

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Esther Wittenburg turns 110!

Esther Wittenburg of Readlyn still has vivid memories of the golf cart ride she took on the Bicycle Trail five years ago on her 105th birthday. The ride was sponsored by the Readlyn Community Club, and the golf carts were provided by Rudy's Golf Carts of Denver.

There were quite a group of riders and a long string of golf carts that day. The ride went west along the trail to Highway 63 and then returned to Readlyn. Esther remembers the weather turned cooler during the ride, and she had to borrow a jacket from Garylee Thurm.

Five years have passed since then, and Esther celebrated her 110th birthday on September 27, 2018. She still lives in her home in Readlyn with assistance from family members.

Esther was born on a farm two miles northwest of Tripoli and attended the Old Tripoli Elementary School about 3/4 of a mile from the farm. Instead of riding a school bus, she and her sister walked to school. In the winter, when the snow drifts were high, they were able to walk on top of them. Esther remembered the school's drinking water came from the Jergen farm, and she and her classmates took turns going for water.

After 8th grade she helped work on the farm until marrying Fred Bock in 1926. At that time horses did all the work and there wasn't any electricity. Each family member had their own job after the hay was cut, dried, brought in from the field and put up in the hay loft.

In Esther's Own Words

We had to wait our turn for the thrashing machine to come to our farm so we could thrash the

oats. All the neighbors helped each other with the thrashing. The women made the noon meal which was usually fried chicken, potatoes & gravy, vegetables and several kinds of pies. Kegs of beer were kept cool in the stock tank. My Grandma Schmidt would send me out for a pitcher of beer.

After marrying Fred Bock in 1926 I moved to Tripoli where my husband worked in a garage. In 1941 we started Fred's Body Shop and ran it until my husband died in 1961. We had four children together. Virgil, living in Illinois, Dee, living in Nevada and Marlee and Larry, living in Iowa.

In 1966 I married Herb Wittenburg and moved



Esther Wittenburg

to Readlyn. I had to learn to play cards then, because Readlyn had a lot of 500 and Pinochle groups. I found that Readlyn was a very friendly town and with the help of friends, I soon learned the card games.

During my early days in Readlyn, we used to play 500 or Pinochle four times a week. There would be 12 or 16 players in a group and before starting to play, we would have a glass of wine.

When I was a little younger, I always liked to work in the garden and mow the lawn. I often think about all the good friends I had that are no longer here. Now their children are my friends.

Three years ago, my macular degeneration worsened, and now I am not able to read and barely able to see TV. I also am not able to see the features of people visiting me until they are very close to me. I'm also no longer able to play cards, but I can play Skip-Bo, because the numbers on those cards are large.

I am always glad when visitors stop by the house, and I'm always ready for a game of Skip-Bo.



Leaf burning allowed Oct. 1-Nov. 15

The City of Readlyn will permit burning of leaves, but not the burning of building materials or other household wastes.

Burning can take place Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 2018.

Reminder: No burning will be allowed on paved streets or sidewalks.

Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning and do not burn wet leaves.



On Saturday, September 1, the area received 5-1/2 inches of rain overnight, but it wasn't going to stop these neighborhood youngsters. They took advantage of the flooded streets to make up for missing out on the kayaking trip they had planned.



Presented gardening wagon

Daniel and Sam Platte presented this gardening wagon to fellow Readlyn Gardeners Marlys Deterding and Bonnie Erickson. A hardy thank you to Dustin and Jenny Platte for realizing that without their boys' muscles after the boys' return to school gardeners needed this great donation. Next summer we would welcome other youth who would like to assist the Readlyn Gardeners who generally meet every Monday at 8:30 AM.

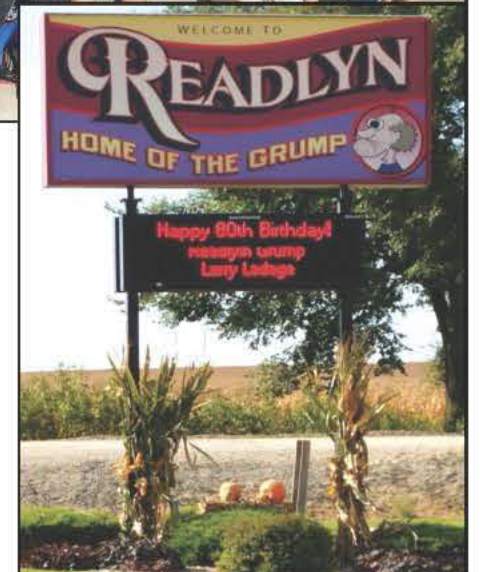


Fall decorating in Readlyn

Several Community Club members and Readlyn youth helped with the fall decorating project. Thanks to everyone that helped make Readlyn beautiful for this fall. Participants are shown above.

