



This quilt will be raffled off at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church fall dinner. Measuring 90"x103", the quilt, from the pattern "Little Trips," was pieced by Carol Strottmann and quilted by Judy Tyer. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and will be available before and after the Nov. 3 church service and at the dinner.

## Fall dinner planned at St. Matthew, Readlyn

A fall dinner will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Readlyn on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 3-6 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out meals will be available (see map below).

The menu includes roast beef, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, fresh corn, sauerkraut, orange fluff salad, cranberry salad, rolls, pies and bars.

Cost for the meal is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ages 5-10, and free for kids ages four and under.

All are welcome to attend.



## St. Peter to host Italian Supper Nov. 2

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Oran will host an Italian Supper on Saturday, November 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The meal will feature lasagna, spaghetti & meatballs, lettuce salad, breadsticks and desserts. Carry-outs are available by calling St. Peter at 319-638-6441 from 3-7 p.m. on Nov. 2.

A free-will donation will be accepted for the meal and bake sale items will also be available for sale.

St. Peter will also be collecting canned items for His Hands Food Pantry.

The Italian Supper is open to the public.



Ben Hogan of Readlyn returned to the Iowa State Fair to reclaim his top spot in the Mr. Legs competition! See more on page 5.



## The Iowa State Fair's Mr. Legs, A.K.A. Ben Hogan

The Iowa State Fair has hosted a Mr. Legs competition for decades. In 2019, Ben Hogan decided to make the trip to Des Moines for the contest. Ben has always had muscular legs, a result from being an athlete throughout his youth, playing football at Wartburg College, and genetics from his maternal grandma (who was referred to as "Legs" in her obituary) and his dad. Ben oiled, tanned, and shaved his legs. He left the 2019 Iowa State Fair with the title of Mr. Legs and held on to his crown for 2020 and 2021.

In 2022, Ben returned to the contest but found a new competitor. A young body builder entered the competition and won, reducing Ben to second place for 2022 and 2023. Ben decided to get serious. He earnestly lifted weights, exercised, and his diet started Monday. Ben lost 75 pounds. The last week of July 2024, Ben made a trip to Arizona with his son, Caleb, brother, Joah, and friend, Aaron Ramsey. The group hiked the Grand Canyon's Rim-to-Rim: an arduous trek of descending 14.3 miles and 6,000 feet of elevation from the North Rim to the bottom of the canyon, then climbing 4,500 feet elevation and 9.6 miles back out again at the South Rim. After the strenuous hike, Ben's calves were now ready to revive his Mr. Legs title at the State Fair.

Ben returned to the fair in August 2024

and paraded his chiseled legs on the Mid-American stage at the Mr. Legs Contest. He once again was crowned the Iowa State Fair's Mr. Legs and well deserving. Ben said the best part of the contest is that it is good clean fun, and it brings his family and friends together. Although it seems that the contest is usually on the hottest and busiest fair day, Ben's family, Readlyn friends, and friends from high school showed up and excitedly cheered him on with 133,000 other people in attendance at the fair (which was a record). He modestly

claims that he "looks good from the waist down." Jaci, Ben's wife, was called "one lucky lady" by another woman at the fair.

Mr. Legs is just a small part of Ben's accomplishments. Ben and Jaci own TruServe Insurance. Having a truck driver for a dad, Ben developed an interest in trucks and insurance for another company for about ten years. He and Jaci took a leap of faith and started TruServe in a garage in Denver. They are now located in Readlyn with 12 employees. In addition,

*Continued on Page 5*



**The Hogan Family** — Front, Macie Hogan; back row, left to right, Sadie Hogan, Jaci Hogan, Duke Hogan, Mr. Legs Ben Hogan, and Caleb Hogan.



On behalf of the Readlyn Community Club, Louie Hartman (right) presents a congratulatory bouquet to Readlyn's new business owner Teri Sellers at the grand opening of Bobbins and Boards. See the story and more photos on page 18.



Over a dozen RCC members spent a recent Saturday morning decorating Main Street for fall. Loyal members Ron Hartman, Rod Wittenburg, and Michelle Harrington admire their work. See more photos on page 19.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Bonnie Wittenburg, 2024 Grump

Hello, Readlyn,  
Sure, does feel like fall today. Not enjoying the wind.

This past month seemed to have slowed down a bit. We completed our Golf Cart ride down the Readlyn bike trail. It is always a good time sharing with friends. Of course I am eating it up being "The Grump." I decorated our cart, and we led the group. Our Miss Readlyn and Miss Congeniality followed in their cart. It had been so dry I think brown was the number 1 color. I saw the biggest, brightest green bullfrog I had ever seen.

Following the cart ride, we headed down Main Street and stopped at Bobbins and Boards' open house. Quite the transformation. A large quilting area, plus a beautiful kitchen, dining room and sleeping facilities. They offered us very tasty snacks and answered all our questions.

We then headed to our community picnic. The RCC served hamburgers and hot dogs. Others brought items for our potluck. No one left hungry. We had music, games and conversation. We collected supplies for our schools that had been

donated by our citizens. Way to help our kids. If you were unable to come this year, mark your calendars to join us next year. We have a great community.

Have you noticed the decorations on Main? The fall look is so pretty. But don't blink, the elves will be replacing those decorations with the Christmas sights real soon. If you would like to be an elf with us, we would love to have you. It doesn't take long, and it will take less time if you are there. Keep an eye on Readlyn Talk, for time and meeting place.

It is almost time for the fall church dinners. There is always great food for a good cause and many hands to make it happen.

Now we move on to Christmas plans. The decorations, the parade, fireworks, Santa, treats and fireworks. We use the donated pop cans to finance this. Like everything currently, the price has risen. With that said, monetary donations are welcomed.

Again I end with saying, BE KIND - we all want the same thing.

Grump Bonnie



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Jaylin May

Hello Readlyn Community!

Wow! It has been a very fun and productive month so far! A lot of exciting things have been going on at school and in the community. The weather seems to be taking a dive, so I think it's time to get all of the layered and comfy clothing out.

On October 24, there was the Costume Contest for Grumpfest. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was competing in the District Cross Country meet. At this point in time that I am writing this, we have not competed in Districts, so I have no clue on how we did as a team. But hopefully after this article is released, our team has qualified for the State Meet on November 2 which also happens to be my 18th birthday!!

Going along with that, we had a very good regular season of cross country. The weather cooperated very well as we did not have to wear any thick layers underneath our uniforms which was nice. None of our meets got postponed due to weather either, which was amazing. On October 1 at Jesup, we had one of the best meets we have ever had on the boys' and girls' side. Almost everyone in the whole high school program PR'ed and felt really good while they were running. I personally ran a season best of 21:42!! Not an overall PR, but still my 2nd best time ever which I'm pretty proud of! On October 8 at Dike, Adalynn Kane broke the 5K school record with a time of 19:39.99!! It was very awesome to watch her accomplish that! Congratulations to her! As my high school cross country career comes to a close, it was very fun these past 4 years to be a part of a program like this. Our team is like a family

and everyone supports each other no matter what. I'm very sad to be leaving a team as strong and determined like this, but I can't wait to see what they accomplish in future years. Like I mentioned earlier, it would be great to end my career in Fort Dodge competing in the largest and most memorable meets in the state. But at this point in time, I wouldn't know until after this article comes out. Let's hope for the best!

The football team has been doing very well which is beneficial as they are headed into the postseason now. Cheerleading has been such a wonderful experience and I'm so glad that I went out this year. The girls are so welcoming and joyful. The environment is so positive and energetic, which also carries over to game day. Hopefully, we can all make a trip to the UNI-Dome in a couple weeks to support the football team down at state!

The volleyball team has been doing pretty well as they placed fourth at the conference tournament. Good luck to them in their postseason as well!!

The high school band and choir have their first concert of the year on November 4 at 7 p.m. at the high school. It will be fun to perform our songs that we have worked very hard on since the first week of school. It's very awesome to see all of the support from the community at the concerts.

Fall weather seems to be in full swing now as the farmers seem to all be harvesting their crops. It's neat to see all of the Halloween decorations people put up around Readlyn. It gets me excited for the holiday. I hope that everyone has a great Halloween!!

- Jaylin

## RCC in need of fireworks donations

Fireworks are expensive. Unfortunately, the money generated by generous can donations is down. As a result, to ensure fireworks for Santa's visit, please consider sending a check to Readlyn Community

Club, P.O. Box 34, Readlyn, IA 50668. By noting "fireworks" on your check, we guarantee the money will go directly to the firework's fund and will help light up the cold, winter sky.

Fettkether Fertilizer Co., LLC  
fettfarm@dunkerton.net



Dunkerton, IA  
**319-404-0064**

Specializing in starter fertilizer mixes, bulk UAN, Crop Chemicals, Seed & Planter Equipment

**Readlyn Area Housing**  
**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**  
62 years of age or older, handicapped/disabled regardless of age

- Very Low or Low-Income Families • One or Two Bedrooms - Ground Level
- Stove & Refrigerator Furnished • Laundry Facilities On Site
- All Electric Units with Thermostat in Each Room
- Ample Closet Space • Rent Based on Income

**For More Information Contact**  
**KarTay Apartment Management 319-334-7110**

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

**Hillcrest Living**  
*Friendly. Trusted. Proven.*



Three levels of care that are:  
-all on the same campus, under the same roof  
-adjacent to Community Memorial Hospital (UnityPoint Health)



**HILLCREST LIVING**  
Terrace Assisted Living • Hillcrest Skilled Care Nursing  
Southview Apartments

915 W. First St., Sumner • 563-578-8591 • www.hillcrestsumner.com

**WELLS HOLLOW LANDSCAPING**

**BE THE ENVY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Lawn Application offerings:

- ✓ Weed Control and Fertilization
- ✓ Pest Control
- ✓ Landscape Maintenance
- ✓ Landscape Design/Build

**319-404-9133**  
Ask for Zach Kuhlmann or Matt Wells  
— or scan the QR code to get a quote >

**BOOK TODAY!**

[www.wellshollowlandscaping.com](http://www.wellshollowlandscaping.com)

## Readlyn Community Happenings

### Senior Citizens meet Sept. 18

September 18, 2024, 17 members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Leistikow, our president, before our meal.

A birthday celebrated for the month of September was Larry Ladage. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Larry. The anniversaries for the month of September were Ron and Judy Leistikow and Don and Joyce Heineman. We all sang "Happy Anniversary" to Ron and Judy as Don and Joyce Heineman were not in attendance.

