowmobiling.

Kennett Hesse is the son of Kurt and Alicia Hesse. Kennett has two brothers and one sister. He enjoys swimming, riding his bike, and going for ranger rides on the farm. He loves nachos, Pokémon, and playing video games. Kennett also likes to spend time with his family and go fishing with his grandpa. He has a thirst for knowledge, is witty, and has a knack for sharing joy and laughter with others. Kennett is an all-around fun kid!

Ian Jones is the son of Joey and Andrea Jones. Ian enjoys wrestling, baseball, and football. He likes to watch the Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs, Iowa Hawkeyes, and Wapsie Valley Warriors. When not on the wrestling mat or playing baseball or football, Ian can be found watching his sisters play volleyball or causing trouble with his friend. Ian's favorite food is Basgehettie (pronounced with a B).

Jace Klendworth is the son of Mac and Rachael Klendworth. Jace enjoys spending time at the river tubing, fishing, and most of all getting wet. He likes to play outside with his little brother, Jax. You can find Jace out on the wrestling mat, or playing basketball on the court. He enjoys going for dirt bike rides whenever possible. Jace also likes the quiet down time in the park playing with his friends.

Dylan Matthias is the son of Vince and Wendy Matthias. Dylan has one older brother, Daniel. He has two dogs that are his best friends named Trusty and Mocha. Dylan likes to build with LEGOs; the creations he comes up with are very creative. This summer he is excited to be playing t-ball. He enjoys going camping with family, where he can climb and run.

Alexander McCabe is the son of Amanda McCabe. A walking tornado with a perpetual smile is the best way to describe him. He not only loves video games and electronics, he is truly quite a master of them and is able to help adults understand. Alexander loves to tumble and do flips on the trampoline. He has the softest most loving heart. He would be a great little grumpster because he would be called legendary. He has a twin sister, Makayla, and an older brother, Jayden.

Gabriel Joseph Meyer is the son of Dalton and Brooke Meyer. Gabe has two sisters, one older, Ava, and one younger, Silvi. He was one happy big brother when his younger brother, Barrett, joined the family. Gabe loves to be outside riding his bike. He enjoys going up to Prairie Du Chien to go camp out by the Mississippi River. He enjoys boating and fishing with his family. Gabe is a very sweet and fun kid to be around.

The Readlyn Grump Days Committee Invites You To Participate in the 2018 Readlyn Grump Days Parade Saturday, June 16 @ 10 A.M.

Prizes for parade entries will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Entries wanting to participate in the judging will need to be in line by 9:15 A.M. Entries who have received compensation for appearing in the parade are not eligible for judging.

Parade Guidelines:

-Start time for parade is 10 A.M.

-No need to pre-register for the parade. No registration fee.

-Entry numbers will be assigned to Readlyn area civic organizations, churches, schools, and/or entries affiliated with Grump Days i.e. the "Grumps."

-All other parade entries will be on "first come, first in line" basis

-The "Line Up" for the parade will be on east and west sides of Quarter Avenue

(Street between St. Matthew's Church and Readlyn) Please drive in from the north.

Please enter Quarter Avenue from the north end. Turning around on Quarter Avenue is discouraged.

-No problem if parade participants would like to distribute candy along parade route.

Animal Entries:

-Animal entries are responsible for providing their own "clean up" detail.

-Vehicles/trailers can be parked at Farmer's Coop Service Repair at corner of Hwy 3 and Quarter Ave.

Assigned Parade Entry Number for Readlyn civic organizations/churches/businesses:

If you are unable to participate in this year's parade, please contact Sylvia Casterton at 319-231-3474 or scasteron@netins.net.

No need to preregister...First come, next in line.

Any questions please call either Sylvia at 319-231-3474 or Louie at 319-279-3293.