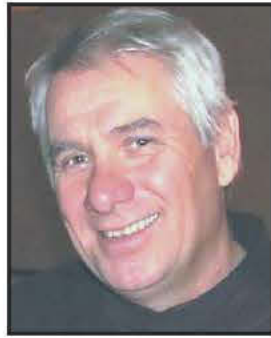
Wilda Albrecht photo

At right is the welcome sign on the southeast corner of Readlyn. The lighted marquee sign says, "Happy Birthday to 2018 Grump Larry Ladage." The sign is also appropriately decorated for fall.



Mayor's Desk

By Dan Wedemeier



Hi Everyone,

Connie and I participated in the annual golf cart ride on the bike trail Saturday, September 22. This was a nice opportunity for everyone to see the natural beauty of the Readlyn-area countryside. It also gave you a chance to see some things going on the bike trail park area. You got to see a new bench, given in memory of Glen and Helen Wittenburg and the beginning of a gazebo, being built by the Readlyn Garden Club.

The Council has set the date for Trick or Treat in Readlyn to be from 4 to 6pm on Sunday, October 28.

The Council also approved leaf burning from October 1 through November 15. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning in town. Also, remember that the City has a compost and a brush pile at the sewer plant for your convenience and it's open to use 24 hours a day. I have seen some piles of branches and grass on people's property and have wondered if they were aware that Readlyn has a place for them to dispose of those things.

As the normal day-to-day chores for the City go on, we have started working on First Street. The new intakes have been installed and we had originally planned on resurfacing this fall but, with harvest coming on sooner than we had predicted, we've decided to delay the resurfacing until next spring. We are excited to get this street redone but, we want to do it right and try not to disrupt normal business too much.

The City of Readlyn will also begin the tarring and sealing of cracks on city streets. Also, on the schedule for this year is to blacktop the alley way behind City Hall, between 1st and 2nd Street.

Go Wapsie Warriors and CLS Wildcats!!!!!! Students, "Good Luck" in all your fun, fall activities and parents, grandparents and friends, have fun following, supporting and cheering on your favorite sports team and be safe.

It's harvest time, so please be careful while driving this fall. Always being watchful and aware of all of our farmer friends that we are sharing the road with, while they are beginning the fall harvest.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather!

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

Flu shot clinic is Oct. 11

The Bremer County Health Department is hosting a public flu shot clinic at the Readlyn Library meeting room on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 3-5 PM. Cost is \$28.

Those participating should bring all insurance cards. The vaccine is covered by Medicare Part B, Secure Horizon, Coventry Advantra, and United Health Care. If you have an insurance that we do not accept, you can still receive the flu vaccine if paid for by cash or check. A receipt will be provided that you can submit to your insurance company for reimbursement for what you plan may cover.

Also, bring your Social Security card. Either know your number or bring your card. We enter all vaccinations into IRIS, a system so your family doctor, hospital or public health agency can look up your vaccinations. If you have any questions in the future, we can identify you by your SSN in case of duplicate names.

If you have any questions, contact Bremer County Health Department at 319-352-0082.

Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Ladage



Rain, Rain, Go Away!

As I am writing this the first week of September, it has been raining for about a week and there has been a lot of flooding in the area.

Going back a little bit, six of the previous Grumps and myself rode in the Denver Days Parade in golf carts. Never have I seen so many Tootsie Rolls being thrown out for the public at one time. The parade was on August 18.

It seems as though every time I drive past the Freedom Rock, there are people there looking at it and taking pictures. What a nice addition for Readlyn and Bremer County. Lights have been added to spotlight the rock and flag poles will be added soon.

As has been done in the past, all adult members of St. Matthew Church who have a birthday in September gathered for a meal at The Watering Hole. This year it was on my 80th birthday, September 12. I would like to thank everyone that sent me cards for my birthday also.

Labor Day weekend Janet and I went camping at our camper north of Cresco, and, yes, it rained the whole weekend while we were there. We were only able to have a campfire one night.

If anyone is looking for good home cooked meals, check the local newspapers for the church dinners, which are beginning soon. They are always so good.

As of September 13, Readlyn lost another one of its Grumps with the passing of Wes Sauerbrei. He will be greatly missed.

Until next month, I will sign off.
2018 Grump, Larry Ladage

SAVE THE DATE!

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation will hold its annual dinner and auction on Friday, Nov. 16 at the Fairbank Legion. The evening will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner, a silent auction from 5:30-8:30 PM and a live auction at 7 PM. Contact a board member to make a donation or with questions.

Community Calendar

Mondays - Novel Knitters at the library 6 pm

Thursdays - Story Time at the library 9 am

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library. Call 319-235-6201 for appointment

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - VFW Post #5661 meeting at Readlyn Telephone Co.

