

# Readlyn Chronicle



Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Readlyn Gardeners plan to replicate Ruth and David Wittenburg's gazebo (above). The location will be the Readlyn entrance to the bike trail. Gene Thurm and Ruth and David Wittenburg gather the first load of rock from Ed and Donna Sadler's farm to launch the Readlyn Gardeners' gazebo project (at right).



## Applications being accepted for Valentine Ball requests

It's that time of year again! The Readlyn Valentine Ball Committee is now accepting applications for the 2019 Valentine Ball.

This year's date for the Valentine Ball is set for Friday, February 8 at the Readlyn Event Center. If you are a local, non-profit organization looking for funds, please

turn in your requests at the Readlyn Community Library by Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Applications must be turned in by the deadline to receive Ball funds.

This application does not need to be lengthy but should explain what the funds will be used for by your organization.

Something new this year, we would like to know in advance what your organization is willing to help the Readlyn Community Club with in 2019. For example: help with the Valentine Ball, help set up fall decorations, clean up fall decorations on Main Street, put up Christmas decorations on Main Street, help set up Grump Days, help clean up Grump Days, etc. These are just a couple of options, please feel free to contact a Readlyn Community Club Board Member if you would like some other options. This specification should be included in your application.

We look forward to hearing from your organization!



## Community Calendar

**Mondays** - Novel Knitters at the library 6 pm

**Thursdays**- Story Time at the library 9 am through November 15

**Thurs., Nov. 1** - Tech Class at the library - Cyber Security 6 pm

**Sat., Nov. 3** - Pepper Tournament, Readlyn Community Event Center, fee is \$3

**Sun., Nov. 4** - St. Matthew's Fall Dinner 3-6 pm

**Tues., Nov. 6** - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library, call 319-235-6201 for an appointment

V.F.W. Post #5661 meeting at Readlyn Telephone Co.

**Thurs., Nov. 8** - Tech Class at the library - Google Drive 6 pm

**Sat., Nov. 10** - Christmas Decorating, 9am, meet at City Park. Weather back-up date Nov. 17. Contact Roger Deterding for questions

**Tues., Nov. 13** - Coloring at the library 1-3 pm, school-agers welcome after school

V.F.W. Auxiliary, 7:30 pm

**Wed., Nov. 21** - Senior Citizens lunch and cards at Inspired, 11:30 am

**Thurs., Nov. 22** - **Sunday, Nov. 25** Library closed for Thanksgiving

**Wed., Nov. 28** - Merry Elders at Inspired 11:30 am

**Thurs., Nov. 29** - Book Talk, 7 pm at the library - *Foreign to Familiar* by Sarah Lanier



## Paul and Marrillee Tiedt celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

Paul and Marrillee Nerge Tiedt, 422 E. 2nd St. Readlyn, IA are observing their 70th wedding anniversary.

They were married November 7, 1948 at Grace Lutheran Church, Tripoli. They are retired from farming.

Their family includes nine children,

pictured above. They are, front row left to right: Alexis Saskowski, Bettendorf, IA; Beverly Oas, Dallas, TX; Zita Perez, Kansas City, KS.

Back row: David and Nieves Tiedt, Enid, OK; Paul and Sarah Tiedt, Kansas City, KS; Scott and Claudia Tiedt, Wood-

bridge, VA; Mike and Arlene Tiedt, Readlyn, IA; Charles and Jeanie Tiedt, Des Moines, IA; Jim and Dixie Duffy, Oelwein, IA.

They have 29 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. One grandchild and one great-grandchild are deceased.

# Crane Creek Firefighters win tab collection trophy

The 140th Annual Fire Fighters Association Convention was held at Waverly from September 5-9. One of the competitions that takes place during the convention is collecting of can tabs. This year's champion collector goes to the Crane Creek Firefighters, consisting of the towns of Denver, Readlyn, and Tripoli. These towns will be displaying the traveling trophy they earned.

Crane Creek recorded 864 pounds of tabs. It takes approximately 1300 tabs to make a pound. This equates to approximately 1,123,200 tabs. These tabs can be pulled from beverage cans, soup cans, cat food cans, or any miscellaneous aluminum can tabs.

Jen Happel of Denver has been the leader in getting the communities focused to save tabs. That desire has also been spread on to Nancy Kleitsch, Readlyn, and Ann Harms, Tripoli. These gals report that they have several people from across the state gathering tabs for the annual competition. They even report folks from the state of Wisconsin and Illinois bringing them tabs.

The 2018 results are (in pounds): Crane Creek - 864, Atlantic - 474, Plainfield - 329, Stacyville - 234, Latimer - 147, Griswold - 47, Key West - 34, Elkhorn - 16. This means 2,145 total pounds were collected this year which is approximately 2.9 million tabs. The price for aluminum, when melted down, ranges from \$.85 to \$1.00 per lb. Crane Creek alone donated approximately \$800.00. Everyone involved in saving says, "Just make it a habit! It doesn't cost you any extra time!"

At convention, the tabs are collected by the Can Tabulous crew. They work with Jeff Jefferson, who has been sorting and cleaning these tabs for 49 years. After meticulously doing this, the tabs are turned into a cash donation to the Shriners Hospital for the children's burn unit to help families pay for their medical expenses. In Jefferson's years of doing this, he calculates over \$81,000 has gone to help burn victims.



**Buckets of tabs** were collected on behalf of Crane Creek Firefighters with proceeds going to the Shriners Hospital children's burn unit. Shown are, left to right, Ann Harms, Jen Happel, Nancy Kleitsch and Galen NUSS. Photo contributed

## Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Ladage



Well, it's time to say goodbye to spring and summer and hello to fall and winter. This weekend we also got to experience our first snow. The rain seems to have stopped, hopefully it will stay away now and allow the farmers to get in the fields to complete the harvest and everyone in town to get their outside work done, including raking leaves.

On Saturday, October 22, Readlyn had a golf cart ride on the bike trail. We started at Ron and Louie Hartmann's house with 23 carts in attendance. All participants drove down Main Street to Esther Wittenburg's house, where everyone gathered to sing *Happy Birthday* on her 110th birthday. The drive continued west for seven miles on the trail. We then turned around and returned to Readlyn. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

The second week of October, Janet and I went to Gays Mills, Wisconsin to buy apples. This is a yearly trip for us in the fall. As of this article, we just about have our camper ready for the winter. That part is kind of sad, since we won't be able to camp again till next April or so.

The third Wednesday of each month, there is a Senior Dinner held at Inspired, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Every senior is invited to come and enjoy a meal and fellowship. A short meeting and cards follow the meal.