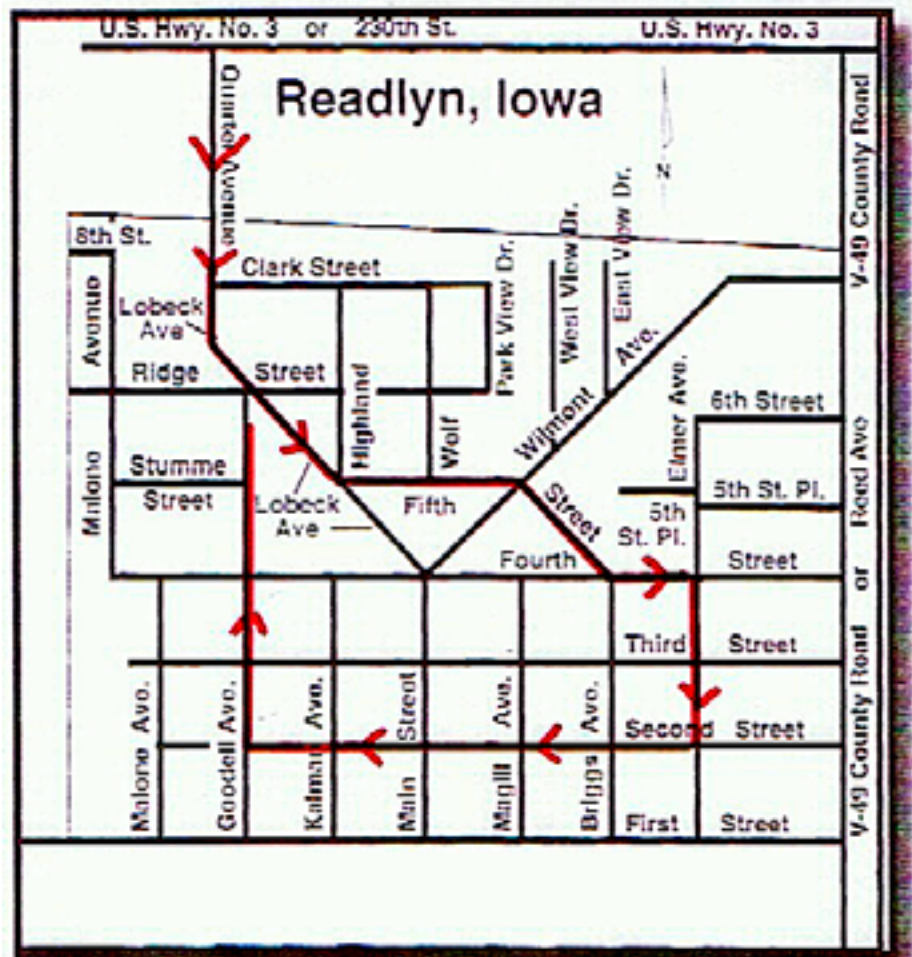
The Readlyn Community Club and the Parade Committee want this year's parade to be safe for both spectators and parade participants.

- No unlicensed driver will be allowed to drive in the parade.

- No riders will be allowed on any agricultural equipment unless the machine is equipped with a passenger seat.

- All parade participants if riding on float/vehicle need to remain on float/vehicle throughout the parade.

- Notice: Anyone having animals in the parade should have their own liability insurance. Neither Readlyn nor the Readlyn Community Club carries insurance coverage for parade entries.



Parade route:

The starting point and first half of parade are unchanged, but this year the parade will not be going down Main Street.

Grump Days Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 14

Dusk **Family Movie Night—2018 "The Greatest Showman"**
 Readlyn Elementary Lawn (In the gym in case of rain)
 Concession stand by Wapsie Mat Pac
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Mutual Insurance

Friday, June 15

8:00am **"Grumpsters" Readlyn Annual Golf Tourney—4 person best shot;**
 Wapsie Ridge Golf Course; Reservations call soon: (319) 638-4653
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Savings Bank

4:00pm-1:00am **Beer Tent:** No charge for required wristband;
 No coolers or insulated cups

4:30pm-7:00pm **Ice Cream Sundaes (@ Gazebo)—Sponsored by Readlyn Savings Bank**

5:00pm-8:00pm **Balloon Man** Darrel Anderson
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Mutual Insurance

5:00pm **Vendors' Food Stands Open**

5:00pm **9th Annual Grump Cup Firemen Softball Tourney (@ ball diamond)**
 Concession stand by Wapsie Mat Pac

5:00pm **Pedal Pull (between park & school)—Sponsored by Wapsie Valley FFA**

6:00pm **Crowning of: Little "Grumpsters"—Sponsored by TruServe Insurance**
2018 Miss Readlyn—Sponsored by Mane Event, Becky South
2018 Readlyn Grump and Volunteer of the Year Award

Remember your lawn chairs! Will move to tent in event of rain.