We all signed a card for Alice Soldwisch, as she had fallen and is now at the Cobblestone Assisted Living in Sumner, IA.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$205.00. Roger Deterding made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Janet Ladage seconded it. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes for August 21 were read by Lois Thacher. Wilda Albrecht made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Judy Leistikow seconded it. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Annual Esther Wittenburg Memorial Golf Cart Ride on the Readlyn Trail was well attended on Sunday, September 15. It was reported 20 golf carts took advantage of this event. The oldest member riding was 99 years young and that was Esther Pooch. The youngest member riding that day was Scarlett Sorensen. The Community Club Picnic and School Supply Collection was at 5 p.m. the same day. 75 people attended that event.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A new attraction at 226 Main Street Readlyn, IA is Bobbins and Boards as they had an open house September 15. The business does long arm quilting and custom quilt making. They will be doing classes in the future, and will also rent out the facility to large groups for a retreat. If you want to book a retreat or inquire go to [bobbinsandboards.com](http://bobbinsandboards.com) and there is a link to get in touch with either Teri or Darran.

The 18th Annual October Grumtober-

### Next Pepper tourney is Saturday, Nov. 2

The first pepper tournament for 2024-25 was held on Saturday, October 5 at Grumpy's. The winners and their scores were:

1st: Grace Kuethe and Barb Meyer - 199

2nd: Suzy Heineman and Shirley Kuker - 171

3rd: Sean and Lorna VanNatta - 163

4th: Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 143

Thank you for playing! Bring a partner and join us next month on Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's.

### ~ College News ~

#### Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the summer 2024 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Named to the list from Readlyn was Austin Eldridge.

fest 2024 will be October 24, 2024, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grumpy's Center in Readlyn Iowa. There will be free brats and hot dogs, live music, raffle and prizes and Oktoberfest beer. The event is sponsored by Readlyn Savings Bank.

The Readlyn Community Club's Halloween Poker Ride will be Saturday, October 26. Registration is at 9 a.m. at Grumpy's.

On October 27, Zion Lutheran in Readlyn, Iowa will have their fall dinner from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., dine in or drive thru. It is a free-will offering. The menu is brisket, cheesy potatoes, sweet corn, coleslaw, pistachio fluff, pies, desserts, coffee, milk and water.

The next Senior Citizens meeting will be October 16, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli IA. Marlys Deterding made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Ladage seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

### Delbert Oltrogge to note 85th birthday

Delbert Oltrogge will celebrate his 85th birthday on November 3 with a card shower. A family dinner is being held.

He was born in rural Readlyn, Iowa to Edward and Helen (Wehling) Oltrogge on November 3, 1939. He married Lavonne Kueker on June 30, 1963. She passed away in 2023.

Delbert continues to be active in the family farming operation and is the owner/operator of Oltrogge Trucking.

His family includes children Lori (Nick) Wiley of Denver, Janette (Derek) Young of Wallingford and Brian (Erin) Oltrogge of Readlyn. There are six grandchildren, Kayla Wiley (Tommy Brokaw), Jennifer Wiley, Dylan Young, Dalton Young, Donovan Young and Brenden Oltrogge.

Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 164, Readlyn, IA 50668.



Delbert Oltrogge

Send news to the *Chronicle*: [ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com](mailto:ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com)

**Readlyn Savings Bank**  
wishes you all a  
**Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**Thursday, November 28**  
Closed for Thanksgiving  
**Friday, November 29**  
Closing at Noon  
RSB ~ *Taking Good Care of You!*  
~ Since 1904

**Readlyn Savings Bank**  
141 Main Street - P.O. Box 40  
Readlyn, IA 50668-0040  
319-279-3321  
Website: [www.readlynsavingsbank.com](http://www.readlynsavingsbank.com)  
Email: [info@readlynsavingsbank.com](mailto:info@readlynsavingsbank.com)

Member FDIC  
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER



# Readlyn Community Library

**WE PUT THE READ IN READLYN**



Beth Kingdon - Director

Phone and Fax: 319-279-3432 Email: [readlynlib@gmail.com](mailto:readlynlib@gmail.com) Website: [www.readlyn.lib.ia.us](http://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us) Text: 319-253-6802

### Memorial Donations

**In Memory of Colby Withers**  
Roger and Connie Buhr

**In Memory of Susan Abbas**  
Judy Henn

**In Memory of Joyce and Colby Withers**  
from their family

### Memorial Books

**In Memory of Colby Withers**

*How to Get Your Octopus to School*  
*You're Going to Love This Book*  
*Drum Dream Girl*  
Given by the Wapsie Valley Class of 1976

*Journey*  
Given by the Mike Tagtow family



Please join us for an **Open House on Thursday, November 14 from 5:30 -7:00 pm** as we wish our previous Library Director, Kim Hollon, all the best with her upcoming move, and thank her for her service to our community. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

## Readlyn Community Library Statistics for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

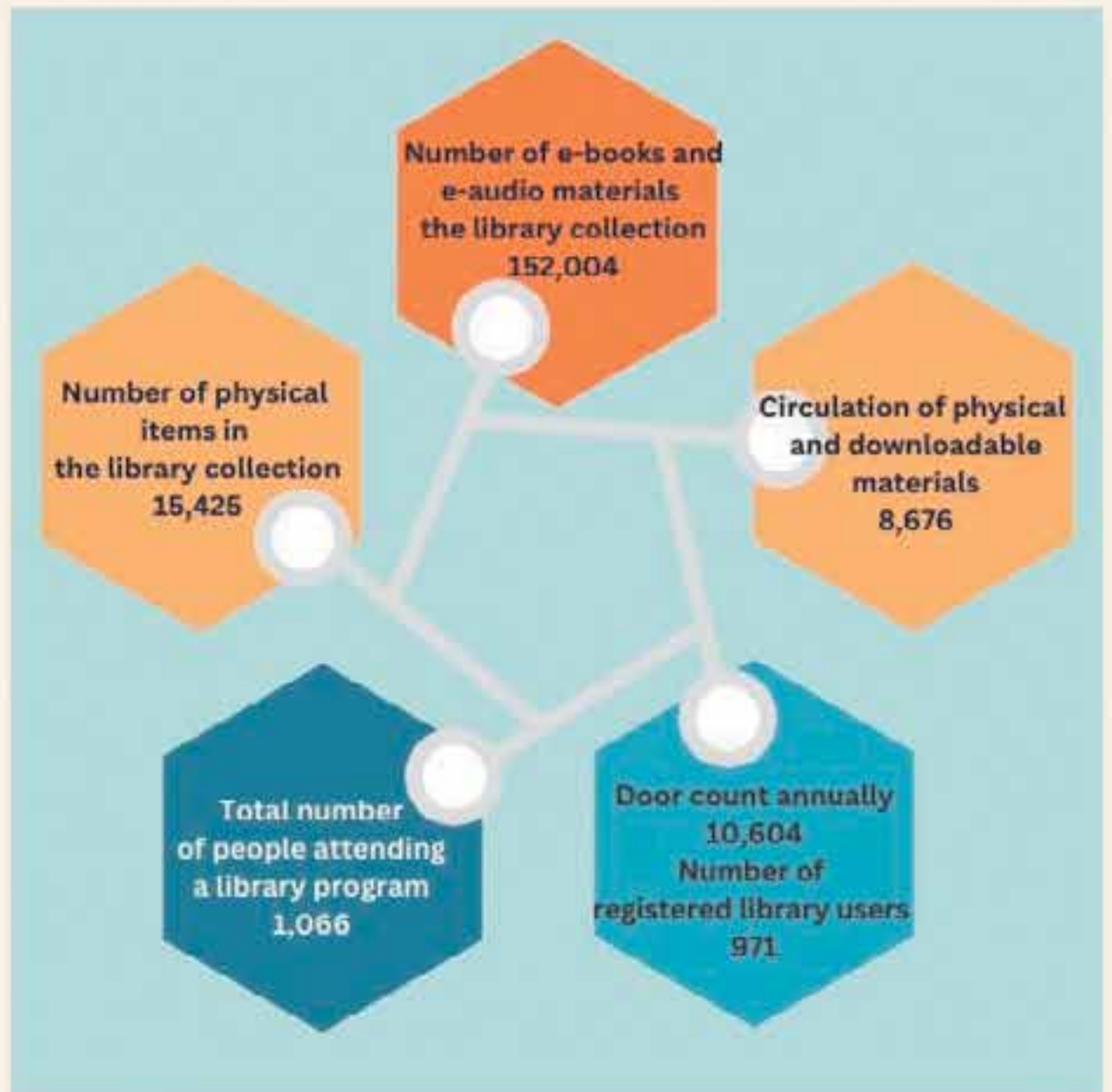
### SERVICES

- Fax/Print/Scan
- Conference Room
- Test Proctoring
- Interlibrary Loans
- Internet/WiFi/3D Printing

The Bremer County Health Department has suspended the Foot Clinic until a new county health nurse is hired and trained.

### HOURS

- Mon - 10am - 7pm
- Tue - 10am - 5 pm
- Wed - 10am - 5pm
- Thurs - 10am - 7pm
- Fri - 10am - 5 pm
- Sat - 9am - 12pm
- Sun - Closed



### Historical Society will meet Nov. 18

The Readlyn Historical Society met on September 30 at 1 p.m. with seven members present.

The 'Cruising Thru History' and Ice Cream Social on August 4 were well-attended. Thank you to all who participated.

The group continues to revise and add to museum displays. A spring event was also discussed.

The Society's next meeting is Monday, November 18 at 1 p.m.

### Courtney Buss is WHC award winner

WAVERLY – Five members of the Waverly Health Center (WHC) team have been named the July and August Spotlight on Values award winners. Nominated by co-workers, patients and members of the community, these individuals are examples of WHC's values in action.



Courtney Buss

Courtney Buss of Readlyn, clinic billing office, was recognized for the value of integrity. Her nominator wrote, "I am amazed every day when Courtney handles phone calls from patients and insurance companies with consistency and professionalism. She is honest, explains precisely and does not get flustered. The way she can be so confident with her knowledge is truly amazing. Courtney is honest and shows integrity, especially when handling difficult phone calls."

Other award winners were: Cori Westergreen of Waverly, medical-surgical; Judy Lee of Plainfield, admissions; Kris Weber of Cedar Falls, Women's Clinic, and Chuck Konig of Allison, nutrition services.

WHC has adopted six values which include compassion, enthusiasm, excellence, innovation, integrity and leadership. The Spotlight on Values program recognizes WHC employees, volunteers and physicians for demonstrating these values. Patients, visitors and employees are encouraged to submit nominations for the WHC Spotlight on Values honors. Nominations can be submitted at any Spotlight on Values ballot boxes placed throughout the health center or online by visiting <https://bit.ly/3YPX3oR>.

See all these pages in color and read the Chronicle online at: <https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us>



The judges agreed — Ben Hogan's legs were the best! The media sponsor at the competition at the Iowa State Fair was Lazer 103.3.

### Hogan takes Mr. Legs title at State Fair

Continued from Page 1

Ben is a football coach for Wapsie Valley, a staunch supporter of CLS, marketing manager for Schutte Beef, administrator for Readlyn Talk, and the father of four very busy kids. With this busy schedule, Ben plans to retire from the Mr. Legs competition, but he confides that he could come out of retirement for his future grand-kids.



A large crowd of family and friends were on hand to see Ben Hogan win the Mr. Legs title at the Iowa State Fair.