Don't forget Sunday, October 28 is Trick or Treating in Readlyn for all the kids. This is from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Turn your porch light on if you would like trick or treaters. Please be careful driving that night, because there will be lots of kids walking around.

I will get back to you in November.

2018 Grump, Larry Ladage

## Kim Corwin inducted into College of Fellows

Ron and Judy Leistikow went to Dallas, Texas on September 19 to be present when their daughter, Kim, received an award for the first woman to be inducted into the College of Fellows.

Fellowship is one of the highest honors the TCA (tilt-up concrete association) can bestow upon an individual. Election to Fellowship not only recognizes professional achievement but also significant contributions to the industry and the association. She was elected to fellowship by a jury of her peers.



Kim Corwin

Kim and her husband, Scott, live in East Greenwich, RI. She is a 1983 graduate of Wapsie Valley High School, Readlyn.

Kim has spent 30+ years developing and growing businesses. She began her career in Iowa at Composite Technologies Corporation, introducing a revolutionary insulated concrete sandwich wall panel system. She joined Hughes Supply in Florida in 2002.

Corwin joined AH Harris in September 2003, initially serving as a business development manager. She also promoted the growth of tilt-up construction along the Atlantic Seaboard. In 2009, she was promoted to the role of Vice-President of Sales & Marketing. During that time she implemented many new customer focused initiatives, vendor development programs and an internal education forum, many of which are still in place today. She also assisted in the implementation and adoption of a new commission program, strategic pricing initiatives and several private label products, including Harris 1500, a lightweight forming system.

Kimberly went on to serve as the President & Chief Executive Officer of AH Harris & Sons, Inc. from 2012 to May 2017. The company grew from \$180 million to nearly \$400 million.

Corwin has conducted educational seminars on the subject of tilt-up construction, including multiple talks at the Tilt-Up Convention and Expo, and has been involved in marketing of tilt-up for over 20 years. She is active with the Tilt-Up Concrete Association and is a Past President of the TCA Board of Directors. She has served as chair of the TCA Membership Committee, Promotions Committee and Global Associates Council. She has also served on the National Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Government Affairs Committee promoting the use of reinforced concrete and was a member of the CRSI Board of Directors.

Corwin now serves as President and CEO of New Chapter, LLC, purchasing and renovating distressed properties and is a tilt-up industry consultant.

## Miss Readlyn Comments

By Cassidy Brunscheon



The first snowflakes fell a couple days ago, and everyone knows what that means..... fall?

Spooky season is here and so are all my favorite scary Halloween movies! It's the time of year I can go get a Pumpkin Spice Latte, wear some fuzzy socks, and eat all the leftover Halloween chocolate.

I loved Halloween when I was younger. Trick or Treating in Readlyn was always such a fun time. My favorite stop every year would be when Steve Aiello came around with his police car. I've since retired from my trick or treating days and promoted myself to candy giver (I have a pretty cool witch's hat I wear).

Another fond memory of Halloween I have is the Grumptoberfest at the Readlyn Event Center every year. I never won the costume contest, but I remember loving all the costumes that were there. I love seeing the community come together for a night of celebration.

Recently, the Wapsie community faced grief with the passing of Carson McGrane. Carson was a seventh grader from Fairbank who was very active in his community and made an impact on everyone he met. He touched so many lives, and I want to send my prayers to the family. You will be missed Carson. #livelikecarson

Since writing my last article, Wapsie celebrated both Homecoming and Senior Night. We played #1 ranked Hudson on a stormy night for our Homecoming. The game was so close and Wapsie stood their ground. We played long and hard and lost a close one, but I'm incredibly proud of how we did. On Senior Night, we came out victorious against East Buchanan. Senior Night was emotional for me. I have been in cheer for three years and it has been such an amazing experience. I love cheering with the girls on the field I'm going to miss the Friday night lights and laughing with some of the best people I've ever known.

Musical season is in full swing, and I've been having so much fun. I love singing and dancing to the catchy tunes in the show. I don't love being out at the high school until 9 at night, but in the end it's so worth it. If you are curious about *Mary Poppins*, be sure to go friend the musical page on Facebook (WV Musicals) and follow it on Instagram (@wvmusicals). I can't wait for everyone to see it. Tickets are on sale now, and it is showing November 9, 10 and 11! I hope everyone can come and see it!

Cassidy Brunscheon - Miss Readlyn

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Dr. Jonathan Smiley and family

# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Senior Citizens meet at Inspired

On September 19, 2018, 12 members attended the 11:30 AM Senior Citizens Meal/Meeting at Inspired.

President Ron Leistikow was absent so Verdeen Pavelec led everyone in prayer before our great meal for lunch.

Lois Thacher called the meeting to order in President Ron Leistikow's absence.

The secretary's minutes were read from August 15, 2018. A motion was made by Verdeen Pavelec, seconded by Don Billhorn, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Charlie Albrecht was absent so we had no treasurer's report.

We sang *Happy Anniversary* to GaryLee Thurm as he and Bonnie just celebrated 54 years of marriage this month. It was mentioned that Ron and Judy Leistikow also celebrated their

54th anniversary and Harold and Delores Meier celebrated 70 years of marriage. Congratulations to all the couples!

We sang *Happy Birthday* to Larry Ladage as he celebrated his 80th birthday this month.

We extended our sympathy to Verdeen Pavelec on the passing of her sister.

We all signed a get-well card and sent it to Sonja Bast as she just recently had surgery and is recovering at home.

No old business.

New business: GaryLee Thurm spoke about the Freedom Rock. The lights around the rock have been installed. The holes are in for the three flagpoles to display the POW flag, Iowa Flag and the National Flag. Burton Thies will be working on getting a sidewalk by the Freedom Rock.

October 11, the Readlyn Community Club was to meet at Inspired at 7:00. (Note the location change).

Pat Wehr spoke about the Bike Trail Ride at 1:30 September 22. Everyone met behind Louie Hartman's home. Thirty people had signed up for the ride.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17 at 11:30 at Inspired.

Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Verdeen Pavelec to adjourn. The meeting was followed by fellowship and card playing.

MaryLou Billhorn  
Secretary for Lois Thacher



Raffle tickets will be available before and after church for this quilt. It will be given away at St. Matthew's fall dinner which will be November 4. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

## Welcome One and All to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Fall Dinner and Quilt Raffle

Plan on attending the Fall Dinner in Readlyn, on Sunday, November 4 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 2649 230th St. Readlyn, IA.

The menu is turkey & roast beef, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, fresh corn, salads, rolls and homemade pies. Carryouts are available and

the cost is \$10.00 for adults, ten and under are \$5.00 and under 5 eat free.