7:00pm-8:30pm **Pepper Tourney (Gazebo).** No registration needed.

7:00pm-8:30pm **Kids Street Dance (Diagonal street west of park)** Free entry!

8:30pm-12:30am **Mitchell Boovers-Music Entertainment in the Tent**
 Sponsored by: Greg Matthias & Stine Seed; Jim Peters & Farm Bureau Financial Services

10:00pm **Fireworks:** Seating available on East side of Zion Lutheran Church. Bring your lawn chair. Free will donation for 2019 Fireworks which includes a free pair of Fireworks Glasses for every dollar donated!
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1:00am **Beer Tent Closes**

Saturday, June 16

8:00 am **Go Wap Bingo—Sign up begins at 8:00 am & available all day!**
 (NE corner of City Park)
 Sponsored by the Wapsie Mat Pac

10:00am **PARADE (Call Sylvia Casterton 279-3446)**
 Prizes Sponsored by: Louie Hartman with Town & Country Real Estate

After Parade **Food Stands & Beer Tent Open.** No charge for required wristband.
 No coolers or insulated cups.

11:30 am-2:00pm **Kids in the Park.** \$5 wristbands required. Carnival games, Bouncy houses, Adrenaline Laser Tag; Prize bags w/prizes & goodies!
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Area Parish WOMEN of LIFE Group, Readlyn Mutual Insurance, Readlyn Library, David C. Matthias-Farm Bureau Financial Services, TruServe Insurance, Readlyn Area Youth Group, Sumner Theater, Inspired, Kwik Star, Thrivent Financial, Dairy Queen, Casey's General Stores, Martin Brothers, The Sweet Spot

11:00-2:00pm **Face Painting in the park**
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Library & Readlyn Mutual Insurance

11:00am **Sign up for Beanbag Tournament (south end of City Park)**
\$20/2-person team. Best 2 out of 3. First 32 teams to sign up.
 Sponsored by Wapsie Mat Pac
 Contact Steve German for info: (563) 608-4146

12:00pm **Beanbag Tournament-Bags start flying at noon!**
 Sponsored by Wapsie Mat Pac

12:00pm-3:00pm **Balloon Man** Darrel Anderson.
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Mutual Insurance

1:00pm **Schafskopf Card Tourney (in the tent)**
 Sponsored by: David C. Matthias-Farm Bureau Financial Services

2:00pm **Sign up for Turtle Races (North end of City Park)**

2:30pm **Adventure Run—at the Ballpark.**
 Contact: LeAnn Cushion for info or go to: www.getmeregistered/grumpdaysadventure
 Sponsored by: Waverly Health Center, balance, Weeds on Fire,

Precious Miracles and Kwik Star

2:30pm **Turtles Races begin!** Sponsored by: Readlyn Garden Club

2:30-4:00pm **BINGO for all ages!** (Gazebo) No charge.
 Sponsored by: Ron & Judy Leistikow

5:00pm-7:00pm **Talent Show/Karaoke for All Ages!** (in the tent)
 Just show up with your act—dance, comedy, whatever you want to share!
 Or get up there and sing a song with the karaoke machine!
 No sign up required.

8:30pm-12:30am **Too Beaucoup—Musical entertainment in the Tent**
 Sponsored by: Readlyn Savings Bank, Prime Ag Services, Newy's Wireless, Newy's Moto, Readlyn Vets Clinic

1:00am **Beer Tent Closes**

Sunday, June 17
 9:00am **Community Church Service in the park** with Pastor Rabary from St. Matthew's & Zion Church. Remember your lawn chair!

2018 Freedom Rocks Grump Days T-Shirt Order Form

Please make checks payable to: Readlyn Community Club
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All Help Appreciated

To anyone who would like to help out (2-hour shift) during Grump Days in the Beverage tent, I would really appreciate it. Please contact Nick Kuker @ (319) 269 9262.