Saturday, Oct. 6 - Tech Class at the library, Photo Editing 9 am

Tuesday, Oct. 9 - Coloring at the library 1-3 School-agers welcome after school

Thursday, Oct. 11 - Bremer County Health Department Flu Clinic 3 - 5 pm

Thursday, Oct. 11 - Readlyn Community Club's meeting, 7 pm, Inspired Luncheonette

Wednesday, Oct. 17 - Senior Citizens lunch and cards at Inspired 11:30 am

Thursday, Oct. 18 - Deadline for the Oct. 31 issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*, 5 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 31 - Merry Elders at Inspired 11:30 am

Thursday, Nov. 1 - Readlyn Book Talk, 7 pm at the library

Miss Readlyn Comments

By Cassidy Brunscheon



It's September and everyone knows what that means! School is back in session and my senior year has started great. More and more I'm getting the questions "What are your plans for the future?" and "What is going to be your major?" It has been nice getting back into the regular routine.

With fall here, it means fall sports season is here. The football team is now 2-1, with Wapsie beating our long-time rivals, Denver and then falling to North Tama. The North Tama game was so close and the boys fought hard! We are at GMG on September 14 and the week after is Homecoming against South Winn. Our volley ball team is also off to a great start and are currently ranked. Go Warriors!

Speaking of football, I went with my family to Iowa City to the Iowa vs. Iowa State game. It was fun tailgating, participating in the Iowa Wave, and of course, watching the game. Iowa came out on top in a close defensive game. Go Hawks!

This year, the Wapsie Valley Fine Arts department is presenting Mary Poppins as the fall musical! I was honored to be chosen to play Mary Poppins. Practices have already started, and our talented cast is excited to bring the production to the Wapsie community. Performance dates will be November 9, 10, and 11. We hope to see everyone there!

Advance tickets only for Octoberfest at the Poor Farm

The Poor Farm Foundation Board is hosting "Octoberfest" at the Poor Farm, 1951 Larrabee Ave, Waverly, on October 18 with 6 PM social time, 6:30 PM German heritage buffet meal, and 7:30 PM entertainment by the "Double J Wranglers." There will be tours later.

Advance tickets only, tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

For tickets, call Charlie Albrecht (319) 279-3228, or Ron Leistikow (319) 279-3548.

Pepper tournaments begin again

The first pepper tournament of the season will start on Saturday, October 6 at the Readlyn Community Event Center at 2:00 p.m.

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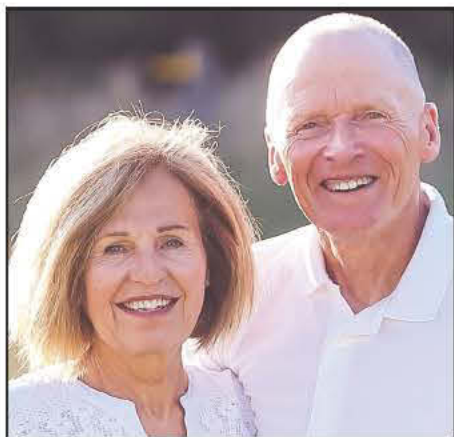
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Micki and Gene Thurm

Thurms note 50th anniversary

Gene and Micki Thurm are observing their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married October 5, 1968 at St Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn.

Gene retired from John Deere and Micki retired from GMAC Mortgage/Ocwen Loan Servicing.

They have been blessed with three wonderful sons, three wonderful daughters-in-law, and 11 wonderful grandchildren: Jason and Tracy Thurm, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua and Joel of Humboldt; Jeremy and Larke Thurm, Clara, Leah and Eric of Cedar Rapids; Justin and Andrea Thurm, Lydia, Amelia, Alaina, and Andrew of Milford, MI.



Marva and Dan Schuldt

Schuldts observe 50th anniversary

Readlyn — Dan and Marva Otto Schuldt are celebrating their 50th anniversary with an open house from 3-7 PM at the Readlyn Community Event Center on Saturday, Oct. 27.

They were married Oct. 27, 1968 at Immanuel Lutheran, Klinger.

Dan owns and operates Schuldt Repair outside of Readlyn and farms. Marva is retired from Marvalous Images and currently works at Schuldt Repair.

Their family includes Angie and Bob Fritz, Amy and Kurt Peyton, Andy and Dana Schuldt, and Jamie and JJ Zearley. They have 13 grandchildren.

No invitations are being sent and no gifts are requested.



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.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for all the cards, gifts, and good wishes that we received for our anniversary. A special Thank You to all who attended our anniversary that day to help us celebrate and make our day special. Also a big thank you to Tammi & Lyle Pries for the great food. Again Thank You to everyone.

Don & Kathy Blasberg

Trick or Treat

In Readlyn
Sunday, October 28

4:00-6:00 PM



Holy Moly!

Harriett Risse is turning 90 on Saturday! (Sept. 29)

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10-5 Tuesday 10-5 Friday
10-5 Wednesday 9-12 Saturday

FREE Fall Tech Classes at Bremer County Libraries



Photo Editing

Saturday, October 6 at 9:00am
Readlyn Community Library

Learn how to edit, crop, and organize photos using a free photo editing program.