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

**Thank You**

A Big Thank you to our children, grandchildren, our sisters, our nieces and nephews, our neighbors and friends who made our 70th Anniversary so extra special. Thank you also for all the cards and messages received. We have been truly blessed!

*Harold and Delores Meier*

**Thank You**

I can't say thank you enough to those who helped me move and brought in food. I was very grateful & happy to get back to my house. Thank You All and God Bless!

*Norma Zummak*

**Thank You**

Thank you for taking the time to wish me a Happy 89th Birthday via phone, card or on Facebook! I really appreciate it and you made my day so much more special. I also enjoyed my Special Party with family and friends. I am so blessed to have all of you in my life!

*Ruth Steinbronn*

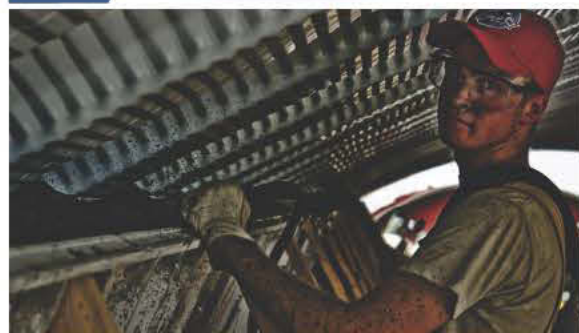
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## In Loving Memory Cash Memorials

### In Memory of Darlene Hand-Wilkins (Barb's Mom)

Evelyn Strottmann	\$10.00
Lavern & Jeanette Brase	\$10.00
Ben Witte	\$100.00
R.J. & Corlyn Freitag	\$10.00
Ron & Ruth Rathbone	\$10.00
Barbara Meyer	\$10.00
Judy Henn	\$10.00
Kathy Behnke	\$10.00
Don & Mary Lou Billhorn	\$10.00
Lauri Phelan	\$10.00
Duane & Carolyn Mohlis	\$10.00

### In Memory of Wes Sauerbrei

Readlyn Telephone Company	\$50.00
Barbara Meyer	\$10.00
R.J. & Corlyn Freitag	\$10.00
Lavern & Jeanette Brase	\$10.00
Rex & Barb Blaylock	\$10.00
Dean & Lois Buhr	\$20.00
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Larry & Sue Boerschel	\$10.00
Suzy Heineman	\$10.00

### In Memory of Daryl Behnke

Larry & Sue Boerschel	\$10.00
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Barbara Meyer	\$10.00
Fred & Sonja Bast	\$25.00
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Duane and Carolyn Mohlis	\$10.00
Judy Henn	\$10.00
Suzy Heineman	\$10.00

### In Memory of Oscar Heideman

Town & Country Homemakers	\$10.00
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### In Memory of Steve Meier

Judy Henn	\$20.00
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## Book Memorials

### In Memory of Wes Sauerbrei

"Good Night Owl" by Greg Pizzoli and "Don't Blink!" by Amy Krouse Rosenthal from Farmers Co-op Readlyn and Shell Rock

"The Good Neighbor; the Life and Work of Fred Rogers" by Maxwell King from Readlyn Telephone Company

"Hello, Hello" by Brendan Wenzel from Chris & Sharon Davis

### In Memory of Dar Hand-Wilkins (Barb's Mom)

"Rappy Goes to the Library" by Dan Gutman and "The Word Collector" by Peter H. Reynolds from the Readlyn Library Board

"Dear Girl," by Amy Krouse Rosenthal from Trent & Nancy Lockard

### In Memory of Daryl Behnke

"Have You Seen Elephant?" by David Barrow & "My Red Velvet Cape" by Dana Sullivan from Dean & Lois Buhr

"Good Rosie!" by Kate DiCamillo; "Anne Frank's Diary" Graphic Adaptation by Ari Folman; "Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the Very First Chicken" by Henry Holt; "The Big Book of Trains" by DK Publishing from Drea, Ari, Mira, Elis and Nola Behnke

"Rocks Tell the Story of Christmas, A Savior is Born" Created by Patti Rokus and "Moon, A Peek-Through Picture Book" by Britta Teckentrup from the Staff and Board of the Readlyn Library.

"I'm Not Afraid of the Dark" by Helena Harastova from Nancy and Trent Lockard

"This Story is for You" by Greg Pizzoli from Larry & Carol Strottmann

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### Hours

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

## FREE Fall Tech Classes at Bremer County Libraries

### Cyber Security

Thurs. November 1 at 6:00 pm

Learn about threats, your digital footprint and protecting your personal info.



### Google Drive

Thurs. November 8 at 6:00 pm

Learn how to use Google Docs, (Spread)Sheets, Slides, Forms, Drawings



### Other classes Around the County...

Sumner	Nov. 1 at 6pm	Online Shopping
Readlyn	Nov. 1 at 6pm	Cyber Security
Waverly	Nov. 2 at 10am	Digital Photos Part 2
Plainfield	Nov. 3 at 10am	Buying a New Computer
Tripoli	Nov. 8 at 10am	Online Shopping
Readlyn	Nov. 8 at 10am	Google Drive
Waverly	Nov. 9 at 10am	Digital Photos Part 3
Plainfield	Nov. 14 at 5pm	Downloading from Bridges
Tripoli	Nov. 15 at 10am	Social Media Safety
Waverly	Nov. 16 at 10am	Online Shopping
Janesville	Nov. 29 at 10am	Holiday Cards/Letters



## Partnering with IPTV STEM Backpacks

As the temperatures get cooler, warm up the mind with hands-on STEM activities for the entire family.

In an effort to reach as many children as possible with STEM-based (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, the IPTV Education department has put together a FREE resource for our library - STEM Backpacks! These backpacks are filled with STEM-related activities and content. Children and their parents and caregivers can check these backpacks out from the library just as they would other materials and resources.

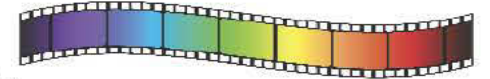
STEM activities, books and PBS KIDS DVDs are included in each backpack, with activities geared for children between 3 and 8 years of age.

The backpacks and their contents are provided free of charge thanks, in part, to the generous support of the Max and Helen Guernsey Charitable Foundation.