## New Employee Spotlight




RTC Communications is proud to announce the additions of Jennifer Matthias and Isaac Buzynski to our RTC Team. Jen is joining us as a customer service representative / bookkeeper. Jen and her husband Mitch live in rural Readlyn and have been members of the community for many years. Isaac is joining our team as a technician. Isaac and his wife Carley also live in rural Readlyn. These new hires come in the wake of the upcoming retirement of Sharon Huck at the end of 2024. Sharon has been transitioning Ethan Kleitsch into the General Manager position since the beginning of September. Jen and Isaac have joined our current team of Sharon Huck, Ethan Kleitsch, Clinton Watts and Jenny Platte. Be sure to stop by and welcome our new employees to the RTC team!

# News from Community Lutheran School

Thank you to the Readlyn Fire Department volunteer firefighters who visited the Readlyn and Klinger campuses October 11. We had a fire drill, talked about smoke alarms and having a plan, walked through the fire truck, and the older grades got to practice rolling up and holding the fire hose to help control the powerful water pressure. Thank you for helping us learn more during fire prevention week!



The Wildcat Wednesday students participated in The Great Apple Crunch Day on October 10. The students made apple book worms, apple ships, apple turkeys, tasted apple butter, and dipped apples in frosting and sprinkles!

Rachel Mills from Oelwein and her daughter, Charlott, had their pony, Monkey, visit our Klinger campus at Wildcat Wednesday on October 10!



We had a blast playing kickball on September 29 at our community kickball game! Thank you to everyone who came to play and to cheer! We are blessed to live in this community!



# Obituaries

## Delores Arlene (Schmidt) Bourke

Delores Arlene (Schmidt) Bourke, 91, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on October 4, 2024, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.

Delores was born on August 3, 1933, the daughter of Otto and Norma (Pooch) Schmidt. She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger and was baptized on August 20, 1933, and confirmed on March 30, 1947. She graduated from Readlyn High School in 1951. Delores was united in marriage to George R. Bourke on August 3, 1957. Together they had two children, Kevin and Nancy.

After marrying George, the couple lived in Forest Park, Illinois and Addison, Illinois for several years, before moving to Athens, Wisconsin in 1970 and then moved back to Iowa in 1976.

She worked in food service most of her life. She began her career in food service at Concordia College at River Forest, Illinois. After moving to Iowa, she served as the food service supervisor at Bartels. She then worked at Wartburg College in the cafeteria until her retirement in 2003.

Delores loved playing cards, baking, canning, attending her grandkids' sporting events, bowling, and just getting together with friends.

Delores is survived by a son, Kevin (Delores) Bourke of Simpson, Louisiana



and a daughter, Nancy (Bob) Goeller of Fairbank, her brothers, Roland Schmidt and Jerry Schmidt, sister-in-law, Audrey Schmidt; seven grandkids, Gregory Bourke, Bianca Bourke, Kamryn Bourke, Alex (Suzanne) Goeller, Jake (Cait) Goeller, Tyler (Breanna) Goeller, and Mackenzie (Jacob) Joerger; five great-grandchildren, DJ Goeller, Henry and Jackson Goeller, Nova Goeller and Marlee Bourke.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George, her brothers, LuVern and Norbert Schmidt; sisters-in-law, Amy, Virginia, and Karol Schmidt, and two grandchildren, Michael and Brooklyn.

A visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 7, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and for one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. A funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger with Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano officiating. Burial followed in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Klinger. The service was livestreamed on the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes' YouTube page. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Readlyn assisted the family. 319-279-3551

## Mary Jane Oltrogge

Mary Jane Oltrogge, age 86, of Waterloo, Iowa and formerly of Readlyn, Iowa, died Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at UnityPoint Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Mary was born on September 27, 1938, in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of Herman and Charlotte (Dierks) Matthias. She was raised in Readlyn where she was baptized at Klinger Immanuel Lutheran Church on October 16, 1938, and later graduated from Readlyn High School in 1956. Mary attended the University of Northern Iowa for a short time. On January 25, 1956, Mary was united in marriage to James Oltrogge; the couple would later divorce. During her life, Mary worked for Dr. Berryhill in Readlyn, Waterloo Industries, John Deere in Waterloo, and GMAC in Waterloo.

Mary was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Waterloo, where she was active in bible study, quilting, and baking pies. Mary's greatest enjoyment was time with her family, however, she also loved play-



ing cards and traveling. Mary's memory is honored by three children, Daniel (Mindy) Oltrogge of Arvada, Colorado, Debra (Russ) Myers of Hazelton, Iowa, and Thomas (Nancy) Oltrogge of Mayer, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Sarah Lounsberry, Lee Hartman, Sam Myers, Amber Stahlke, Amie Meuleners, Michael Oltrogge, and Matthew Oltrogge; twenty-five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Elaine Samuelson of Kalispell, Montana and Judy Weidemann of Waterloo. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Becky Oltrogge; and two sisters, Verona Hundley and Vivian Bachman.

Visitation was held on Saturday, October 12, at Grace Lutheran Church in Waterloo from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, at Grace Lutheran Church in Waterloo. Burial followed at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn. Memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church and online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

## Jolene Joyce Meyer

Jolene Joyce Meyer, age 83, of Sumner, Iowa, died Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Cobblestone Court Assisted Living in Sumner.

Jolene was born on February 3, 1941, rural Sumner, Iowa, the daughter of Reinhardt and Letha (Hesse) Tegtmeier. She was raised in rural Sumner where she was baptized at her parents' home on February 16, 1941, confirmed on April 3, 1955, at St. John Lutheran Buck Creek, and graduated from Sumner High School in 1959. Jolene then worked for the *Sumner Gazette*. On June 19, 1960, Jolene was united in marriage to Dale Meyer at St. John Lutheran Church Buck Creek. The couple spent their lives farming together, dairy, pork, hay, and grain. Dale passed away in 2004 and she moved to Readlyn in retirement.

Jolene was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Buck Creek, Bremer County Dairy Promotion Board where they were awarded the Cream of the Crop Award, Dairy Princess Committee, State Milk Made Magic Committee, Dairy Council, and AMPI District Board.

Jolene was devoted to her family. She enjoyed hobbies of reading, cross-stitching, and gardening.

Jolene's memory is honored by: daughter, Janet (Rick) Huebner of Readlyn, Iowa; two sons, Michael (Laure) Meyer of Sumner and Greg (Kelly) Meyer of Sumner; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; brother, Ron (Judy) Tegtmeier of Sumner; and two brothers-in-law, Darrel (Connie) Meyer of Dunkerton and David Stanton of Zimmerman, Minesota. She was preceded in death by: husband; parents; brother-in-law, Merle Meyer; and two sisters-in-law, Doris Stanton and Jean Meyer.

Visitation was held at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn on Thursday, October 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 25, at St. John Lutheran Church Buck Creek, rural Sumner, Iowa. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the church or Cobblestone Court Assisted Living and online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).





**Agents:**

	Louie Hartman 319-239-0533
	Gary Guether 319-415-9874
	Christopher Tibbott 319-404-9435

**Serving the needs of our communities matters!**



**INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS INC.**  
**VANDAELE INSURANCE, INC.**  
greatrates@vandaeleins.com  
*For all your insurance needs.*

Farm • Home • Auto • Commercial  
Crop • Health Insurance

119 E. Main Street • PO Box 467 • Fairbank, IA 50629  
**319-635-2526 • Fax: 319-635-2162**

Send news to the *Chronicle*: [ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com](mailto:ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com)



**Troy A. Delagardelle, AAMS®**  
Financial Advisor  
4901 University Ave - Suite B  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613  
319.277.4446

Member SIPC

Contact me today. >





Roofing Solutions

Metal • Flat • Roof Coating • Outbuildings  
Siding • Pole Buildings

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

319.505.3938

1501 Fairbank Amish Blvd.  
Hazleton, IA 50641

St. Matthew Lutheran Church,  
Readlyn

# Fall Dinner

November 3, 2024  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
St. Matthew Church in Readlyn  
DINE IN AND CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE

Roast Beef  
Turkey  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Stuffing  
Fresh Corn  
Sauerkraut  
Orange Fluff Salad  
Cranberry Salad  
Rolls  
Pies and Bars

**Raffle tickets for a quilt will be available at the dinner!**

Adults \$15  
Ages 5-10 \$10  
Ages 4 and under FREE

## KAISER CORSON Funeral Homes, Inc.

[www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com)  
205 Highland Avenue, Readlyn, Iowa 50668  
**(319) 279-3551**

**Build Confidence.**  
**Build Wealth.**  
I can help.

**Create something that your future self will thank you for.**  
Like prioritizing your financial goals. Putting together a financial plan and investment strategy today can help you achieve your dreams tomorrow.  
**Let's get started.**

**David C. Matthias**  
2018 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA  
**319-415-5989**  
davidmatthias.fbfsagents.com



**FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT


Securities & services offered through FBL Marketing Services, LLC,\* 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877/860-2904, Member SIPC. Advisory services offered through FBL Wealth Management, LLC,\* Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company,\* Western Agricultural Insurance Company,\* Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company\*/West Des Moines, IA. \*Affiliates. \*Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. PR-WMAA (8-21)

**KEEP YOUR COOL THIS SUMMER - TRY PARENTAL CONTROLS WITH RTC'S MANAGED WIFI AND THE COMMAND IQ APP.**

**GET THE KIDS OUTSIDE FOR SOME FUN & SUN.**

**CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION TODAY!**

**319-279-3375**



**RTC Communications**



# Santa Claus is coming to town!

Saturday, November 30, will be an exciting day in Readlyn! Since Santa had such a good time last year, s/he actually will be at the Readlyn Fire Station from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Santa requested that we once again include these events:

- Treat bags furnished by the former Grumps.
- Hot chocolate donated by John and Wendy Galyean.
- S'mores professionally toasted and donated by Readlyn's firemen.
- Collect hygiene items to keep the high school smelling fresh.

• Parade at 6:00 p.m.; line up on 3rd Street by the Historical Society at 5:45 p.m.

• Lighting of the Christmas tree after the parade; donated by Brent and Amy Leistikow. Music will be provided by the Wapsie Valley Choir.

• Ham drawing once the tree is lit. (Must be present to win.)

• FIREWORKS thanks to pop can donations.

• Free-will collection.

It will be an excellent way to culminate your Thanksgiving!

Send news to the *Chronicle*.  
[ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com](mailto:ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com)

**WE NEED YOU!** **READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP** *Only \$30 per year*

**JOIN US TODAY!**

VENMO CODE  OR MAIL TO:

**READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB**  
P.O. BOX 34  
READLYN, IA 50668

*How to get involved:*

- Sponsor an event
- Volunteer to help at events
- Attend meetings (Announced in the minutes in the *Chronicle*.)

The mission of the Readlyn Community Club is to provide a variety of events to enhance the lives of our residents. We welcome you to be a part of the RCC.