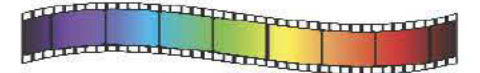
Other classes Around the County...

Sumner	Oct 4 at 6pm	Cyber Security
Readlyn	Oct 6 at 9am	Photo Editing
Denver	Oct 11 at 6:30pm	Microsoft Publisher
Plainfield	Oct 12 at 2pm	Buying/Selling on eBay
Tripoli	Oct 20 at 10am	Computer Care
Janesville	Oct 25 10am	Online Shopping
Denver	Oct 25 at 6:30pm	Kids' online safety
Waverly	Oct. 26 at 10 am	Digital Photos Part 1



Story time @ the Library
Thursday mornings at 9:00 am

New DVDs



Book Club

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Tag
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Ocean's 8
Jurassic Park—
Fallen Kingdom

Booktalk Readlyn Reads

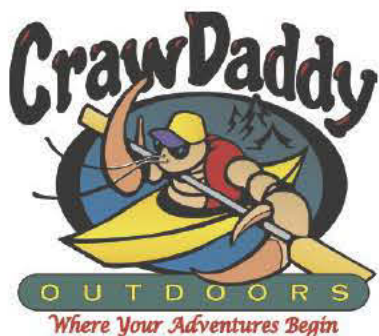


2018 All Iowa Young Adult Reads
Pick up at copy at the library and join us for discussion on
Thursday November 1st at 7:00 pm

Amsterdam, 1943. Hanneke spends her days procuring and delivering sought-after black market goods to paying customers, her nights hiding the true nature of her work from her concerned parents, and every waking moment mourning her boyfriend, who was killed on the Dutch front lines when the Germans invaded. She likes to think of her illegal work as a small act of rebellion.

On a routine delivery, a client asks Hanneke for help. Expecting to hear that Mrs. Janssen wants meat or kerosene, Hanneke is shocked by the older woman's frantic plea to find a person—a Jewish teenager Mrs. Janssen had been hiding, who has vanished without a trace from a secret room. Hanneke initially wants nothing to do with such dangerous work, but is ultimately drawn into a web of mysteries and stunning revelations that lead her into the heart of the resistance, open her eyes to the horrors of the Nazi war machine, and compel her to take desperate action.

Beautifully written, intricately plotted, and meticulously researched, *Girl in the Blue Coat* is an extraordinary, gripping novel about bravery, grief, and love in impossible times.



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Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

Augusta Kehe (1901-1922)

Auto accident takes life of Readlyn girl

A very distressing auto accident occurred Saturday night (August 26, 1922) about 11 o'clock near the Richard Hoppenworth farm two miles east of Waverly, in which Miss Augusta Kehe, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kehe, was instantly killed. Accompanied by her sister, Miss Hulda, and Ernest Boevers, they were speeding to Waverly in order to get Miss Amelia Rohrson, a girl friend who is employed in the W. H. Babcock home here in Waverly, who was going to Readlyn to spend Sunday with the Kehe girls and was to take the midnight train. As they were coming west down a hill they met a car driven by Frank Biston and in which were Roy Wagner and E. Prospect, men who were employed by the Stillman brothers in grading the roads between Tripoli and Sumner. The latter had a Ford touring car, while the Boevers car was a Ford Roadster having a winter top.

The facts as substantially brought out at the inquest were as follows: Miss Rohrson was to go to Readlyn and spend Sunday with the Kehe girls and they had planned to wait up until the midnight train to meet her. About 10:30 p.m. o'clock they met Boevers, who is employed in the drugstore in Readlyn, in the restaurant, and after chatting and having a good time as young people will do, he proposed that they get in the car, come to Waverly and meet Miss Rohrson here as the train might be late. They had only about thirty minutes ahead of the train so it was necessary for them to speed in order to reach Waverly before the train, if it should be on time. They were running about twenty-eight miles an hour when the collision with the Biston car took place. The boys in the Biston car came here to spend the evening in Waverly. They spent some of the time at the skating rink, had made a few purchases after which they went to the Farmers Cafe for a lunch before starting back to Tripoli. They were driving along when they saw the Boevers' car coming and the lights were so bright Biston could not see where he was driving, so he pulled off the road to the right side of the road and was almost stopped when he saw, in the weeds just ahead of him, the railing of a bridge. He gave his wheel a twist that brought the front wheels of his car to the center of the road, Boevers had not the room to pass and was traveling too fast to stop, hence the collision.