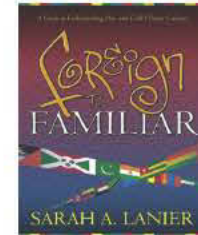
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## New DVDs



- Hotel Transylvania 3
- Skyscraper
- Solo-A Star Wars Story
- Land Before Time 5 Movie Collection
- Scooby-Doo and the Gourmet Ghost
- Paw Patrol—Mighty Pups

## Readlyn Reads



Pick up at copy at the library and join us for discussion on **Thursday Nov. 29th at 7:00 pm**

If the world were roughly divided into "hot climate" and "cold climate" cultures, what could one half of humankind learn from the other? Lanier---the daughter of missionaries and an experienced world traveler---writes insightfully on topics including relationship vs. task orientation; direct vs. indirect communication; individualism vs. group identity; and different concepts of hospitality.

Foreign to Familiar is a splendidly written, well researched work on cultures. Anyone traveling abroad should not leave home without this valuable resource! Sarah's love and sensitivity for people of all nations will touch your heart. This book creates within us a greater appreciation for our extended families around the world and an increased desire to better understand them.

## Bridges Testing Out Magazine Feature

Bridges is excited to introduce magazine checkouts for patrons. The new feature has already had 432 magazines accessed by patrons in the first day it was available. The feature will be available for a year; staff will gauge patron interest and usage to determine if it should become a permanent feature of the eLibrary.

Magazines are currently available on Bridges as a special collection through both the OverDrive and Libby app. They have no wait lists or holds, do not count towards checkout limits, and provide readers the option to renew their selections. Readers can also download magazines on Libby for offline use.



## Color Us Creative

JOIN US  
Tuesday, November 13th  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Children are Welcome after School



# Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran

## Earlier Life of Lester Diekmann

Lester Diekmann, my uncle, was born to F. L. and Anna Schuette Diekmann. He had two sisters, Velma and Loueen, my mother, and a brother, Harold, long-time Readlyn postmaster. He attended St. Paul Parochial School and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1937. Wilbert Huebner, 96, his classmate, remembers him as a good athlete and a pitcher with a vicious curveball. A direct quote from Lester: "When the baseball team had a tough game somebody would drive out to get Eldo Moeller, a good third baseman, to play." Question of eligibility? Eldo did not even attend RHS! Hilarious!!

Upon graduation he attended Upper Iowa for two years. Lester was employed at John Deere when he was drafted into the U.S. Army on September 17, 1952. He served as an artillery forward observer in France during WWII and was awarded a Bronze Star for valor during the Battle of the Bulge.

He told me that one of the worst things that happened to him in WWII was, as he was coming around a corner, he surprised a German soldier, shot and killed him, and when he looked down at him he felt bad because he killed a boy who he did not think was more than 15 years old. He was discharged, came back to Readlyn and was in partnership with Leo Moeller in Readlyn Auto Sales, buying cars in Chicago or at auctions, detailing, repairing and selling them in Readlyn. I worked for them when I was 16 at \$15 a week plus they gave a Model T to drive. This Model T Coupe was bought from Fred Meyer for \$20. Leo had it painted bright yellow. Vernon Stumme and I went everywhere in that car.

After eight months as a civilian, Army life came calling. He reenlisted twice, intending to make the Army a career. His final and fatal assignment was with the 24th Infantry Division in Japan.

CPL Lester H. Diekmann is being honored by being selected as one of the three veterans on the Freedom Rock. Depicted on the Freedom Rock as symbols relative to Lester's Army career are barbed wire, outline of the two Koreas, and his WWII Bronze Star. The artist painted a very realistic likeness of my uncle. Our family is very grateful that Lester is so remembered. Previously, the flagpole at the Wapsie Valley High School was dedicated by the Wayne Teisinger VFW Post to the memory of Lester Diekmann. His good friend and classmate, Bud Rommel, conducted the ceremony. I do not remember the year, sometime in the sixties, but I recollect that Roger Zars and Dennis Moeller were on the team. Wapsie won!

Arlin Wittenburg and Paul Milius, the two other veterans honored by being placed on the Freedom Rock, will be featured in subsequent issues of the *Readlyn Chronicle*. The Readlyn Community and Bremer County should be proud for establishing the Freedom Rock as a memorial to those of us who served our country. More on the history of the Freedom Rock in later issues.

### CPL Lester H. Diekmann POW 1920-1950

CPL Diekmann was listed as a POW on July 5, 1950 with the reported date of his

death December 31, 1950. His name appears on both the "Johnnie" Johnson list and the "Missing in Action, Captivity" report compiled from returning prisoners of war. — From the U.S. Army:

By the beginning of July 1950, the war in Korea was not a week old and going very badly for South Korea. The North Koreans, battle tested from fighting in the Chinese Civil War, had surprised everyone with their June 25 invasion of South Korea. The North Korean Army, led by Soviet-made T-34 tanks, had quickly routed major portions of the lightly equipped and inexperienced South Korean forces.

The first American combat forces began to arrive in Korea on 1 July 1 and were known as "Task Force Smith." Named after their commanding officer, Colonel Charles B. Smith, the Task Force had been created from American occupation units serving in Japan since WWII. These units were badly under strength and lacked the heavy artillery and anti-tank weaponry to counter the enemy's battle tanks. When the task force took up positions two miles north of Osan, South Korea, on July 5, it had only 540 men. At 8:00 a.m. July 5, the infantrymen could see the leading elements of a North Korean armored column coming down the road towards them and at 8:16 the guns of the artillery opened fire.

One historian noted: The U.S. Artillery took the tanks under fire at a range of approximately 4,000 yards, about 2,000 yards in front of the American infantry. The forward observer quickly adjusted the fire and shells began landing among the tanks. But the watching infantrymen saw the tanks keep on coming, undeterred by the exploding artillery shells.

The task force had very few High Explosive Anti-Tank rounds so the North Korean T-34 tanks passed through the Task Force positions. The artillery pieces were reduced to firing at the tanks' tracks, by which method they did succeed in immobilizing three of the 33 tanks in that first column. The tanks had already destroyed the one forward artillery piece. Next came another column of tanks and the artillery was only able to stop one.

An hour later a massive motorized infantry column appeared, escorted by even more T-34 tanks. This motorized column stretched 6 miles long and contained two full regiments (6,000+) of North Korean soldiers. It soon became clear that the task force had no chance of stopping or defeating the enemy forces so, at 2:30 p.m., Colonel Smith decided to have the Task Force fall back. CPL Diekmann was captured during the course of this fighting.

In the days that followed, CPL Diekmann was one of many U.S. POWs marched or taken by train or truck to Seoul, South Korea's capital, newly occupied by the North Korean Army, and was kept there in a former schoolhouse. He arrived at the end of July. After three weeks, this large group was consolidated and sent to Pyongyang, capital of North Korea, by train. CPL Diekmann again stayed in a former schoolhouse. He left Pyongyang for Manpo in a mixed group of 750 military prisoners and civilian internees on September 5, by train, six days enroute.