**SMITH EXCAVATING, INC.**  
Sumner, IA

**Paul Smith**  
319-269-0952  
1417 Whitetail Ave., Sumner  
[smith.x.inc@gmail.com](mailto:smith.x.inc@gmail.com)

- GPS Grade Control Tiling
- Onsite Concrete Crushing
- Site Preparation
- Septic Systems
- Waterlines
- Demolition
- Waterways
- Excavation
- Drainage



**STOKES WELDING**

**Services:**  
Custom Welding  
Power Equipment  
Hydraulic Hoses

**STIHL TORO**

412 7th Street, Janesville  
(319) 987-2801 • Cell: (319) 230-7770  
email: [shop@stokeswelding.com](mailto:shop@stokeswelding.com)

Find us on Facebook  
[www.stokeswelding.com](http://www.stokeswelding.com)

Owner  
**Jon Elsamiller**

101 39th St. NE  
Waverly, IA **319-352-3917**



**Elsamiller Electric Co.**

Electrical Wiring of all Types:  
Commercial  
Residential  
Farm  
Industrial

[www.elsamillerelectric.com](http://www.elsamillerelectric.com)

**"Family owned and operated since 1983"**



*Come join us!*

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024

**WAPSIE VALLEY FFA FAIRBANK OMELET BREAKFAST**

8AM - 12PM  
HELD AT THE IC HALL  
405 FAIRBANK ST, FAIRBANK, IA 50629

**FREE WILL DONATION**  
FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT FFA MEMBERS REACH THEIR PERSONAL AND CHAPTER GOALS BY ASSISTING WITH CONTEST PREP, TRAVEL, REGISTRATION FEES AND MUCH MORE!




**Tripoli NURSING & REHAB**  
*Creating Family, Enhancing Lives*

Tripoli Nursing & Rehab is a non-profit 28 licensed bed long-term care setting certified by Medicare and Medicaid. We are committed to providing excellent care and support to residents, families, the community and our employees. We provide skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapy services, continuous nursing care, social services and activity programs designed to meet various types of individual needs.

**Independently Owned & Operated**  
**Tripoli Nursing & Rehab**  
604 3rd Street SW, Tripoli, IA 50676  
**319-882-4269**  
[trnuhome@butler-bremer.com](mailto:trnuhome@butler-bremer.com)



MEMBER FDIC



**FIRSTBANK**  
*Serving You First*

Cedar Falls | Plainfield | Waverly

[www.FirstIowa.bank](http://www.FirstIowa.bank)

# Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Dinner & Auction

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation (WVEF) will be holding their annual fall dinner and auction on Friday, November 22 at Grumpy's Bar & Event Center, Readlyn. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. We

will hold a live auction after that. We will also have a new live raffle throughout the event this year! Smaller items will be won through purchasing raffle tickets at the event. This should be a fun addition to our tradition!

Here is a short list of some items this year:

- bags of seed beans
- bags of seed corn
- power tools
- quilts
- gift certificate for accounting services, vet services, Little Wapsie Communications services, entertainment and restaurants
- various meat bundles
- premium reserved parking spots at WV High School
- wine
- coolers
- detailing package
- Christmas wreath and porch pot

• gift certificate for RTC in Readlyn  
All proceeds raised will fund school programs, teacher grants and scholarships of Wapsie Valley School District. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so your donations are tax-deductible.

If you would like to donate something for the live auction or make a cash donation, please reach out to a board member listed in the ad below. Please make checks payable to: Wapsie Valley Education Foundation, P.O. Box 203, Fairbank, IA 50629. You can also visit our site at [wapsievalleyschools.com/198355\\_2](http://wapsievalleyschools.com/198355_2).

Mark the date on your calendar for a fun evening of food, live auction and a live raffle!

## Four Candidates on ballot for ISU Extension & Outreach Bremer Co. Council

Voters will have the opportunity to elect four members of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Bremer County Extension Council at the Nov. 5, 2024, general election.

Extension council members are elected at large, and all voters in the county are eligible to vote for four candidates.

Candidates on this year's ballot include: Tara Dewey, Waverly; Bailey Klein, Frederika; Kristie Kuhse, Waverly, and Mark Bohner, Tripoli.

Extension council members whose terms expire this year are Abby Rippe, Denver; Melinda Schroeder, Sumner; Mary Beth Zelle, Waverly; and Dave Drape, Waverly. Council members whose terms continue beyond the end of 2024 are: Wendy Brase, Plainfield; Nancy Foelske, Tripoli; Dave Lehman, Waverly; and Roger Lenius, Waverly.

Successful candidates will take office in January 2025. Extension council members make programming and budget decisions for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Bremer County. They work with decision makers, build relationships, and address local issues. Extension council members are advocates, stewards and everyday citizens who link people with life-changing programs from Iowa State University. Through partnerships, they bring significant programs that help people solve critical issues affecting their lives.

ISU Extension and Outreach has 100 field offices, providing local access to Iowa State University Extension and Outreach programs in all 99 counties. For more information, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/countyservices](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/countyservices) or contact Ron Lenth at [rlenth@iastate.edu](mailto:rlenth@iastate.edu).



## - 22nd Annual - WAPSIE VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION FALL DINNER & AUCTION

Join us to support Wapsie Valley Community School District. We've raised over \$500,000 in 21 years for school programs, teacher grants & scholarships, and we invite you to continue to build on the tradition of excellence!

**Friday, November 22**  
Grumpy's Bar & Event Center, Readlyn, IA



**> 5:30-7 pm, Dinner**  
Menu: Pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, corn and an assortment of dessert bars  
Live entertainment during dinner featuring alum *Mitchell Boevers '13*

**> 7 pm, Live Auction**  
Follow us on Facebook for auction item details:  
 Wapsie Valley Education Foundation

[www.wapsievalleyschools.com/198355\\_2](http://www.wapsievalleyschools.com/198355_2)

### Current Board Members:

- |                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Doug Sheppard,<br>President        | Lisa Oberle,<br>Financial Secretary |
| Mischa Matthias,<br>Vice President | Tanya Hagenow                       |
| Jill Krall,<br>Treasurer           | Annette Hyde                        |
| Nichole Griese,<br>Secretary       | Darren O'Donnell                    |
|                                    | Alex Schmitz                        |
|                                    | Leah Woods                          |
|                                    | Marla Harter                        |



### MAKE A DONATION

Visit our website, contact a board member or scan the QR code to go to PayPal to support our schools. All gifts are tax deductible.

We are a 501(c)3 organization. 100% of the money donated goes to student programs & scholarships.

St. Peter Lutheran Church  
Oran, IA

## Italian Supper

Saturday, November 2, 2024  
5 to 7 pm

Featuring: Lasagna, Spaghetti & Meatballs,  
Lettuce Salad, Breadsticks & Desserts  
Carry-Outs Available

To Order: Call St. Peter 319-638-6441  
from 3-7 pm on 11/2

Free-Will Donation  
Bake Sale Items  
Also Collecting Canned Items for  
His Hands Food Pantry

## Readlyn Community Club's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest!

Prizes: First - \$75 Second - \$50 Third - \$30

Judging of homes will take place December 2 – 8. Readlyn homes will automatically be judged unless they were winners last year. Pictures of the winning yards will appear in the December issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

## Ready to find your new home?

I'm here to connect you to life's next chapter!

Wendy Stromer-Mohlis, Realtor  
Cell: (319) 269-5089  
[wendymohlis@gmail.com](mailto:wendymohlis@gmail.com)  
300 S. State Street, Denver, IA

Born and raised in  
Bremer county!

## TruServe INSURANCE GROUP

*DRIVEN TO SUCCEED*

**We are DRIVEN to help you SUCCEED**  
Providing: Commercial and Trucking For-Hire coverages to our clients.

125 W. 1st St., Readlyn, IA 50668  
319-238-7775 • 877-418-3090 (Toll Free)  
[www.truserveins.com](http://www.truserveins.com)

Send news to:  
readlynchronicle@gmail.com

**QUALITY DISTRIBUTORS**



1508 190th Street  
Waverly, IA

*Seth Walker*  
CELL 319-352-1619

*Tyler Hemer*  
CELL 319-269-7675

Crop Protection  
Custom Application  
Third Party Agronomy  
Chemical & Fertilizer Sales  
& Trucking

**Trusted Accounting Services**  
for Individuals & Businesses



**Jeffrey F. Arians, CPA**  
Quality Accounting Services  
1002 Broadway Street  
Waterloo, IA 50703  
319-234-2813  
www.qasiowa.com

**STUMME, COLLINS,  
GRITTERS & EPLEY, PLLC**



303 1st Ave. NE  
Waverly, IA 50677  
319-352-1637

171 E. Main St.  
Denver, IA 50622  
319-984-5479

[www.waverlydenverlaw.com](http://www.waverlydenverlaw.com)

**MEDICARE  
QUESTIONS?**



**I CAN HELP!**

**Tatroe  
ELECTRIC, INC.**



215 3rd St. NE, Waverly, IA • 319-352-3664  
[www.tatroelectric.com](http://www.tatroelectric.com)

Call me, your **LOCAL** Expert!  
OPEN ENROLLMENT IS OCTOBER 15TH TO DECEMBER 7TH  
*Review or change your plan during that time!*

**Amy Rechkemmer**  
319-635-2526 | [amy@vandaeleins.com](mailto:amy@vandaeleins.com)

**VanDaele Insurance**  
119 E Main St. Fairbank, IA

Be prepared for all changes happening in 2025!  
Call or E-mail me, I'll help answer all your health  
insurance plan questions!