Miss Amanda Kehe was hurled through the windshield and the car rolling over three times crushed her head. Miss Hulda Kehe received several bruises and cuts from flying glass and Boevers had a cut in his arm and also was cut about the face and head. He and Miss Hulda were able to testify at the coroner's inquest. Dr. C. H. Graening was the first physician at the scene. He examined Miss Kehe and found a fracture at the base of the skull and a fractured

jaw. He states that death was instantaneous. The injuries to the others were practically nil, aside from the mental shock.

The body of Miss Kehe was brought to Waverly and her parents notified of the terrible accident. John Kehe and his wife were unaware that their daughters had left Readlyn. Coroner Dunkleburg of Sumner was also notified and, accompanied by Attorney W. R. McClure, he came to Waverly and summoned a jury composed of J. W. Zoller, Ed H. Meyers and "Doc" Allenstein. An inquest was held in the chapel of the Waverly Furniture company at 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

The verdict of the jury, after carefully weighing the evidence, rendered a verdict to the effect that Augusta Kehe came to her death on the night of August 26, 1922, as a result of an auto accident, and the members of the jury do not hold anyone responsible for the accident.

Just who was to blame for this frightful accident it is difficult to determine. The occupants of both cars could see each other coming for three-quarters of a mile; the road is broad and in fine condition, with no obstructions of any kind. The drivers of both cars agree that the Biston car was practically at a standstill, if not entirely so; the car was on the right side of the road to all intents and purposes, so the drivers cannot

be blamed. Boevers said his car was traveling 28 miles (per hour), possibly faster. He said he was on the right side of the road but two rods away from the other car when Miss Kehe grabbed his arm and both realized that a collision was inevitable.

Miss Augusta Kehe, age 21, was born in Black Hawk County on May 5, 1901. She received her education in the parochial and public schools and later was employed as a clerk in her father's hardware store in Readlyn. She was the eldest of four daughters, and, together with her parents, her three sisters survive. They are Misses Hulda, Martha, and Irene Kehe.

The deceased young lady was a favorite in a large circle of friends, a girl of charming manners and womanly traits. She will be sadly missed, not only in her own home, but by the friends who loved her. She was a member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in her hometown, and there the funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. Maas having charge of the services. Internment was made in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery at Readlyn. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to parents and sisters whose loved one has been taken from them in so tragic a manner, just when she was in full enjoyment of youth and happiness and when the future provided so much.

The above account of the death of Augusta Kehe was taken from Waverly papers. There is

another account of the accident that definitely blames speed as the cause of the accident. After you read the article the first time for content, re-read the article to concentrate on how words and language were used to express 96 years ago. Language is a living thing and expressions are always changing.

This was indeed a tragedy for the Kehe family caused by a decision to hurry to Waverly to get someone so she didn't have to ride the train to Readlyn. This was the first fatal auto accident in Bremer County. It was amazing that the accident occurred at 11:00 Saturday night and a coroner's inquest held at 3:00 Sunday morning, the coroner coming from Sumner. I read an article which I cannot find about the great number of people who attended Augusta's funeral. The Kehe family was well-known and respected. A daughter suffering a unique death touched the heart of many. Hulda Kehe Meier, wife of Walter "Doc" Meier, had three children: Janice Meier Heinemann, deceased, Jack Meier, deceased, and Jerry Meier of Orlando,

Florida. Martha Kehe Pries had two daughters, Maxine and Vila, both deceased.

The railroad at this time was the only mass transit system on land. In 1922, Readlyn must have had the service of at least two eastbound and two westbound trains daily.



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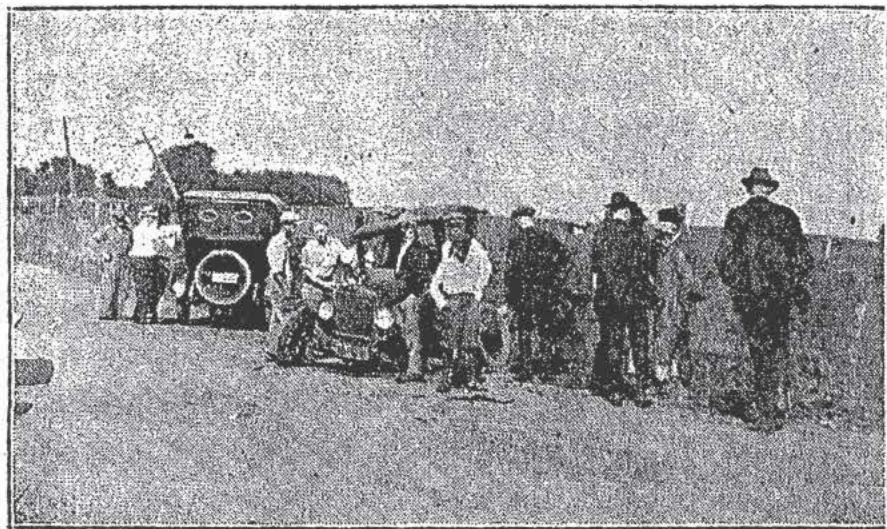
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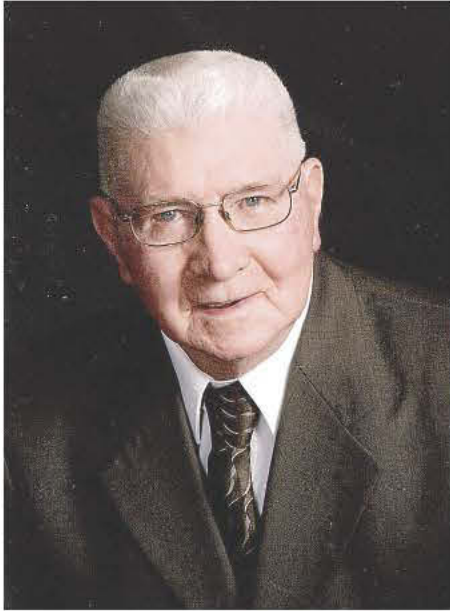
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The above is a picture taken Sunday morning of the wrecked car in which Miss Augusta Kehe lost her life last Saturday night.