The period around Manpo was chaotic.

CPL Diekmann marched through three or four encampments nearby before beginning the infamous "Tiger March" to the "Apex Camp" on October 31. He definitely was one of the survivors going over the frozen Chasong Pass four days later and arrived at Chunggang-jin, first of three 'Apex Camp' villages on November 9. By then all were in a greatly weakened condition and many had developed pneumonia and other complications. In the weeks that followed, CPL Diekmann continued to Hangjan-ni, the second village. He was mortally ill and died among his companions during December 1950 of malnutrition. The Army, not having an exact date, later set December 31, 1950 for record purposes.

A memorial service was held on the afternoon of April 18, 1954 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Theo Frese delivering the memorial sermon.

My sister, Carol, and I were informed that, upon death, the many hundreds of bodies were placed on the ground and later covered with rocks to protect them from scavengers. The ground was frozen making it unable to dig. The U.S. is attempting to negotiate with North Korea the return of the remains of thousands of dead for burial in this country, but have had little success.

## Readlyn Veterans in Korea

As I remember these area servicemen were in Korea serving during the Korean War: Victor Meier, Herbie Diercks, Lester Diekmann, Orville Huebner, Laverne Schmidt, Fritz Buhrow, Vince Albrecht, Vern Schweer, Vernon Stumme, Arlen Pooch, Merlin Matthias, Pete Moeller, Ralph Oltrogge, Ray Rindels, Eddie Steinbronn, Rueben Wittenburg, Henry Lobeck, Jr., Reiny Freitag, Wilbert Thies, Norman Herman, Robert Thran. There were at least twenty of us. I may have missed some.

Lester Diekmann was the lone casualty. Arlen Pooch, Reiny Freitag and I are the only ones still alive. We are pushing 90.

## Veterans Day Speaker

The Student Council invited me to speak at the Veterans Day program at Wapsie Valley High School on Monday, November 12. I hope to see many of you veterans there. You will hear a vivid account of what we experienced in Korea.



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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## ~ Obituary ~



**Oscar Heideman**

Oscar Heideman, 97, of Readlyn, Iowa passed away on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner, Iowa.

Oscar Louis Heideman was born on December 21, 1920, the son of Louis and Meta (Hein) Heideman in Waterloo, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed. Oscar attended country school up to the 8th grade and later obtained his GED. He served with the US Navy during WW II from September 5, 1942 until his discharge on December 13, 1945. On December 30, 1947, he was united in marriage to Florine Harms. Oscar and Florine managed the Bremer County Home from 1950 until retiring in 1984 and Oscar continued farm-

ing. Florine passed away on March 10, 1988. On September 1, 1990, he married Arlyce Harms.

He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ - Siegel, rural Waverly, Iowa and Readlyn VFW. Oscar enjoyed dancing, drinking coffee and playing cards at the Center Inn in Readlyn and fishing along with his trips to Wisconsin. He and Arlyce enjoyed wintering in Texas.

Survivors are his wife, Arlyce Heideman of Sumner, Iowa; son, Steve (Sharon King) Heideman of Tripoli, Iowa; daughter, Diane (Terry) McDanel of St. Paul, Minnesota; 3 grandchildren, Teela (Steven) Howerton, Ariane Heideman and Thomas (Augustina Victoria Borre) McDanel; Arlyce's children, Allen (Judy) Harms of Readlyn, Iowa, Sylvia (Bob) Casterton of Readlyn, Iowa and Mary (Lou) Soto from Trabuco Canyon, California; 5 grandchildren, Matt (Kristin) Petersen, Terri (Josh Doyle) Casterton, Jim (Karla) Casterton, Jason (Nicole) Miller and Chantrell (Douglas) Miller and 5 great grandchildren, Emmaline and Annika Petersen and Baleigh, Cody and Madeline Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his first wife, Florine Heideman.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. John's United Church of Christ - Siegel with Pastor Eugene Walther officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with military rites conducted by the Wayne Teisinger VFW, Post 5661 of Readlyn. Visitation was on Friday from 4 until 7 pm at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly, Iowa and also an hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the Heideman family for a later designation and on-line condolences for Oscar may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Waverly, Iowa assisted the Heideman family with arrangements.

**Deadline for the Nov. 28**

**Readlyn Chronicle:**

**Wed., Nov. 14 - 5:00 PM**



Left to right: Charles Albrecht, Wilda Albrecht, Ellen Thies, President Sandi Kriebel, Verdeen Pavelec and Darlene Peters.

## VFW of the United States Auxiliary National President tours NE Iowa

VFW Auxiliary National President Sandi Kriebel's visit to Northeast Iowa included a tour of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum in Waterloo on Monday, October 15.

Post 5661 Commander Charles Albrecht and his wife Wilda joined her during that tour.

At 5:30 p.m., Auxiliary officers Verdeen

Pavelec, Ellen Thies, and Darlene Peters joined Charlie and Wilda Albrecht at Sullivan Brothers Post 1623 headquarters in Waterloo for a dinner reception honoring President Sandi Kriebel.

The photo above shows LEGO blocks signed by those present to show how the Auxiliary can build a large organization to assist today's veterans in time of need.

**Thank You**

Many sincere thanks to all who sent us cards, gifts, and kind wishes for our 50th wedding anniversary! You made it a special occasion for us, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness more than words can express.

**Gene & Micki Thurm**

**Thank You**

The family of Wes Sauerbrei wishes to extend a BIG "thank you" to our family, friends and community for your thoughts, prayers, food, cards and any other act of kindness shown to us since our unexpected loss. Thank you to Pastor Rabary for your visits, comforting words and the wonderful service. Thanks also to the Fairbank Fire Department, Kaiser Corson Funeral Home, Readlyn and Denver VFW, the ladies that served the meal, and the Parkview Assisted Living. We knew he touched a lot of lives, but we didn't realize how many. May God bless each and every one of you.

*-Delores, Gary, Larry, Cheryl, Jerry and Teresa*

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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## VFW Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met October 9, 2018 at the Readlyn Library at 7:30 pm with seven 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. Volunteer hours were turned in and there were 135 hours in August.

Seven letters and two emails were sent to congressmen for Veteran bills. Tears were worn in September for military suicide awareness month. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies to have a \$10 each donation for Poppy Drive, carried. Six members plan to attend a dinner at Waterloo V.F.W. Post to honor National President Sandy Kreibel. Seven auxiliary members and five V.F.W. Post members attended Wes Sauerbrei's funeral. Ten veterans performed military honors at the cemetery service. An angel was given to Delores

Sauerbrei. She called to thank us.