See Page 1 for the Miss Readlyn candidates!

Wapsie Valley Future Farmers of America

Wapsie Valley Ag 4 Class enjoys their Chicago Venture!

By Lydia Martins and Erika Jeanes, Wapsie Valley FFA Reporter and President

The Wapsie Valley Ag 4 class planned and budgeted a trip to the windy city of Chicago which took place April 30 to May 2. This past semester eight seniors learned and studied commodity markets and graphing future contracts which the students got to see first-hand at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange! The Ag 4 students used their planning and financial skills to plan for a trip to Chicago by devising fundraisers, developing an itinerary, and creating a budget. The Ag 4 class visited the Chicago Board of Trade, Willis Tower, the famous Industrial Bean otherwise known as Cloud Gate, Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, and career tours. This annual trip has been a tradition for many years where classes have either visited Minneapolis or Chicago for a 2- or 3-day adventure. We had several fundraisers to support the Wapsie Valley Ag 4 class. Thank you to all who have supported the Wapsie Valley Ag 4 and their trip to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange!

The fundraisers that supported the class's ventures were Pizza Ranch night at Oelwein, Buffalo Wild Wings night on April 6, labor auction, hog raffle, malt sales, elementary movie night and snack sales. A quick overview of each fundraiser is below:

Pizza Ranch: The Pizza Ranch fundraiser took place on March 12 at the Oelwein Pizza Ranch. Thank you to all who donated money and tips for the Wapsie Ag 4 class trip.

Buffalo Wild Wings: The Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser occurred April 4 in Cedar Falls. Customers were to mention the Wapsie FFA while they purchased their meal. \$150 dollars were raised through this fundraiser!

Hog Give Away: Wapsie Valley Ag 4 class sold hog tickets for a hog drawing. The two halves of the hog were donated by Kevin and Kurt Leistikow and processing donated by the Fairbank Locker. The drawing for the winner was held on April 18. The winners of the hog raffle are Michael Banger and Mary Herman.

Movie Night: Ag 4 class movie night was held at Wapsie Valley High School for ages preschool- 6th grade. This took place April 6. 80 students participated in this event and enjoyed watching the movie *Ferdinand* and playing dodgeball and mat ball in the gym.

Labor Auction: At Wapsie Valley FFA Omelet Breakfast April 8 at the Readlyn Elementary, the community had the chance to bid on students for their assistance. The winners of the labor auction are Mark Happel, who won Jacob Joerger and Austin Schares to help around the farm; Ron Leistikow won two groups including Britney Hershey and Brandi Marticoff, and Hunter Robinson and Sean Banger; and Karla Jeanes won the group of Erika Jeanes and Sidney Schnor. Thank you to all those who participated in the labor auction.

Snack/Malt Sales: This past month we have been selling healthy snacks to all the agriculture classes during the day. These snacks range

from baked chips, to Gardetto's Chex Mix, and the most popular, brown sugar cinnamon Pop-Tarts. This fundraiser gave us the opportunity to provide healthy snacks throughout the day to Wapsie students who are enrolled in any ag-

riculture class! The Ag 4 class also sold malts after school for \$1.50.

Thank you to everyone who has donated time and money to making the Ag 4 class trip to Chicago successful!



The Ag IV class visited the Chicago Board of Trade. From left to right: ADM Tour Guide, Jacob Joerger, Britney Hershey, Brandi Marticoff, Erika Jeanes, Sidney Schnor, Sean Banger, Austin Schares, and ADM Tour Guide.



The Ag IV students at the Navy Pier in Chicago.

FFA Omelet Breakfast

By Lydia Martins, Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter Reporter

On Sunday, April 8, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter held its spring omelet breakfast at the elementary school in Readlyn. Made-to-order omelets were served along with hashbrowns, sausage, donuts, and cinnamon rolls. The meal was free-will donation with funds helping the general chapter expenses. Reily Richards, a chair of the committee said, "The omelet breakfast is a great way for the chapter and the community to get together and also a way for all chapter members to get involved." The chapter hosts an omelet breakfast in the spring and fall in two different locations for community involvement. The

chapter would like to thank the volunteers, parents, and community that helped make the spring omelet breakfast a success!