Readlyn Community Happenings

~ Obituary ~



Wesley Richard Sauerbrei

Wesley Richard Sauerbrei, age 87, of Fairbank, Iowa and formerly of Readlyn, Iowa, died Thursday, September 13, 2018, at his home.

Wes was born on September 9, 1931, in Readlyn, Iowa, the son of Walter and Anna (Rathe) Sauerbrei. He was raised in Readlyn where he was baptized on September 27, 1931 and confirmed on April 2, 1944 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Wes graduated from the Readlyn High School in 1949. Wes entered the United States Army in February of 1952 and was honorably discharged in January of 1954. On November 27, 1952, Wes was united in marriage to Delores Strempe at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank, Iowa. The couple made their home in Readlyn where Wes owned and operated Sauerbrei Oil Company until 1994 and then worked for the City of Waverly for ten years retiring in 2004.

Wes was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Readlyn where he served on the church council, Readlyn V.F.W. serving as commander for several years, Readlyn Historical Society serving as President, Readlyn Community Club, and the Readlyn Telephone Company Board of Directors. Wes was honored as the Readlyn Grump in 1997. Wes enjoyed playing cards, visiting, and the Chicago Cubs, however, his greatest enjoyment was family, especially his grandchildren.

Wes's memory is honored by: his wife Delores Sauerbrei of Fairbank; two daughters, Cheryl (Keith) Brandt of Waverly and Teresa (Mike) Duffy of Fairbank; three sons, Gary (Connie) Sauerbrei, Larry (Deb) Sauerbrei, and Jerry (Cindy) Sauerbrei all of Readlyn; fourteen grandchildren; forty one great-grandchildren and two on the way; four sisters, Verlaine (Delbert) Hayes of Norwalk, Virginia Sickles of Readlyn, Veronica (Al) Bulr of Denver, and Valitha Dornbusch of Mason City; five brothers, Warren Sauerbrei of West Union, Wayne Sauerbrei of Sumner, Willis (Doris) Sauerbrei of Ames, Walter Jr. (Nanci) Sauerbrei of Aitken, Minnesota, and Woody (Cheryl) Sauerbrei of Waverly; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Sauerbrei of Springfield, Missouri and many nieces and nephews. Wes was preceded in death by: his parents; a sister, Violet Jacobson; two brothers, Willard and Warner Sauerbrei; and a great-grandson, Nicholas Pierce.

Visitation was on Sunday, September 16, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn where the family greeted friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 17, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Readlyn V.F.W. giving honors. Memorials may be directed to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family with arrangements.

Senior Citizens meet

On August 15, 15 members attended the 11:30 Senior Citizens Meal/Meeting at Inspired.

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

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

The Secretary's minutes were read from July 18th. A motion was made by Verdeen Pavelec and seconded by Janet Ladage to approve the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

Charlie Albrecht was absent so we had no treasurers report.

We sang Happy Anniversary to Frederic and Sonja Bast as they will be celebrating their 60th wedding Anniversary on the 31st of August. The 25th they are planning a family gathering to celebrate.

Mary Chapin thanked everyone for her birthday card that was sent to her for her birthday last month as she was absent from the July meeting.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Garylee Thurm spoke about some of the changes that the Readlyn Community Club discussed at their last meeting on August 9th.

1. The Kids in the Park will be taken over by Haley Broten and her group.

They will now be a self sufficient group.

2. It was discussed to get a drop down curtain around the beer tent to block some of the noise while the crowning of the Grump, Queen and the little Grumpsters ceremony is taking place.

3. It was discussed to have some craft vendors on the north side of the park for the 2019 Grump Days.

4. Some discussion of a car show for 2019.

Gary Lee Thurm stated that The Freedom Rock committee has contacted an electrician to put some flood lights facing the Freedom Rock.