Veterans Day was discussed. Six auxiliary members and four V.F.W. Post members attended Oscar Heideman's funeral. Ten veterans performed military honors at the cemetery service. An angel was given to Arlyce Heideman.

Sixteen legislative letters were handed out to send to congressmen for Veterans bills. Blue-Water Navy veterans need our help. Wilda Albrecht made and brought a poppy wreath which will be taken to Pow-Wow in Des Moines. 542 pop tabs were turned in. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Betty Power to pay the bill. Carried. A motion was made by Luann Happel and seconded by Darlene Peters to give the silver march to National Home for special project of National President Sandy Kreibel for the kitchen of the guest lodge. A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn. Carried. Meeting closed with prayer. Hostess was Betty Power.

## Pepper Tourney

The first pepper tournament of the season was held on October 6 at the Readlyn Community Event Center. Fourteen players participated.

The winners and their scores were;  
 1st place: Roger and Connie Buhr - 206  
 2nd place: Keith and Ron Brunscheon - 189  
 3rd place: Matt Brunscheon and Joan Matthias - 167  
 4th place: Reiny and Corlyn Freitag - 166

The next tournament will be held at the Readlyn Community Event Center on November 3. Bring a partner. Entry fee is \$3.00.

## Senior citizens meet

On October 17, 2018, 18 members attended the 11:30 Senior Citizens' Meal/Meeting at Inspired. President Ron Leistikow led the members in prayer before our delicious meal. President Ron Leistikow called the meeting to order.

The secretary's minutes were read. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by GaryLee Thurm to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Charlie Albrecht reported a balance in the treasury of \$133.00. Motion was made by Ron Leistikow and seconded by Wilbert Huebner to approve the report. Motion carried.

We had one October birthday and that was for GaryLee Thurm. We all sang *Happy Birthday* to him.

We all signed and mailed a card to Ruth Venzke at Cobblestone Assisted Living in Sumner, IA. Her birthday was celebrated and she turned 103 this year!

Sonja Bast was in attendance and thanked everyone for the anniversary cards and the get well card she received from the Senior Citizen Group.

### Old Business

Charlie Albrecht reported that the Freedom Rock sidewalk was poured and completed by Charlie Albrecht, Ron Leistikow and Burton Thies.

Pat Wehr reported on the Bike Trail Ride on September 22. There were 23 Golf Carts with about 80 people that attended the ride. They all stopped by Esther Wittenburg's home and sang *Happy Birthday* to her before they drove on the bike

trail. Esther Wittenburg turned 110 this year! People from Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Fairbank attended this year and the ride was enjoyed by all!

### New Business

October 28 will be the Zion Lutheran Church Dinner.

November 4 will be the Saint Matthew's Church Dinner.

November 10, 2018 the Fall Decorations will be taken down in Readlyn and the Christmas decorations will be put up. Roger Deterding and Ron Leistikow are in charge of this task.

November 11, 2018 will be the Immanuel Lutheran Klinger Church Dinner.

November 16, 2018 will be the Readlyn Education Foundation Dinner at Fairbank. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

December 21, 2018 will be the Readlyn Christmas Celebration at the Readlyn Elementary including soup, cookies, and Santa. There will be drawings for Christmas hams and turkeys.

February 8, 2019 will be the Annual Valentine Ball Event at the Readlyn Event Center.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2018 at 11:30 AM at Inspired.

Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn. The meeting was followed by card playing and games with 12 students from the Readlyn Elementary that wanted to spend time with some of the Readlyn Senior Citizens.

*Lois Thacher Secretary*

Dear Friends,

I had a wonderful time celebrating my 110th birthday.

The celebration began when the Golf Cart Trail Ride Members rode over to my home. I was on my front porch when they drove up and, to my surprise, they gave me a "Happy Birthday Serenade." What fun!

Thank you for the serenade, and for the cards, visits and gifts. Sincerely yours,

*Esther*

Esther Ann Wittenburg



## Readlyn Firefighter's Association Community Appreciation Night

Saturday, November 3rd 2018

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# Annual WVEF fundraiser is Nov. 16

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation will hold their annual fundraising dinner and auction on Friday, November 16 at the Legion in Fairbank. The dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 pm. It will be a free-will donation.

The silent auction will start at 5:30 pm and the live auction begins at 7 pm. The auctioneer will be Dolan Burreson. The funds raised will be used for grants for the teachers at Wapsie Valley Schools and scholarships for senior students.

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 Organization. All proceeds benefit student learning at Wapsie Valley through enrichment grants for teachers and scholarships for senior students! The enrichment grants are submitted to the foundation by Wapsie Valley Teachers of all grades and subjects. The funds may be used for but not limited to equipment, materials, supplies, and enrichment activities, but not used to fund salaries.

Past Education Foundation events have brought great support of people from across the district. It is always great to see so many people from the Fairbank, Oran, and Readlyn communities join together to provide the funds for scholarship and the enrichment grants.

Everyone is invited to join us on November 16. Current auction items (more to come!) and supporters:

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 Fareway Gift Card \$25 (4).....  
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 ..... Dave Wheeler - DeKalb Seeds  
 12 Bags of Seed Beans..... Dean Buhr  
 & Kyle DeVoe - Pioneer Seeds  
 Pheasants Forever Print..... David C  
 ..... Matthias - Farm Bureau  
 Home Canned Items Ron & Judy Leistikow  
 Wooden Lounge Chair.....KBK Creations  
 Dog Package .....Readlyn Veterinary  
 Cat Package .....Readlyn Veterinary  
 Wisconsin Made Products Package.....  
 ..... Kerri & Jeff Ast  
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**Deadline for the  
 Nov. 28**

**Readlyn Chronicle:**  
 Wed., Nov. 14 - 5:00 PM

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# Students visit senior citizens on October 17

Twelve students accompanied by Secretary Carol Peine and Principal Mrs. Harskamp came to the senior citizens' meeting at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, Oct. 17. The students had been selected as Warrior All-Stars from their classes for this

month and were recognized at a program at the school.

There were 18 senior citizens at the meeting and all had a great time playing games for about an hour with the students. Pictures show some of the students involved.



Marlys Detering is having fun with Jaylin May and Zoe Westpfahl.



Ron and Judy Leistikow play UNO with Evan Kleitsch and Austin Franck.



This is senior citizen Mary Lou Billhorn with students Ella Hannan, Dustin Adams and Hannah Henry.



Landon Adam and Riley Robinson play a game with Darlene Peters with Secretary Carol Peine and Principal Mrs. Harskamp watching.