\*Currently I represent 10 organizations which offer 51 products in your area. You can always contact Medicare.gov, 1-800-MEDICARE, or your local State Health Insurance Programs for help with plan choices.\*

**C AND K GARDEN SOLUTIONS LLC**  
2508 Viking Ave., Fairbank IA 50629  
Phone: 319-939-4112  
Email: [ckjeanes@gmail.com](mailto:ckjeanes@gmail.com)

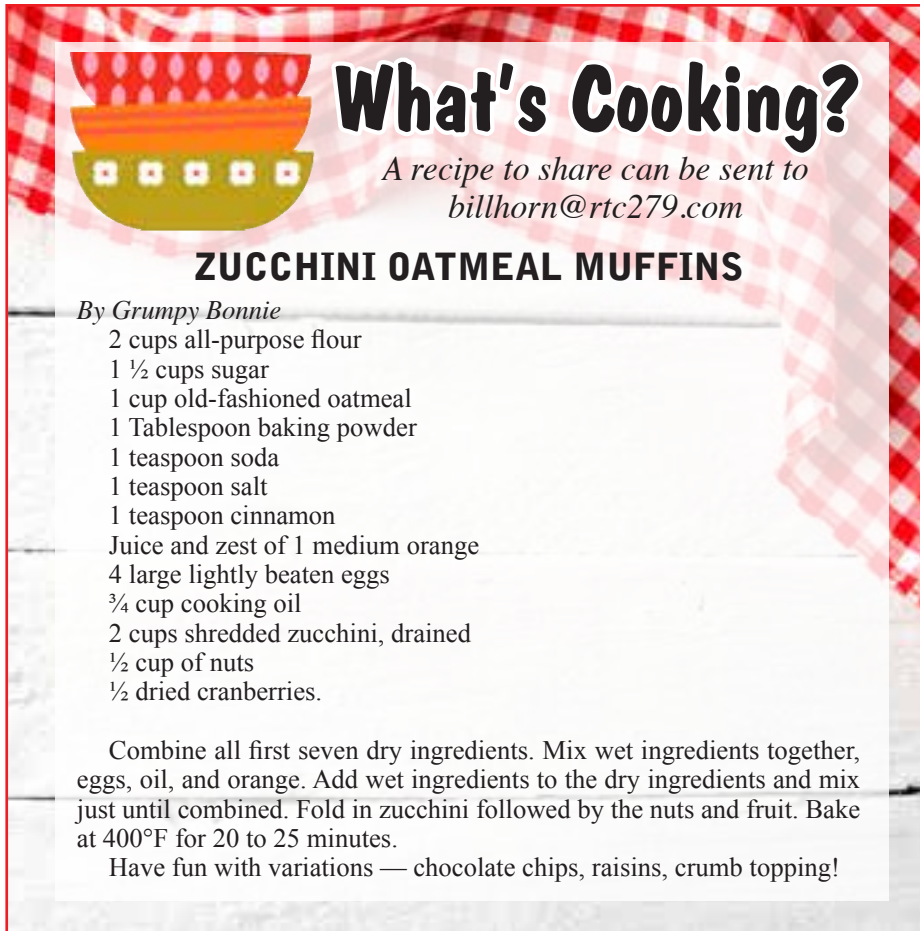
Garden Tilling – Plowing – Cultivating  
Lawn Mowing – Snow Removal - Backhoe

**Being prepared with the right insurance for your farm and crop matters.**

Call us to talk to one of our experienced AgriBusiness Advisors today at 319.483.4854 or visit our website at [acceladvantage.com](http://acceladvantage.com).







# What's Cooking?

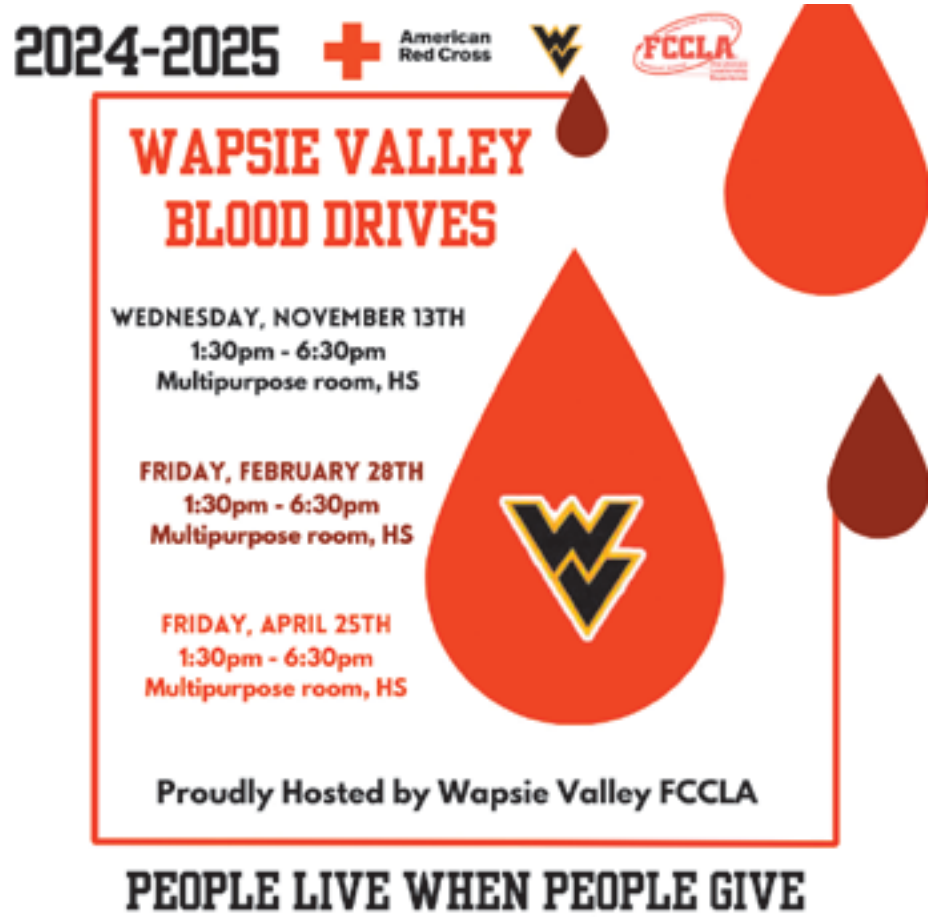
A recipe to share can be sent to [billhorn@rtc279.com](mailto:billhorn@rtc279.com)




## ZUCCHINI OATMEAL MUFFINS

By Grumpy Bonnie

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup old-fashioned oatmeal
- 1 Tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Juice and zest of 1 medium orange
- 4 large lightly beaten eggs
- 3/4 cup cooking oil
- 2 cups shredded zucchini, drained
- 1/2 cup of nuts
- 1/2 dried cranberries.

Combine all first seven dry ingredients. Mix wet ingredients together, eggs, oil, and orange. Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix just until combined. Fold in zucchini followed by the nuts and fruit. Bake at 400°F for 20 to 25 minutes.  
Have fun with variations — chocolate chips, raisins, crumb topping!



2024-2025   

# WAPSIE VALLEY BLOOD DRIVES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH  
1:30pm - 6:30pm  
Multipurpose room, HS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH  
1:30pm - 6:30pm  
Multipurpose room, HS

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH  
1:30pm - 6:30pm  
Multipurpose room, HS

Proudly Hosted by Wapsie Valley FCCLA

## PEOPLE LIVE WHEN PEOPLE GIVE

**Deadline for the November 27 Chronicle is Thurs., Nov. 14 at 5 p.m.  
Send news to: [readlynchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:readlynchronicle@gmail.com)**



**Security**  
MUTUAL  
INSURANCE

PROVIDING  
POLICY HOLDERS  
**SECURITY & SERVICE**  
FOR OVER 280 YRS

 A GRINNELL  
MUTUAL MEMBER.

**319-279-3893**  
**319-267-2035**  
[securitymutualins.com](http://securitymutualins.com)

**234 Main Street • Readlyn, IA**



# Weeds On Fire

LAWN CARE SERVICES

- FERTILIZING • WEED CONTROL • AERATING • THATCHING • SEEDING • MOWING

CONTACT


**DAN WEDEMEIER** 319-269-6753  
READLYN, IOWA [weeds.onfire@yahoo.com](mailto:weeds.onfire@yahoo.com)



 **PIONEER**  
BRAND • PRODUCTS

## Spring Center Farm

Dean Buhr & Kyle Devoe  
2034 Vintage Ave., Sumner, IA 50674  
**(319) 240-2432**



MOVING THE AGRICULTURE  
INDUSTRY FORWARD.

At Nutrien, our purpose is to grow our world from the ground up. As the world's largest provider of crop inputs, services and solutions, Nutrien plays a critical role in feeding the future by helping growers increase food production in a sustainable manner.

We're moving our agricultural industry and the world forward – today and for generations to come.

**Nutrien**  
Feeding the Future™

(319) 352-4421  
[www.nutrien.com](http://www.nutrien.com)  
3601 E Bremer Ave  
Waverly, IA 50677



## Jennifer Jaschen Attorney At Law

4817 University Avenue, Suite D  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
[jaschenlaw@outlook.com](mailto:jaschenlaw@outlook.com)  
Phone: 319-553-3400

Legal Focus: Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, Estates, & Business Administration.



# Wapsie Valley Homecoming 2024



2024 Wapsie Valley Homecoming candidates are, from left to right, Kylee Moulds, Dallas Tisue, Natalie Gray, Aidan Oldfather, Peyton Curley, Weston Schares, Kenzie Snyder, Josh Leistikow, Avery Jones, and Kanen Decker.

Crowned King and Queen of Wapsie Valley's Homecoming were Dallas Tisue, left, and Kylee Moulds.

Photos courtesy Becky Tisue





**HANDYMAN SERVICES**

SERVICES OFFERED :

Smoke Detector Batteries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clean ceiling fans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clean outside dryer vents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Break down recycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture Assembly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Window coverings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Small home repairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rearranging furniture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change out lightbulbs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	And More!	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Contact Sam Platte**

319-505-0539

plattehomeimprovement.com

Call or email to set up a visit today!

**KEN'S ELECTRIC INC.**

**ELECTRICAL • HVAC • SOLAR**

**CALL TODAY!**

Generator & HVAC Maintenance Memberships

**Ken's Electric Inc.**

**319-208-3382**




For all your HVAC, Geothermal, Electrical, Solar and Generator needs!

Licensed HVAC and Electrical technicians. Certified Generac Service Dealer.



**Parkview**

**ASSISTED LIVING**

Fairbank, Iowa

*Caring For Our Family, One Loving Heart at a Time.*

**Stop in for a tour anytime.**

Check us out on Facebook, or our website

**www.fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com**, or contact us at **319.635.2585**, email: parkviewassistedliving@gmail.com

**WINDOW WASHING    POWER WASHING    GUTTER CLEANING**



**FREE Estimates!**

**DREW SAUERBREI**

WINDOWS AND GUTTER CLEANING SPECIALIST

**Call Now!**

**(1)-319-559-1136**

Pricing Based on The Following:  
Type of Window, Quantity, Window Accessibility, Length of Gutters



# “Financial Fitness”

WITH ASHLEA (KLEITSCH) JONES

Have you ever thought about how deer hunting aligns with saving for retirement? I have been in the tree stand a lot lately, which gives me a lot of time to ponder these kinds of things!

This year is the first time I had the pleasure of taking both of our boys (and sometimes their little sister even tagged along) out for youth deer season. There are so many things you can learn in the dirt that can shape the human you are and the way you are conditioned to cope with future failures and successes. It has been a joy to have these conversations with these little humans that are growing up way too fast.



**1. Patience.** You can do everything right and still not reach the goal you had in mind.

You bought the ammo, sighted in your weapon, scouted out where to put your tree stand, and got up early to be there for the sunrise. There is still no guarantee that the big buck will walk your way and you'll make the perfect shot to take him down. You might sit for hours and only see a squirrel – but you won't see anything if you aren't out there.

**2. Consistency.** Not every venture to the woods is going to be fun and full of action. It may be days, weeks or even years before you reap the seeds you sow. Sometimes it will be cold. Sometimes you might have to walk for miles. Sometimes you must carry your heavy equipment through uneven terrain. Do it anyway.