Members and community supporters help cook and serve omelets at the spring omelet breakfast.



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Readlyn Community Happenings

May 16, Senior Citizens' meeting

On May 16, 13 members attended the 11:30 Senior Citizens' meeting at Inspired. President Ron Leistikow led everyone in prayer. We enjoyed a great meal.

The meeting was called to order. The secretary's minutes from April 19, 2018 were read by Wilda Albrecht as Lois Thacher was not present. There was a correction to the minutes as follows: There are no candidates as previously stated for the Grump. The person nominated with the most votes from the Community Club members, will be the new Town Grump for 2018.

Charlie Albrecht read the treasurer's report. \$150.00 was donated to the Freedom Rock project. Motion made by Wilda Albrecht to approve and seconded by Verdeen Pavelec to accept the report. Motion carried.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries for May.

Verdeen Pavelec thanked everyone for the get-well card she received from the Senior Citizens when she was hurt/sick.

Sonja Bast thanked everyone for her birthday cards.

Jean Buenzow passed away since our last meeting. Everyone sent their own sympathy card to the family.

The Grump statue is back on the park bench and all repairs and painting are completed.

Everyone was reminded to vote for the Volunteer of the Year at the Bank. The winner of the award will be announced at Grump Days.

Sonja Bast made a motion to continue our monthly lunch meetings at Inspired. It was seconded by Verdeen Pavelec. Motion carried.

Pat Wehr mentioned that the Garden Club planted over 100 annuals and they are still planting more flowers and shrubs around town. They thanked the Valentine Ball for the donation.

Charlie Albrecht spoke about the Freedom Rock. The donations received for the Freedom Rock are now in the \$9,000 range. He thanked everyone for the donations, but he urged everyone to not stop giving towards this great project. There will be other expenses after the painting is completed.

Charlie Albrecht also spoke about the Freedom Rock and the artist that is coming in June to do the paintings on the rock. The artist will decide as to what paintings will go on the Freedom Rock.

The next meeting will be June 20 at Inspired at 11:30. Motion was made by Wilbert Huebner and seconded by Sonja Bast to adjourn. The meeting was followed by fellowship and card playing.

Submitted by Judy Leistikow for Lois Thacher, Secretary.



Readlyn's oldest man, Wilbert Huebner, celebrated his 98th birthday in April along with the other April birthdays, Darlene Peters and Mary Lou Billhorn. They enjoyed playing cards after our lunch at Inspired. Wilbert still lives by himself and is very active.

Bremer County Freedom Rock

The Bremer County Freedom Rock is in its final weeks before being painted. The artist, Ray "Bubba" Sorenson II, will be painting June 20-27 (note date change). Lots of preparation have been scheduled to prepare the area for this eventful tribute.

The Freedom Rock Committee and the Readlyn Community Club would like to thank each and every one of you that has supported this unique adventure. Your overwhelming support from all towns in Bremer County is something we can all be proud of.

If you have ventured a guess on the weight of the rock, the winner will be announced Friday night, June 15 before the crowning of the 2018 Readlyn Grump.

Check out this one giant Veterans Memorial Rock for Bremer County after June 27 or if you are on V-49 (north of Kwik Star) June 20-27, stop and thank our artist for sharing his unique talents and tribute to all veterans.

V.F.W Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met May 8, 2018 at the home of Luann Happel with 6 members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's report were read. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to accept them. Carried. The General Orders and Chairman reports were read by all. Volunteer hours were turned in for April, 195. Burton and Ellen Thies and Charlie and Wilda Albrecht attended the 3rd District meeting April 21 at Northwood. They entered an angel poppy display with 125 poppies. Wilda Albrecht was elected as conductress for 3rd District meeting, and Ellen Thies retained her treasurer's job. 6 letters and 2 emails were sent to representatives for Veterans Bills. A get well and Kwik Trip card were sent to Delores Unga at Allen Memorial Hospital. \$5.00 was sent to Auxiliary State Con-