Sonja Bast plays Connect 4 with Gabe Meyer.



Bailey Szurley and Logan Dulin show Roland Schmidt and Wilda Albrecht how to play Double Trouble.

# Historical museum a popular place for students

On September 14, the 4th grade students from Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary toured the historical museum buildings. There were 26 children from Fairbank along with their teacher, Mrs. Pleggenkuhle, and instructional associates, Mrs. Cutsforth and Mrs. Diers.

Seventeen Readlyn students, their teacher Mrs. Lincoln, and student teacher Miss Hiestank (a Wartburg student from Plainfield, Illinois) came to hear Ron and Judy Leistikow, Jane Meier, and Judy Henn share some history of Readlyn.

Since the Freedom Rock has been painted and the face of Paul Milius is on it, the picture and display about him in the museum has extra special meaning.

Some of the items of interest shown were ice-cutting equipment used for providing ice to homes before refrigerators, a victrola that played vinyl records, antique wheelchair, sewing machine, telephone, typewriters, adding machines, and farm items.

Readlyn is 114 years old this year. When the fire of 1912 burned six businesses, there was no water tower. The students saw Readlyn's first fire fighting apparatus that was used to fight fires at that time. It was a chemical extinguisher that had to be pulled by hand or behind a team of horses and wagon. In 1914, the first water tower was erected.

We were happy to have the students vis-

it. The museum is open by appointment. Come and enjoy and also see the pictures of all Readlyn's 29 "Grumps."

If you would like an appointment to

tour the museum, call one of the following numbers:

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Fourth graders from Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary toured the historical museum.



Fourth graders enjoyed a visit to the Readlyn Museum.



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# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Fairbank and Readlyn 3rd graders were at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds in September. They learned about conservation, trees, reptiles, soil, bees' life cycle and how they make honey, different types of fish that are found around Iowa, and erosion.



The Fairbank and Readlyn Fire Departments celebrated Fire Prevention Week with our students. They educated us on fire safety and raised awareness for our students. Pictured are the Fairbank kindergarteners getting an up-front view of the fire trucks.



The beginning of October kindergarteners from Fairbank and Readlyn went on a field trip to Fontana. They learned about nature's colors and the 5 senses.



The Fairbank Fire Department had been given the opportunity to have the Elks Club Fire Training House. This unit is a mobile training trailer that allowed our students to walk through and point out fire hazards, and even allowed them to practice staying low in a fire and getting out of their house.

Gabe Oldfather, with the Fairbank Fire Department, announced winners for the Fire Prevention Posters that included the theme "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere."



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By: Eric Johnston

**Iowa Bass Nation Youth State Tournament**

As I sit down to write this column, I'm full throttle into Iowa's Archery Deer season and my mind is focused on whitetails 90% of the time. I've been trying to temper my excitement about deer season a little as I've tried really hard to stay out of my best stands and waiting until the time is right for the mature whitetail bucks to start moving in daylight hours. As we round out October and head into November, the time will soon be right. But until then, I would like to talk about a tournament I was privileged to be involved with back in September. This month I'm going to write about my favorite tournament of this past season.

It all started back in mid-June. In my everyday job I'm a CNC Machinist and June 1 I started a new job at Blackhawk Systems Tooling. I soon discovered that my boss, Paul Schmadeke, was an outdoorsman and a tournament fisherman as well. We had an instant connection and talked often about fishing. Paul told me a lot about how great a fisherman his son is and is a member of the Independence High School Bass Fishing Club. I was very interested as Paul told me about their tournaments. These high school clubs are a fairly new concept and I think they are a fantastic way to get kids involved in the sport of tournament bass fishing. I first met Paul's son Justin at one of our Tuesday night tournaments. I could tell immediately by watching him fish from a distance he has great fishing skills. Paul soon asked me if I would be willing to be a boat captain for Justin and his friend, Hunter Patton, in the Iowa Bass Nation Youth State Tournament. Without hesitation, I told him I would and the plans were made.

Fast forward to mid-September. I met up with Justin and his family and Hunter and his Dad, Wade, in Independence on Friday evening. The boys said goodbye to their parents and good luck and well wishes were exchanged and we were on our way. The tournament was held on Sunday, September 23 at Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. We planned to head up to my cabin in Prairie on Friday night and get a full day of practice in on Saturday before the tournament. As we drove up to my cabin, the boys were excited and it was fun to be a part of their excitement. Saturday morning dawned cold, my truck read 36 degrees as we made the short ride to the boat ramp. My plan for the boys was to target smallmouth bass in the morning and then try for a few largemouth in



the afternoon. As we stopped on our first spot, we found out quickly what we needed to do to do well in the tournament. Our first area was a main channel point consisting of a mix of rock and sand and a current break, a classic fall smallmouth area. Justin quickly hooked up with a three-pound smallmouth and Justin and Hunter became very excited. We spent the rest of the morning stopping on points much like the first and Hunter and Justin hooked up with fish on most every point we stopped on. As the day progressed we decided to try a few backwater areas for largemouth. It didn't take us long to figure out that the largemouth bite just wasn't there. As we finished up practice the boys and I talked about the plan for tournament day and they decided to run smallmouth areas the entire tournament day. That evening Hunter and Justin decided on Culver's for supper and I had so much fun listening to their excitement and talking about how the tournament would go. We got to bed early, although I'm sure the boys didn't sleep much.

At 4:30 am the alarm went off and I think Hunter and Justin were already awake! Another short drive to the ramp and we got in line and the boys checked in with the tournament officials. Hunter and Justin are in the junior division of the Iowa Bass Nation, next year they move on to the high school level, so they wanted to finish their last year in the junior division well. They checked in with Joe Bagsby,

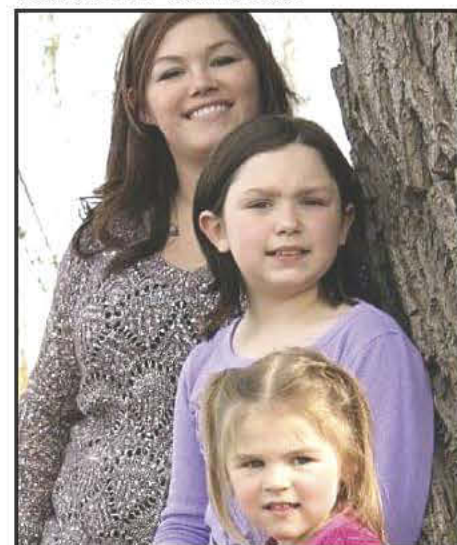


who, along with Bob Quint, takes care of the Iowa Bass Nation youth tournament and does a top-notch job I might add! Justin got our take-off number, which was four, and we launched the boat. Anticipation was high as we idled through boat check and we were on our way.