The sod around the Freedom Rock has been dug out and rock will be put down.

There will be 3 flag poles installed around the Freedom Rock for the One POW flag, One Iowa Flag and one National Flag.

There will be a side walk put in from the east side to the Freedom Rock.

Readlyn's Freedom Rock was the 73rd Rock to have been installed and painted.

The next meeting will be September 19th at Inspired at 11:30.

Motion was made by Wilbert Huebner and seconded by Larry Ladage to Adjourn. The meeting was followed by fellowship and card playing.

Lois Thacher, Secretary.

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“Transitioning to Fall”

As I sit down to write this month, football seasons have started and the calendar shows mid-September, but it’s 90 degrees outside. It’s definitely not fall weather, but rest assured, fall is coming and I’ve already started hunting. While I love tournament fishing, and fall can be some of the best fishing of the year, when September rolls around my mind is on hunting even while I’m fishing. This month I’m going to talk about my first hunt of the year.

It’s September 1 and I’m sitting in the truck with my good friend, Jason Swanson. It’s raining, and this isn’t a light drizzle. It’s a driving rain, we can’t even see out of the windshield, it’s raining so hard sitting in a field driveway. Jason’s son, Nycholas, and his nephew, Draven, are parked next to us and not one of us wants to get out of the truck to decide if this hunt is going to happen.

It’s opening day of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls city Canada goose zone season, and opening day of Iowa’s dove season. We decided to try to target both. But first I need to rewind to early July to relay how this hunt came together.

Myself, Jason and his son, Nycholas, were all staying at my cabin in Prairie du Chien for a tournament, and, as usual, hunting stories started getting told as the grill cooked our dinner. Nycholas was turning 16 and was excited to get his driver’s license. Nycholas is a bird hunter through and through. If he’s telling a hunting story, it’s usually about geese, ducks, pheasants, or doves. This young man knows how to find the birds and get you in position to get after them. I still remember him looking me in the eye and saying, “I’m going to put you on some birds this fall, Eric. I have my driver’s license now and I’ll be doing a lot of scouting. Would you like to go opening day with me?” I

quickly responded “Game ON!” and the hunt was planned that night for opening day.

Fast forward back to us sitting in the field driveway watching it rain. When we planned this hunt, I’m sure we all envisioned a beautiful sunrise, cool temps, and a light wind. Instead we have a driving rain, lightning, and strong wind. Radars were constantly being checked, and everyone had their own opinion on when the weather would let up. The boys were much more optimistic than Jason and me, but we decided we were there, it had been planned for months, and we would get out there when the lightning quit.

Around 7:30, the lightning finally seemed to stop and the rain lightened to a moderate rain. Nycholas and Draven decided they were going to get the goose decoys put out in the field, and Jason and I would circle the block to have one last check on what local ponds the geese were on for their roost the night before. We were a little disappointed in only seeing one small flock on a local pond, but decided maybe we would just have fun trying to shoot some doves. We met back up with the boys and we all decided to get in the field.

After our drive around, we decided to focus more on doves. We spread out some in the cornfield and a few doves started flying around. We were getting some good shooting as Jason and I stayed fairly close to each other while Nycholas and Draven took opposite ends of the field.

Now, let me tell you, doves are hard to hit. I quickly went through a half of a box of Winchester 7 steel shot shells with only a couple doves to show for it. As Jason and I worked through the middle of the field our action began to slow, but we kept hearing plenty of shooting coming from the southeast end of the field. Jason and I



By: Eric Johnston



decided to head that way. As we arrived at that end of the field, it was Nycholas that was posted there. He excitedly told us about the doves he was getting and we needed to stay there with him. We shot a couple doves and suddenly bigger birds caught my attention on the tree line. “Guys, geese coming, a pair of them!” I said excitedly. “Yeah right,” Jason and Nycholas said as they thought I was messing with them. “They’re coming!” I said, as one of the pair let out a honk.

These two geese were coming right at us and very low. We hid in the corn with our Mossy Oak camo and let them come. As they got to us, Nycholas yelled, “Take them!” and we dropped both. We high-fived and couldn’t stop smiling. That, we felt, had made the morning. Soon, Draven met up with us and we excitedly told him the story. As we stood there, we shot a few more doves and soon Draven said, “What’s that line over the trees?” “It’s geese and they’re coming right at us!” Draven said excitedly, and he was right. It was a big flock coming right to us and low. As they neared, Jason directed us on taking birds to the left and to the right. Soon they were right over us and Nycholas yelled, “Take ‘em” and we shot. Each one of us got one. Mine fell further out in the field and I quickly went after it. I heard Nycholas yell, “Mine is banded!” Draven yelled the same, then Jason did too. I thought, “Could mine be too?” As I picked




the goose up, mine was banded as well.