**3. “Farm your own farm”.** There will be people you know who get their deer before you and same goes with their life successes. They'll show you pictures and tell you stories that will make you feel like you must be doing something wrong to not have your own successes yet. Nobody brags about their failures and missteps but it's a mistake to think you are the minority. Life is hard and achieving any good goal is hard. Keep your head down and stick to the plan.

**4. Appreciate the people who helped you.** There is rarely – if EVER – something earned that is strictly a solo effort. To hunt, we had a friend give us permission to access their land. Another who let us sit in one of their stands. A third who said we could borrow a gun anytime we needed. Everyone involved was checking in to see if we had any luck – they truly cared about helping and fostering a good experience for my kids. Sometimes help shows up as a physical gift, sometimes financial, sometimes a word of encouragement or perspective that helps you get to the next level. There are so many intelligent people out there who are willing to be generous with their time and resources if you remain open and grateful for their partnerships. Always stay humble and kind!

**5. The only consistency in life is the lack there of.** Everyone is different – whether deer hunting or financial planning. One of my boys is a little slower to pull the trigger ... mentally checking off all the nerves and factors. Our other son is chomping at the bit to take a shot. As a mom and financial advisor, the advice I provide is only effective if it is spoken in a way that is cohesive with the person receiving it. It is my job to meet you where you are and to mitigate obstacles in an effective and palatable manner.

Hoping that all the youth hunters, adult hunters, farmers, wage workers, business owners, and anyone shooting for big goals finds the courage to stay the course! If it pertains to financial success, let us be your guide!

Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones

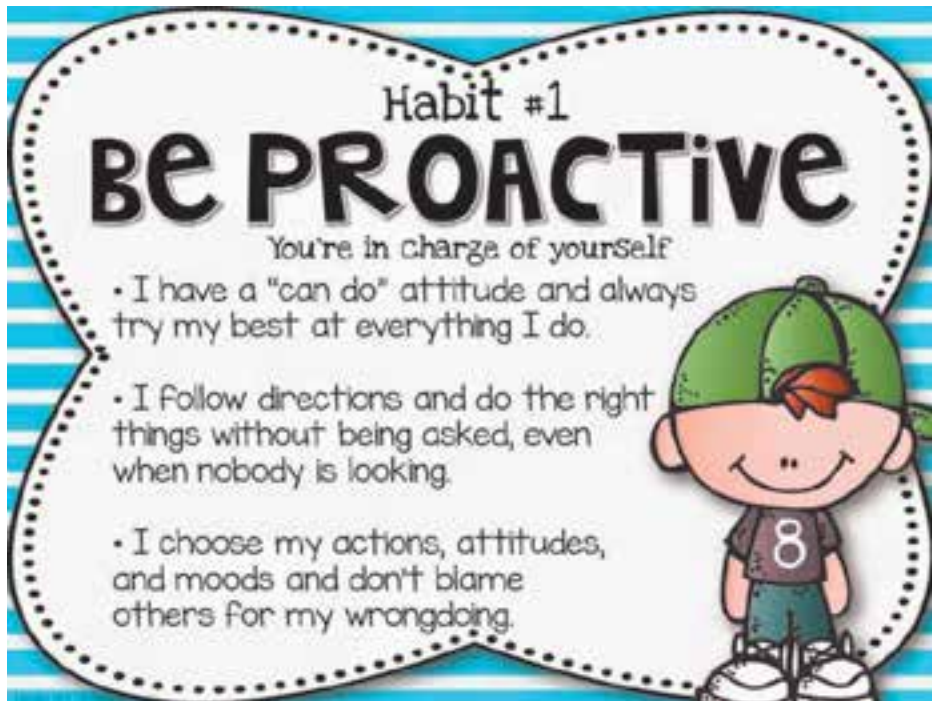
Financial Advisor  
Prime Capital Investment Advisors  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
pciacedarrapids.com  
(319) 269-7143



Scan The QR Code To  
Learn More About Me



# News from Wapsie Valley Schools



Our 6th grade leaders kicked off our annual Leader in Me Assembly. We focused on the first Habit: Be proactive! What does it mean to be proactive? (Photos at right)



## Fall Physical Fitness winners announced



Wapsie Valley School's Fall Physical Fitness winners included, above, left to right: Evan Kleitsch, Ashtyn Shores and Ryker Burgart. At right is winner Aislynn Shannon.



## NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Open Enrollment 2025-26 School Year

March 1 - Application deadline for students in grades 1-12 to open enroll for the upcoming school year.

March 2 - Applications for students grades 1-12 will be denied unless the parent or guardian is able to demonstrate good cause.

Open Enrollment Application for the 2025-2026 School Year -

The application and process for open enrollment are outlined in the open enrollment application. Please mail, email, or fax copies of the application to your resident school district and the district you would like for your child to attend. For contacts, addresses, or fax numbers for school districts, please visit the districts' websites. Do not send your application to the Iowa Department of Education.

The following circumstances are considered "good cause" and are acceptable conditions for a timeline waiver for open enrollment if the change occurred or be-

gan after March 1 (or September 1):

- Change in family district of residence
- Change in child's residence from one parent or guardian to the residence of a different parent or guardian
- Change in the state in which the family residence is located
- Change in the marital status of the student's parents resulting in a change in resident district
- Change in guardianship or custody proceeding that results in a change in resident district
- Placement of the child in foster care resulting in a change of residence
- Adoption
- Participation in a foreign exchange program
- Initial placement of a preschool student in a special education program requiring SDI
- Participation in a substance abuse or mental health treatment program resulting in a change of residence
- Change in the status of a child's resident district such as removal of accredita-

tion by the Iowa State Board of Education (State Board), surrender of accreditation, or permanent closure of a private school after March 1

- Revocation of a charter school contract as provided in section 256F.8
  - Failure of district negotiations for whole grade sharing or the rejection of a whole grade sharing agreement after March 1\*
  - Failure of district negotiations for reorganization or rejection of a proposed reorganization plan after March 1\*
  - Failure of district negotiations for a dissolution agreement after March 1\*
  - Loss of accreditation or permanent closure of a private school after March 1
- Circumstances not defined above that would be considered good cause (and subject to the approval of the board of the resident district and the board of the receiving district) include:
- Repeated student harassment that the resident district cannot adequately address or
  - The child has a serious health condi-

tion that a school district cannot adequately address

### JH/HS Facility Improvements

The Wapsie Valley Board of Directors approved borrowing against future proceeds of SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education- AKA one cent sales tax) monies to make facility improvements at the Junior High/High School building. These improvements will include continuing with the HVAC system and updating the track and football field. We are also looking for potential options to expand our parking. Please understand that these updates, and where the money comes from, do NOT affect property tax rates.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to another great year at WV! Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!

Sincerely,  
Chris Hoover  
Wapsie Valley Superintendent

# CHRONICLE Sponsorship DIRECTORY

## Ag Resources

### Bayer Crop Science

David R. Wheeler, 8234 E. Marquis Rd.,  
Fairbank, IA (319) 230-1029

### Farmers Co-op

223 E. 1st St. • (319) 279-3396

### Fettkether Fertilizer Co. LLC

7634 N. Ordway Rd., Dunkerton, IA  
(319) 404-0064 or (319) 939-8339

### Nutrien

(319) 352-4421 www.nutrien.com  
3601 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA

**Precision Planting** - Mike Heineman  
2919 270th St. • (319) 279-3136

**PRime Ag Services - Channel Seedsmen**  
Brian Pottebaum (515) 290-4098  
Steve Rathe (319) 269-8083

### Quality Distributors-Fairview Ag

1508 190th St., Waverly  
Seth Walker (319) 352-1619  
Tyler Hemer (319) 269-7675

### Readlyn Vet. Association

2636 230th St. • (319) 279-3867

### Rock On Wheels

Roger Wheeler (319) 404-0407  
Randy Wheeler (319) 231-3859

### Smidt Crop Management, Inc.

Thomas B. Smidt, President  
303 North 2nd St. PO Box 594, Greene  
(641) 823-4817 or cell (641) 330-6717  
smidtcrop@iowatelecom.net

### Spring Center Farm

**Pioneer** - Dean Buhr  
2034 Vintage Ave., Sumner, IA 50674  
(319) 240-2432

### Stokes Welding

412 7th St.,  
Janesville • (319) 987-2801  
Cell: (319) 230-7770

### Weeds On Fire Custom Application

**LLC** - Dan Wedemeier, Owner  
Dan at (319) 269-6753

### Wittenburg Truck Line, Inc.

117 Malone Ave. • (319) 279-3371

## Attorneys and Realtors

### Advanced Realtors®, LLC

814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242

### Dillon Law, P.C.

Patrick B. Dillon  
Attorney at Law  
209 E. 1st Street, Sumner, IA 50674  
(563) 578-01850 • Fax: (563) 578-1312  
patdillon@50674law.com

### Jennifer Jaschen - Attorney at Law

4817 University Ave. STE. D  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
jaschenlaw@outlook.com  
(319) 553-3400

## Join us in becoming a Friend of the Chronicle!

Randy Abbas  
Readlyn Senior Citizens  
DA Acres - Leistikow Family  
LaVerne Leistikow  
Dani Sauerbrei  
Charlie Albrecht  
Mike & Sue Kirchoff  
Grace Kuethe

Call Ron Leistikow for details! (319) 279-3548

### Fischels Residential Group

Joe Leehey, Residential Broker  
(319) 415-7349  
joe@fischelsgroup.com  
www.fischelsgroup.com  
3510 Kimball Ave. Ste. H, Waterloo, IA  
50702 • Tel: (319) 234-5000

### Re/Max Alliance

**Wendy Stromer-Mohlis, Realtor**  
319-269-5089  
300 S. State St., Denver  
wendymohlis@gmail.com

### Stumme, Collins, Gritters & Epley, PLLC

Attorneys  
171 E. Main, Denver, IA 50622  
Phone: (319) 984-5479  
www.waverlydenverlaw.com

### Town & Country Real Estate

Louie Hartman 319-239-0533  
hartmanlouie@gmail.com  
www.towncountryhome.com  
215 N. Railroad, Sumner, IA 50674  
Connie Rochford, Broker  
Office 563-578-8899