We stopped on the first spot as the day before, and after a couple casts Hunter hooked up with a beautiful two-pound smallmouth bass, high fives for the first keeper in the live-well! The very next cast Hunter caught another keeper smallmouth. Having two in the box so soon had Hunter and Justin very excited. They fish together as a team for this tournament and get to keep five bass. The next spot we stopped on Justin caught his first keeper bass of the day, and quickly after the boys rounded out their limit. We spent the rest of the day running main channel points and the boys picked up fish everywhere we stopped. As time started to wind down, I told the boys I had a big fish area near check-in where we would try to add a "kicker" bass to their limit. A couple casts and Justin set the hook on a very big fish, a couple head shakes and the fish popped off. Justin looked at me and said "Dang! Missed opportunity." A little further up the bank and Hunter set into a bass that we all could see, a bonified four-pound largemouth. The boat went crazy for a moment as Justin yelled, "Get the net, Eric!" Hunter fought the beast for a brief moment and it popped off as well. I let the boys fish to the last second before we headed in to check in. As we idled into weigh in, the boys were a little dejected missing the two big bass. I told them I thought they still had a shot - with the tough conditions others could have struggled. As we pulled up to the bank, Justin's and Hunter's families were there to see them weigh in. The boys proudly bagged up their five bass and headed to the scale. "9.17 lbs. - new tournament leaders!" The tournament director shouted as Justin and Hunter weighed in. I quickly ran up there and fist bumped them as they took their places on the "Hot Seat." They anxiously sat on the hot seat as team after team weighed in. No one would unseat them as Justin and Hunter were named 2018 Iowa Bass Nation Junior Division Champions and punched their

tickets to the Bassmasters High School National Championship at Kentucky Lake to compete against the best high school teams in the country.

I had so much fun taking these two young men on this tournament and I can say hands down that this was my favorite tournament of the season and I look forward to accompanying Justin and Hunter to Kentucky Lake next July as I will boat captain for them in the national championship. I would like to thank Paul and Andrea Schmadeke and Wade Patton for giving me the honor to captain for their boys! This was a tournament I won't soon forget! Until next time GET OUTDOORS!



One more thing this month, a Readlyn family could use a little help. Our friend Kayla Kolaas was recently diagnosed with a carcinoid tumor on her lung. Kayla and her husband, Dustin, live across the street from us with their two daughters. They are a great family and medical bills and missed work will start to add up. A gofundme was started and I wanted to share the link. Please help out if you can, it would be very much appreciated! Let's help Kayla and Dustin #fightforKayla! The web address is <https://www.gofundme.com/fight-for-kayla>. — Thanks!

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The musical will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, in the Wapsie Valley High School Auditorium. On Sunday, November 11, there will be a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets are available at \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. To purchase

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CLS visited the Readlyn Fire Department on October 12 to talk about fire safety. Thank you Readlyn firefighter heroes for serving our community to keep us all safe. Top left are 3-year-old preschoolers; Above, 4-year-old preschoolers; far left, kindergarten, first and second graders; and left, Liv Matthias and Ella Miller with their firefighter daddies.



Students in grades 1-8 at CLS visited the maize maze in Elgin, Iowa. This historical site teaches students the value of preserving our heritage. We were able to explore the maze, which included finding mailboxes with quizzes and clues. This year's sponsor was Farm Bureau, who is celebrating 150 years. We learned about the different types of corn, picked our own popcorn, shelled it in an old fashioned sheller, rolled it, and brought it home to dry. We also visited the Gilbertson Nature center where we learned about the animals and habitats of native Iowa species. We met a snake, a bear, an albino opossum and more. We participated in a scavenger hunt in the Dummermuth building. This building is filled with collected items from the past. Students partnered up to find old butter churns, horse harnesses, chicken feeders and more! We enjoyed a picnic lunch and visiting with the maizemasters, Laverne and Grace Swenson. It was a historical day of learning!





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# Pearls of Wisdom

By Pastor Philip Girardin

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Greetings in Christ everyone! Many years ago, my dad gave me a copy of a book that had a profound impact on him. It was written by Peter Marshall and David Manuel titled *The Light and the Glory*. The book was remarkable to me as I read it for the first time because it goes through and recounts the first Thanksgiving from first person accounts as they were available. Reading the account of Plymouth colony as they suffered through those first years, and eventually being blessed by God to becoming a sustainable colony is a joy in seeing faithfulness. While other colonies had had such great difficulty with the indigenous population, this colony, these people, did not. They had been shown extraordinary care by one person that resulted in their being able to sustain themselves and survive. While our history is filled with moments of question and error, the first Thanksgiving is by no means this. We see the coming together of God's people with others around them and sharing the bounty of God's gifts.

I started thinking about these things as I have been driving down the road recently and seeing the harvest ongoing. The farmers of our community are doing an amazing work as they are bringing in all the crops that God has given us. It also caused me to think about that book my dad gave me so many years ago. Today, we continue to be blessed by what Squanto gave those first Europeans as they landed on the shores of America. Here we are, hundreds of years later, and we are still harvesting corn, and finding even more ways to utilize this incredible crop ... we truly have so much to give thanks for.





This leaves me thinking about the culture of the nation that we live in. Coming into November, we will more and more

frequently see lists of things we give thanks for on social media. Discussion will turn more and more into acknowledging what we have been given. It's worthwhile to remember the Apostle's Creed at this point. God the Father blesses us with everything we have. We are blessed to not have to go to bed hungry as a general pattern - although there are people that need our help. We are blessed to have a town with leadership that we have. We are blessed to be able to drive from place to place, and to live in this great state. We might not wish to always acknowledge it, but we are also blessed to live in the nation that we do.

As the "trick or treat" of October gives way to the grace and thanks of November, take a moment and remember what it took for us to live where and how we do. Our lives here in Readlyn are profoundly influenced by the incredible gift that Squanto gave those first pilgrims, and lives on with us today. All these things are a gift from a loving God that loves us so much that while we couldn't do anything to save ourselves, He did the work, and Jesus came for us and saved us. Celebrate all the things we give thanks for this month. Remember all that was required for us to have the life we live. Also, take a moment, as we continue to see the divides of our nation hurt, that all it took was Jesus to save mankind, and for Squanto to share corn. Reach out to your brothers and sisters with all the grace that this month reflects, and rejoice in all the things that we have been blessed with.

Blessed Thanksgiving! Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I. See you around town.

Pastor Phil

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