vention which will be June 7-11, 2018 at Holiday Inn at the Airport in Des Moines. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Darlene Peters to replace Sr. Vice President Delores Sauerbrei, who stepped down, with Luann Happel. Carried. A motion was made by Verdeen Pavelec and seconded by Luann Happel to elect Marjorie Macken, conductress, Betty Power, guard, Darlene Peters, scholarship chairman, Wilda Albrecht, V.A. and family support chairman, and Ellen Thies, chief of staff chairman. The auxiliary officers were installed by Sr. Vice President of V.F.W. Post Burton Thies. Thank you was read from Verdeen Pavelec. Memorial Day will be celebrated May 28, 2018. A noon potluck will be at the library. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn. Carried. Hostess was Luann Happel.

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Above: Readlyn Gardeners beginning the planting of over 150 annuals to enhance 10 of the 13 gardens. Front to back: Roger Detterding, Gary Matthias, Bonnie Erickson, Betty Matthias, Ruth Wittenburg, and Marlys Detterding.

Left: Gary helps extricate an expired bush as Roger pulls it out using a chain and truck.

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By Brent Sauerbrei

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The Season Opener

Yes folks, spring has finally arrived! Mother Nature sure made us wait for it this year. As spring finally rolled around, I counted the days until opening day. To the general public you casually mention opening day and most folks think of baseball. And while I myself don't mind a good baseball game from time to time, to the outdoorsman and outdoorswoman across the Readlyn area the words opening day mean so much. It's hard to describe the feeling of an upcoming opening day in the outdoors. As close as I can come to describing it is it's much like when you were a little kid waiting for Christmas morning to come! While there are many opening days for me throughout the year with the different hunting seasons, this week I'm going to talk about opening day of the Cedar Valley Bassmasters' tournament season.

Like I said above, it felt like spring would never get here this year. I had prepped my boat and had everything ready to go for the season back in March and then we kept getting snow. Our season opening bass tournament was set for April 28 at Lansing, Iowa and we had snow a mere week and a half before this. Cold water can make things very tough in the spring. Add to that dirty and rising water and you have a recipe for a very tough tournament. But as always, the tournament will go on and someone will find the fish and the winning pattern to take home a win. My friend and tournament partner Adam Farmer and I met at my cabin in Prairie Du Chien on Thursday night and

began planning how we would go about taking on Friday practice to find some fish. We decided with the cold water we would target areas near the bass wintering holes and see what we could find. Friday morning dawned cold and clear. We were to the ramp and on the water at daybreak. Lows were in the thirties and as we idled out of the canal a quick check of the water temp read 48 degrees. Not exactly ideal, but we needed to find them. We decided to start at a well known area that typically had warmer water. We fished around in there and found two areas that held a school of keeper bass. I told Adam, "At least we have this if we can't find other areas. But we need to get here first." We left there and decided we wanted to target Smallmouth. We had a tournament here last year around this time and in that tournament we did really well with Smallmouth Bass. We went from rocky spot to rocky spot all day with little to nothing to show for our efforts. We covered a lot of water throwing all kinds of different baits. At one point I had so many Carrotstix rods and Abu Garcia reels on the front deck of the boat I'm surprised I didn't trip over them and fall out of the boat! By 2:00 pm we decided the Smallmouth just weren't going to play for us and decided to switch things up. We pulled into a backwater that we've caught them shallow in the spring before and I thought to myself it's too cold for this. Another check of the water temp read 53 degrees in the backwater. A light breeze was adding a little chop to the water, so I picked up a spinnerbait and made

a few casts. On my third cast I had a big bass roll over it. I looked at Adam and said, "That was a big Largemouth, we have an area to try to get a kicker fish tomorrow afternoon." I should have taken that clue right there and changed up our whole game plan, but more on that in a bit. That night at the cabin we