## Auto Sales and Repair

### Del's Auto Repair Inc.

2308 Piedmont Ave. • (319) 279-3785

### Larry's Skelly Inc.

430 E. 1st St. • (319) 279-3307

## Building and Repairs

### Crystal Heating Plumbing and Excavation

1210 W. Bremer Ave., Waverly  
319-352-0513

### Edgeton Hardware & Repair

5104 Main St., Oran (319) 638-7206

### Elsamiller Electric Co.

101 39th St. NE, Waverly  
319.352.3917

### Gingerich Roofing Solutions

1501 Fairbank Amish Blvd., Hazleton  
319-505-3938

### Ken's Electric Inc.

Electric • HVAC • Solar  
319.283.4221 • kenselectric.com

### Meyer Construction

1781 Viking Ave., Sumner, IA  
(888) 578-5985 Or: (319) 231-9022

### Platte Home Improvement

Dustin Platte - Readlyn, Iowa  
(319) 230-1618  
or plattehomeimprovement.com

### Smith Excavating, Inc.

1417 Whitetail Ave., Sumner  
(319) 269-0952 Fax (563) 578-1008

### Tatroe Electric, Inc.

215 3rd St. NE, Waverly  
319.352.3664  
www.tatroelectric.com

### Wiley Construction

Denver, IA  
(319) 404-3518 • (319) 279-3518

## Family Needs

### Denver Drug and Photo

340 S. State St., Denver  
(319) 984-5691 • (800) 974-5691

### Denver Family Dental

131 Tower St., Denver  
319-984-6191

### Edward Jones-Troy Delagardelle

4901 University Ave., Suite B, Cedar Falls  
(319) 277-4446

### Fidelity Bank & Trust

Adam Schaufenbuel Waverly  
319-483-1001  
Megan Niewoehner Oelwein  
319-283-2524

### First Bank (fka First National Bank)

(319) 352-1340 www.myfnbbank.com

### Hillcrest Living

915 W. First St., Sumner • 563-578-8591  
www.hillcrestsumner.com

### Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home

205 Highland Ave. • (319) 279-3551  
www.kaisercorson.com

### Parkview Assisted Living

Fairbank, Iowa • (319) 635-2585

### Prime Capital Investment Advisors

Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones, Financial Advisor  
Cedar Rapids, pciacedarrapids.com  
(319) 269-7143

### Quality Accounting Services

1002 Broadway St., Waterloo  
(319) 234-2813 www.qasiowa.com

### Readlyn Community Library

309 Main St., Box 249 • (319) 279-3432

### Readlyn Savings Bank

141 Main St. • (319) 279-3321  
American Savings Bank-Tripoli  
312 S. Main St. • (319) 882-4279

### RTC Communications

121 Main St. • (319) 279-3375

### Security State Bank

103 3rd St., Frederika, IA 50631  
(319) 275-4301

### Smiley's Family Dentistry

2024 3rd Ave. NW, Waverly  
319-352-2270

### Tripoli Nursing Home

604 3rd St. SW, Tripoli, IA  
319-882-4269

## Food and Restaurants

### Douglas Den

1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield  
(319) 275-4528

## Hair and Beauty

### Mane Event Family Hair Salon

239 Main Street, Readlyn  
Salon: 319-279-3060  
Becky South ~ 319-464-2614

## Insurance Services

### Farm Bureau - David C. Matthias

Office: (319) 352-3667  
Home: (319) 279-3545

### Security Mutual Insurance

234 Main St.  
319-279-3893, 319-267-2035

### The Accel Group

Waverly • Cedar Falls • Denver  
(800) 369-3525  
www.AccelAdvantage.com

### TruServe Insurance Group

125 W 1st St., Readlyn, IA 50668  
877-418-3090

### VanDaele Insurance, Inc.

119 E. Main St., Fairbank, IA  
319-635-2526

## Landscaping & Nursery

### C&K Garden Solutions LLC

2508 Viking Ave., Fairbank  
(319) 939-4112

### Tiedt Nursery

2419 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly  
(319) 352-0418

### Wells Hollow Landscaping

(319) 404-9133  
Ask for Zach Kuhlmann or Matt Wells  
www.wellshollowlandscaping.com

## Machine/Tractor Repair

### L&L Ag Repair

2220 Reed Ave. (319) 279-3363

### Schuldt Repair

2261 Reed Ave. (319) 279-3539

## Specialty Businesses

### Drew Power Washing

Windows & Gutter Cleaning Specialist  
319-559-1136

### Myers Polaris

304 E. Main, Fairbank, IA  
(319) 635-2311 (888) 282-9992  
www.myerspolaris.com

### Schumacher Elevator Company

One Schumacher Way, Denver, IA  
800-7795438 www.schumacherelevator.com

### Tenenbaum's Jewelry

219 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly  
319-352-4112





**“Grandpa Bob”**

By: Eric Johnston  
Ejohnston@mossyoakprostaff.com

The morning light was gray and cloudy with little wind and a sharp cold feeling as I walked alongside him in the light wisp of snow covering the rocks along a set of railroad tracks. Sparrows flew around us landing on the brush and grass fluttering in the snow. I gripped the Sears and Roebuck single shot 20 gauge shotgun that he bought me and trimmed the stock on just so it would fit me correctly. Then I caught the slightest movement under a bush and he told me take your time, I raised the gun and slowly settled the bead on the big fluffy winter-coated rabbit. I was shaking like a leaf as I squeezed the trigger to hear him say “You got him!! Your first rabbit!”

The man with me in this story is my grandfather, Bob Nefzger. This month I’m going to tell you about one of my biggest outdoor influences.

Over time, I’ve had many influences on my outdoor obsession from my dad, uncles, and many that weren’t relatives. However, probably my biggest influence, especially at an early age, was Grandpa Bob. My parents separated when I was very young, which, while not exactly ideal, gave me the opportunity to spend a lot of time with my grandparents, Bob and Marge Nefzger, my mother’s parents. They reside in Delaware, Iowa, in the same house they’ve been living in nearly all my life.

Grandpa Bob, now 86, and Grandma Marge, now 87, were the hardest working folks I think I’ve ever known. Grandpa worked at Ertl Toys in Dyersville for a long career retiring from there in the ‘90s.

Grandpa worked his career at Henderson Manufacturing in Manchester, Iowa, retiring from there with over 30 years of service. My very early years with Grandpa and Grandma they both could tell I was obsessed with the outdoors with stories they’ve told me of a three-year-old sitting in my red wagon with a hammer hanging off the back (my boat motor) pretend fishing in the yard for hours or a five-year-old sitting behind the wheel of Grandpa’s old Ford truck rolling down the window telling them I was heading to Canada on a fishing trip, I’ll be back in a week!

I would spend Saturday morning at their house, not watching cartoons, but instead “World Championship Fishing” with Virgil Ward on PBS. As I got older, Grandpa really fueled my obsession with fishing. Just south of Delaware, just off Highway 20, is a small lake we simply call “The Pond.” The pond is where all my fishing truly began. Grandpa would take me there very often starting with bluegills and working my way up to the big bass that resided in the pond.

As I said earlier, Grandpa worked hard at Henderson’s and oftentimes that meant long hours. I would wait in the driveway each evening for Grandpa’s Ford Tempo to come around the corner from work with my fishing gear in hand. Looking back, I can imagine how tired he must have been after a long day, but I don’t remember him telling me



no, we can’t go. A lot of times we would fish from shore, but on some occasions Grandpa would hook up his flat-bottom boat and I felt like I was Virgil Ward casting for bass from the front of that jon boat. When the trolling motor battery would wear out, Grandpa would paddle the boat in circles around that pond just because I wanted to troll spinners for crappies and bluegills on those warm summer evenings.

As I got older, Grandpa taught me a lot in the garage as he could fix anything. At those times, fixing was out of absolute necessity, but Grandpa taught me how to make things last and fix everything myself. He definitely instilled my love of tinkering and my habit of collecting and keeping everything just because it might come in handy someday. (Aubrey might not like that part so much.)

For many years, I was Grandpa’s sidekick no matter the project. When I neared the age of 11 or 12, I got to tag along on hunts with Grandpa, being the bird dog flushing rabbits and pheasants. Grandpa loved to bird hunt around Delaware

County and I longed for the day when I got to carry a shotgun, too.

One day, Grandpa came home a little later from work and he was carrying a black and brown gun case. He had a grin on his face that Grandpa could only show when he was up to something. He said, “Open the zipper,” and my mind went wild with excitement, I can’t believe I didn’t break the zipper opening the case hastily. Inside, I found the most beautiful gun I’d ever seen at the time as Grandpa said, “It’s yours, Buddy, myself and your two uncles paid for it.” I can only imagine the size of my eyes as I hugged Grandpa. “Can we go—” I couldn’t finish the sentence as Grandpa held a box of Federal 20 gauge 8 shot shells in his hand. “Yep, let’s go!”

After shooting, Grandpa decided the gun was a touch too long and we worked together to shorten the stock. I’ll never forget Grandpa taping off the cut line so carefully and cutting on his homemade band saw. We then finished it with a new coat of wood stain and it fit like a glove.

That gun led to many hunts with Grandpa like that first rabbit to first pheasants. That gun still resides in my gun safe today with pride.

These days, Grandpa doesn’t get around as good as he used to, and I don’t see him nearly as much as I should with my schedule and work ethic that started with him. But I wanted him to read this and remember where it all started and how much all those times and memories mean to me. I always talk about passing it on and, Grandpa, you sure passed it on to me and you don’t get nearly enough credit for it! I love you and Grandma both!

As I end this month’s column, to all my readers, just remember a lot of little things end up being the biggest things and do what you can to get kids outdoors. And as I always say, until next time.... GET OUTDOORS!



**Dillon Law Office, PC**

**Patrick B. Dillon**

209 East 1st Street, Sumner • patdillon@50674law.com

**563-578-1850**

General practice including but not limited to:  
Agricultural law • Taxation & Tax Preparation  
• Estate Planning • Bankruptcy

www.50674law.com



**Bayer** Crop Science  
David R. Wheeler  
8234 E. Marquis Rd., Fairbank, IA  
(319) 230-1029

# Bobbins and Boards opens in Readlyn

Readlyn is excited to welcome our newest business, Bobbins and Boards. Located at 226 Main Street, Bobbins and Boards is an ideal retreat for quilters, crafters, scrapbookers, and groups wanting to spend more time together. Owner Teri Sellers has equipped her building with everything necessary to enjoy two days or more with fellow hobbyists.

The building includes 14 six-foot tables with lights and electrical outlets, adjustable chairs for guests, two large ironing tables and extra ironing boards, bar counter space for snacks or projects, a mini fridge up front to hold beverages, a fully furnished kitchen with dishes, silverware, pots and pans, stove, microwave and dishwasher, a ramp and bathroom for ADA, and 14 single beds. Bedding is included and each bed has a quilt.

In addition to private group retreats, if

the facility is not rented, people can set up sew days at a minimal cost. Mark your calendars for November 9-11 when Teri will offer an open retreat for all levels of sewing. It will feature a mystery quilt and individuals and/or groups can sign up. Guests will receive the fabric requirements and cutting instructions before they arrive. Once they arrive, guests will receive the pattern, and we will work on completing the quilt top. Once completed, Teri will longarm them at her business in Vinton free of charge. Contact information: 319-533-8218 or bobbinsandboards.com or Facebook Bobbins and Boards.

Teri does longarm quilting at her retail shop in Vinton. She also makes memory and T-shirt quilts for loved ones This unique venue offers a new dimension to our town.