In the world of waterfowling a banded bird is a trophy. This would be my first ever banded goose! As I walked out of the corn row, Jason, Nycholas, and Draven were all smiling and telling me their geese had bands. I then held mine up and told them mine was as well! We all four took a banded goose! High-fives and bear hugs were exchanged all around as we celebrated the accomplishment.

As we walked back to the trucks, we joked and laughed and continued to replay the story. And, to me, that’s what it is all about! This was a hunt I will never forget and was quite a way to start the 2018 fall hunting seasons. Nycholas put in a lot of work to make this hunt possible, from driving around scouting to see which fields the geese were using, to securing permission from farmers to access these fields. Nycholas did the work and I thank him tremendously for a great memory, and, of course, thanks to my buddy, Jason, for letting me tag along and raising a fine young man. And also Draven, you’re always fun to hunt with.


Even though the weather conditions weren’t ideal, we got out there and had a great hunt. Get out there this fall, especially with good friends and family and make some memories. After all, these hunts are what you will talk about to get you through next summer around the grill. Until next time, Get Outdoors!



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Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 members pictured are, left to right, Marjorie Macken, Wilda Albrecht, LuAnn Happel, 3rd District President Robin Hughes, Verdeen Pavelec, Ellen Thies, Marrillee Tiedt and Darlene Peters.

Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met September 11, 2018 at the Readlyn Library at 7:30 p.m. with 7 members and 1 guest present.

The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed Robin Hughes, 3rd District President of Mason City. She presented her with a poppy corsage with a monetary gift in it. At 7:00 p.m. she inspected the secretary and treasurer's books and bond. The General Orders and Chairman reports were read by all. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.


Old business: 99 volunteer hours were turned in for July. Burton and Ellen Thies, LuAnn Happel and Verdeen Pavelec attended 3rd district meeting at Osage and took 3825 pop tabs. Ellen Thies is 3rd district treasurer. LuAnn Happel and Verdeen Pavelec sat in for missing flagbearers. Verdeen Pavelec visited Auxiliary and Post members: Jean Wells, Oscar and Arlyce Heideman in Sumner nursing home and

Wes and Delores Sauerbrei in Fairbank assisted living. Eight legislative letters and two e-mails were sent in to Congressman for the veterans' bill. September is Military Suicide Awareness Month. We are to wear the teardrop.

New business: Some are going to attend National President Sandy Kreibel's visit to Iowa. Twenty-eight paid members made our membership 100% and 1st in 3rd district. Robin Hughes announced that our Auxiliary was doing great and presented the Auxiliary with certificates from state for best poppy program, a Healthy Auxiliary and runner-up volunteer of the year award to Kathy Thiele for volunteering at Hospice home. Robin Hughes presented Verdeen Pavelec with a patriotic towel and pinwheel. Delores Sauerbrei received her second cancer grant for \$550.

A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn, carried. The meeting closed with prayer. Hostess was Marjorie Macken.

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Wapsie Valley FFA teaches agriculture at Iowa State Fair

By Reily Richards, Chapter Reporter

Many of the Wapsie Valley FFA members enjoyed time at the Iowa State Fair. From showing projects, participating in the Agriculture Demonstration, or helping out at the Foundation Sales.

Members of the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter showed a wide variety of livestock and static projects. The results are listed below:

Photography

Dayton Wittenburg - Blue, Red, Red, White
 Olivia Willey - Blue, Red
 Sidney Schnor - Blue, Blue

Outdoor Woodworking

Bryce Kleitsch - Second Purple

Dairy Cattle

Jordan Kalenske - Brown Swiss Spring Yearling: Purple, Brown Swiss Winter Yearling: Purple

Breanna Hakeman - Holstein Fall Calf: Blue, Jersey Fall Calf: Blue, Jersey Junior 2 Year Old: Purple, Reserve Senior Champion, Reserve Grand Champion of the Jer-

sey Breed

Horse

Katie Mortenson - Barrels: Blue, Flags: Purple, Poles: Blue, Halter: Red, Trail: White, Western Pleasure: White

On August 12 a group of 12 members went to the Iowa State Fair. Their plans for the day were to teach the fairgoers about agriculture. They did this by explaining how agriculture affects them in their everyday life by asking them if they used agriculture to get to the fair. They then explained what the future of agriculture could be, Aquaponics.

On the same day members rotated through working the foundation sales. Foundation sales is when FFA members sit in a booth selling FFA apparel. Anna Richards, a member who attended the Agriculture Demonstration and Foundation Sales said, "I enjoyed being able to share my love and knowledge of agriculture and FFA, and discuss the future of agricultural industry with those who participated in our Agriculture Demonstration."



Grant Grober taught the passing fairgoers about the aquaponics system, and the future of agriculture.



Breanna Hakeman showed her Jersey junior 2-year-old cow during the 4-H and FFA Dairy Cow Show.



Bryce Kleitsch got a second purple with one of the wooden flags that he makes and sells.

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