By: Eric Johnston

made our plan to start at the community hole and stay there most of the day, then go to the backwater in the afternoon when it had warmed up to try for a big Largemouth. Tournament morning dawned even colder than the day before and the wind had blown hard all night. As we idled out of the ramp our takeoff order was boat #9. I wondered if the handful of boats in front of us would head to the area we wanted to start. I was nervous, because I knew if we weren't in there first we would have a harder time putting fish in the boat. As we took off I saw two boats ahead of me heading to that area. But I also noticed they were taking the longer way around that you must use when the water is low. I had idled out of there in practice and knew the water was deep enough to run across wide open. As they went around left I immediately cranked the steering wheel right and ran across the shallow flat beating both boats into the area, a fist bump between me and Adam as we drove right up to where we wanted to start. We put the trolling motor down and got to work. Adam almost immediately hooked up with a beautiful two pound Smallmouth and we had our first keeper in the live well. It didn't take us long and we had a limit of five fish in the live well and were feeling pretty good.

We had one small pocket in fast water that we would throw our Texas rigged Strike King tube into and let the current wash it into the rocks and as it washed over the rocks the fish would bite. We ended up anchoring and exclusively fishing that spot. We worked our way up to 12.72 pounds of a five fish limit and felt good. I did lose one big Smallmouth that would have really helped us, but we were having so much fun it really didn't hurt too bad. We stayed there until 1:00 pm and decided to finish out the last two hours of the day trying our Largemouth backwater. We fished that only producing one small Largemouth. As we headed to weigh in we felt good about our chances, but we ended

up very surprised. 12.72 was only good enough for sixth place. We were somewhat disappointed; I could not believe the big Largemouth that were brought to the scales to put us in sixth place.

Now don't get me wrong, Adam and I had a fantastic day of fishing. But the competitive side of me analyzes where we went wrong. This was a big lesson and one that I'm still doing a palm to face on. In a lot of my articles I talk about photoperiodism (amount of daylight in a day) and how it affects animals' habits. The same applies for fish, especially bass. Because we had such a late spring, I had it in my head there was no way the Largemouth would be shallow with the cold water. I should have kept a more open mind on that and it's something you can apply to your fishing. While water temp is a big deal in the spring as far as bass moving shallow to spawn, it's just one factor in the process. What I didn't take into consideration is the water was rising (moves fish shallow), the water temp was rising a little bit each day (moves fish shallow), and the moon phase was nearly full (moves fish shallow to spawn). I had three key ingredients to move bass shallow and I didn't put it together. As I would later find out, the tournament was won shallow on Largemouth bass. A big lesson learned for me and believe me, all this was written down for next year.

Keep all this in mind as you bass fish each spring. Those three ingredients are key in the spring. Especially photoperiodism; the amount of daylight is what triggers all wildlife. Current weather alters it slightly, but much like the white-tailed rut, the bass spawn is triggered by the amount of daylight. But, all in all, it was a great opening tournament for our season, we caught a lot of bass and shared a lot of laughs on the water. And after all, that's what it's all about! For more information about Cedar Valley Bassmasters Club check out www.cedarvalleybassmasters.com. Until next time, Get Outdoors!!



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On May 3, 4th grade students from Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary attended Bremer County Safety Day. Pictured above, left, are Officer Dehmlow and his dog, Reign, talking about Internet and home safety. Dr. Joe Sampson from Readlyn Vet (above right) taught students about animal safety and the Air Care crew shared information about transporting patients in the helicopter.



On May 2, 4th graders from Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary visited the Herbert Hoover Museum in West Branch, Iowa. Students are pictured looking at a cast of Herbert's face, viewing the birthplace of Herbert, and visiting a replica of Herbert's father's blacksmith shop. The Herbert Hoover Field Trip was funded by the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation.



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Members of the Readlyn Historical Society met on Saturday, April 21 for a work day. Many tasks were accomplished including hanging a Grump Day flag by Lynne Bellile, GaryLee Thurm, Ron Leistikow, and Virgil Matthias. A bit of fun was had too including haircuts in the barber chairs. GaryLee Thurm and Virgil Matthias are pictured giving Judy Leistikow and Grace Kuethe a trim. Other members involved in the work day were Judy Henn, and Rick and Janet Huebner. Readlyn's Historical Society will be open for guests during Grump Days, after Saturday's parade, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. And, an ice cream social is planned for Sunday, July 15, 5-7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The Historical Society is committed to preserving community history.



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