## Wapsie Valley School Board Meetings

### Wapsie Valley CSD Special School Board Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance  
1. President Wolfe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 PM A. Directors: Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe - Aiello (excused) B. Administration: Chris Hoover, & Board Secretary: Kim Arndt C. Brett Bergman, & Tom Joecken (6:16)  
2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0  
3. Went into closed session at 6:01 PM-Roll call vote-Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe-ALL AYES-4-0  
Closed session 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Exited closed session at 6:31 PM Roll call vote-Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe-ALL AYES-4-0  
4. Other Business: Discussed Bound-cashless gates and evaluation procedures.  
5. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to adjourn at 6:40 PM Motion carried 4-0. Respectfully submitted  
Kim Arndt

### Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Mtg September 16, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance  
1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30PM A. Directors: Wolfe, Aiello, & Kaufman. Auel, & Sauerbrei (excused); B. Administration: Chris Hoover, Principal Forsyth, Murphy. Myers (excused); C. Board Secretary: Kim Arndt, Others: Brian Stark, Vaughn Gross, Addison McElhose, Mae Wedemeier, Carmen Wille, Clint Munk, Carizma Sander, Reagan Szurley, and virtual participants.  
2. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve the amended agenda adding September 11, 2024 minutes for approval and moving item 4 to 3 and 3 to 4 as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
3. Mae Wedemeier & Addisyn McElhose explained fundraisers for FFA fruit and the national convention trip to Indianapolis. The board thanked them for presenting and gave their ok for fruit sales and the national trip.  
4. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to table Phase 3 HVAC project as presented. Motion carried 3-0 Brian Stark will get us more information on different HVAC scenarios with cost and present them at the October meeting.  
5. Public Comment - Carizma & Reagan Szurley

presented fundraisers for FCCLA for homecoming including movie night, waffle breakfast, & REC night. The board approved all events.  
6. Consent Items-Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Kaufman and an open enrollment: Makayla Begley request to continue open enrolling her 3rd grade student from Oelwein to WV after a family move as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
7. Board-How did Run, Hide Fight go? Went well per TJ Murphy. Our Rural teachers and students are always welcome to present at the board meeting in Spotlight in Education. Mr. Forsyth said they may present sometime in the Spring.  
Superintendent-Report included, accepting student teacher practicum, trip to Athens, Rome, & Florence, FCCLA fundraisers, Homecoming events, Spotlight on Education, HVAC change order, & Facilities.  
PK-6 Principal Forsyth & 7-12 Murphy: Homecoming, Professional Development, Back To School Night, School, WE Time, Ambassadors, & Activity Updates.  
8. Personnel - Resignations-Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve the following resignation as presented: Jaden Kuethe-JV Boys Basketball and thank him for his service at WV. Motion carried 3-0  
Contracts: Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve Carol Westpfahl-Special Education Associate-\$13.42 P/H, & Linda Reding-Administrative

Assistant MS/HS-\$16.24 P/H as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
Addendum: Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve the following addendum-Christy Tiedt - BA/15 to BA+15/15=\$52,914 (BASE) + \$7,086 (TSS) = \$60,000 as presented-Motion Carried 3-0  
Termination: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the termination of Jessica Westcott-JH/HS Head cook and Destiny Quario-JH/HS Cook as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
9. New Business-Will bring early retirement options for fiscal year 2024 to the meeting in October.  
Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve FY24 Special Education Allowable growth of -\$293,807.69 as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the 28E Teacher/Librarian with Gladbrook-Reinbeck for the 24-25 school year as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to terminate the soccer sharing agreement with Waverly CSD effective the 24-25 school as presented. Motion carried 3-0  
10. Board Talking Points - Disappointed in starting over in prioritizing our facility projects  
11. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Motion carried 3-0 Respectfully,  
Kim Arndt



**Jonathan Smiley, D.M.D**  
2024 3rd Ave. NW, Waverly, IA 50677  
319-352-2270 • SmileyFamilyDentistry.com



**New patients welcome!**  
Proud to continue Dr. Rettig's tradition of excellent dental care.

**Dr. Jonathan Smiley and family**

**YOUR LEADING INDEPENDENT PROVIDER**

ELEVATORS | Manufacturing, Installation, Service  
Passenger, Freight, and Specialty Elevators



Denver, Iowa Since 1936

**One Schumacher Way • 800-779-5438 • www.schumacherelevator.com**



**Wald DENVER FAMILY DENTAL**  
"OUR FAMILY CARING FOR YOURS"  
Robert R. Pipho, D.D.S. • Brendon T. Boerm, D.D.S.  
Call (319) 984-6191 or (319) 342-3622 to schedule your appointment in Denver today!  
131 Tower Street, Denver • 319-984-6191

**Douglas Den**  
1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield  
For reservations, call **319-275-4528**

**Available for rent for graduations, small parties, wedding receptions & more.**  
40'x72', full kitchen, freezer, refrigerators, air conditioning and restrooms.

### RCC members decorate Main Street for fall



Marge Quigley and Tiffany Matthias work as a team to tie the cornstalks donated by Ron Leistikow onto a street pole.



The final product - Thank you, Anonymous Donor, for purchasing new scarecrows this year.

# Many enjoy the community picnic

As shown in the pictures, Readlyn Community Club's Second Annual Community Picnic was enjoyed by many. It featured hamburgers and hot dogs furnished by the RCC, music by the Flying Gorilla, amazing potluck side dishes, outdoor games, and cotton candy.

Two additional highlights: 1) The school supply drive was very successful and greatly appreciated. 2) Coincidentally, Estrick and Cameron Hall from Seattle, WA, happened to be spending the night in the park as they traveled cross-country on their bicycles. We were able to share our food and Readlyn hospitality. They love Iowa's friendliness and felt happy that they felt safe enough to leave their bicycles unlocked.

Please consider joining us next year for a virtually free night of relaxation and socializing.



Rod Wittenburg, Ed and Michelle Harrington and Bonnie Wittenburg deliver the much appreciated school supplies collected by the Readlyn Community Club. Thank you to all who generously donated!



Miss Readlyn Jaylin May and Grump Bonnie Wittenburg prepare to enjoy the picnic's culinary delights as people line up to enjoy the great food.



The Flying Gorilla is a trio of musicians, including Breven Birmann who plays guitar and sing vocals; Maddie Harken plays bass guitar, and Meghan Christensen plays the drums.



Colin Wehr and Wyatt and Will Kuker enjoyed the cotton candy served by Miss Readlyn and donated by Jeremy Jenkins.



Cross-country bicyclists were warmly welcomed by Grump, Bonnie Wittenburg and Louie Hartman.

PHONE: (319) 352-4112  
 EMAIL: [contactus@tenenbaumsjewelry.com](mailto:contactus@tenenbaumsjewelry.com)  
[www.tenenbaumsjewelry.com](http://www.tenenbaumsjewelry.com)

**TENENBAUM'S**  
 JEWELRY

219 EAST BREMER AVE.  
 WAVERLY, IOWA 50677

**SECURITY State Bank**

PO Box B, 103 3rd St., Frederika, IA 50631  
 (319) 275-4301  
 or 1-800-428-5808

FDIC

**Farmers Cooperative Company**  
 Readlyn: 319-279-3396  
 Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F

**We carry food for:**  
 Rabbits, Cats, Dogs, Chickens, Sheep, Horses & More

**Softener Salt:**  
 Delivery in town to those needing assistance

**Cedar & Pine Chips**  
**Bird Seed • Grass Seed • Lawn Fertilizer**  
**Bagged Shell Corn**

SHOP LOCAL!

Stop in today!




#3 Ag Lender in Iowa\*  
 Top 50 Ag Lender in the Nation\*

\*Source: Top 100 Farm Lenders Ranked by Dollar Volume, FDIC, Data as of 3Q 2023

**FIDELITY BANK & TRUST**  
 www.bankoffidelity.com | 800.403.8333

Adam Schaufenbuel  
 Vice President, Waverly

Megan Baumgartner  
 Loan Officer, Delwary

	<p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church</b>          2683 Quail Avenue          Readlyn, IA 50668          (319) 279-3977          Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano          Divine Service 10 a.m.</p>
	<p><b>St. Matthew's Lutheran Church</b>          Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor          2649 230th Street          Readlyn, IA 319-279-3758          Sunday School 9:00 AM          Sunday services 10:00 AM          Martha Circle, 1st Wednesday of month          Women of Life, 3rd Tues. of month, 7 PM</p>
	<p><b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b>          120 West 4th Street, Readlyn          (319) 279-3961          Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano          Divine Service 8:30 a.m.          Mary-Martha Circle          1st Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b>          240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668          Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor          (319) 279-3643          Sunday Services 8:00 a.m.          Sunday School 9:05 - 9:45 a.m.          Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday          Ruth Circle 1st Thursday 1:00 p.m.</p>



**WILEY CONSTRUCTION**  
 Siding, Roofing  
 Home Remodeling  
 Ag Building Repairs  
**Nick Wiley**  
 Cell 319-404-3518  
 Home 319-279-3518

**DENVER, IA**



**DENVER DRUG AND PHOTO**  
 Care you can trust.

340 S. State St.  
 Denver, IA 50622  
 319-984-5691  
 denverdrugandphoto.com



**Helping Hands Clothing Closet**  
 2029 Viking Ave.  
 Hwy. V56 - Sumner  
 Hours: Tuesdays, 9-11 AM  
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM  
 First Saturday of the month 9-11 AM  
 Brief application required;  
 providing FREE clothing to those in need



**His Hands Food Pantry**  
 5002 Main Street  
 Oran  
 Hours: Tuesdays, 5-8 PM  
 Fridays 9 AM-12 Noon  
 Brief application required  
 Currently serving Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Westgate area residents  
 319-638-4357

**Deadline for the Nov. 27 Chronicle is Thurs., Nov. 14 at 5 p.m.**

<p><b>NEW LISTING</b>          33 5TH AVE. SE, OELWEIN</p>  <p>3 Bedrm, 1.5 baths, 2 LOTS &amp; fresh updates!  <b>\$80,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW PRICE</b></p>  <p>1115 2ND ST. SE, OELWEIN  <b>\$219,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW PRICE</b></p>  <p>824 PROSPECT ST., JESUP  <b>\$230,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW PRICE</b></p>  <p>730 PROSPECT ST., LAMONT  <b>\$219,900</b></p>	<p><b>PENDING</b></p>  <p>116 5TH ST. NW, OELWEIN  <b>\$109,000</b></p>
 <p>503 KING ST., FAYETTE  <b>\$110,000</b></p>	 <p>16283 50TH ST., OELWEIN  <b>\$290,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW STANLEY HOME!</b></p>  <p>128 N. CLARKE ST., STANLEY          1 bed, 1 bath, "As Is" <i>Call for details</i>  <b>\$20,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW &amp; PENDING!</b></p>  <p>424 7TH ST. SW, OELWEIN          2 bed, 1-1/4 bath, Updated  <b>\$65,000</b></p>	



**ADVANCED, REALTORS® , LLC**  
 814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242  
**Lori Beierschmitt, Broker/Owner**  
**Cell: 319-238-1700**





REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM