

# Readlyn Chronicle

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## Trick or Treat In Readlyn Saturday, October 31



4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



## Everyone must help!

Because there is a shortage of places redeeming cans and plastic bottles, Readlyn Redemption Center has been overrun. **We do not want any glass bottles.**

The driver that picks up our recycling is also overrun and has not had room to pick ours up for over a month.

Another problem is, this is not a garbage dump, it is a recycling center. This is get-

## Support Wapsie Valley FFA's Fruit Sales

By Mary Bodenstener, Chapter Reporter

The holiday season is coming up quickly and local FFA chapters are beginning their annual fruit sales. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to funding the FFA chapter's annual activities such as national and statewide trips, contest supplies, chapter activities, etc. This year, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter is offering a new way to order. The original option of talking to an FFA member from Wapsie Valley is still available, but, if you would still like to support our chapter without face-to-face interaction, you may now order our fruit, parlor snacks, meat and cheese on our new website: <https://fs26.formsite.com/o8m-8ld/lsmk6rff4j/index.html>.

Payments must be either cash or check and can be made upon order or when fruit is delivered to you. Students will pick up and deliver food to the address you provide. Fruit, parlor snacks and cookie dough are available October 13 through November 30. Meat and cheese orders need to be in by November 11.

Checks can be made out to Wapsie Valley FFA and sent to the high school:

Wapsie Valley FFA  
2535 Viking Ave  
Fairbank, IA 50629

Questions or concerns can be emailed to our FFA Advisor at [wforsth@wapsievalleyschools.org](mailto:wforsth@wapsievalleyschools.org) or call at (319) 638-6711

Thank you for your support!



Senior Dallas and juniors Kaden and Hunter are excited to get fruit sales going.

## Change of decorations is November 14

On Saturday, November 14, at 9 AM the fall decorations will be taken down and the Christmas ones will be put up. We are

in need of serious help to make our town look great. It should only take a couple hours!

## City of Readlyn receives award for constructed wetland

The City of Readlyn will be receiving the Stormwater and Urban Watershed Jurisdiction of the Year Award at the Virtual 2020 IStorm Conference on October 28-29, 2020.

The City is being recognized for their achievement in installing a constructed wetland used to treat 50% of the stormwater runoff generated in the community and their commitment to improving local water quality.

The wetland provides community members and school groups with recreational and educational opportunities.

The award would normally be presented in person at the Annual Iowa Water Conference held in the spring of each year. However, the event was canceled this year due to COVID.

City representatives will be presented with the award in person by the Executive Director of the Iowa Stormwater Educa-

tion Partnership prior to the conference. Video coverage of the award presentation will be shared with attendees at the virtual conference.



Readlyn Mayor Dan Wedemeier accepts an award for the Wetlands Project recently completed in the City of Readlyn. He is shown below with City workers Austin and Barney (left) at the project site.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Leistikow



As many of you know, gardening is my hobby. This year the pumpkins were poor. The tomatoes are OK. Still canning here, the middle of October. I've had to learn to can as my wife says she's tired of it! Never too old to learn, I guess.

Another thing happening here is our Reed Ave. being graded up now and hard surfaced in 2021. They took the right-of-way about 60 years ago then decided not to pave it.

We were in Springfield this past week for a wedding. Surprised to see not many beans were cut yet in MO. By the time you read this all beans are harvested and corn nearing completion. Farmers are enjoying the warmer, drier weather as crops are drier and ready to put into bins.

We've enjoyed three weddings in the past five weeks. The trend is to smaller and outdoor weddings; no church. One at a winery, one at a berry farm and in an old restored barn. Times have really changed! We also really enjoyed nature's

color show.

By the next issue, all political will be expired; that will be much appreciated. Don't forget to vote!

We've enjoyed Bob Thran's articles – Much great old history of Readlyn and some quite amusing.

Also, Eric Johnston's articles are also very interesting. I am amazed at his fishing expertise!

The pop can "committee," consisting mostly of Chris Davis, Roger D, and Laverne L. Rave, latterly had their hands full of pop cans, but recently have been getting rid of them. Thanks for all your hard work! And thanks for all the can donations.

Thanks, Lois Buhr, for getting the Readlyn Council minutes into the *Chronicle*.

We'll be enjoying the Hawkeye football team as well as the Cyclones by the time you read this. Go Hawks!

Grump from 2009,

Ron Leistikow

## Deadline for the November 25 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., Nov. 12 at 5 PM



This is how some friends and I dressed up for "That '70s Show" day!



This is how some friends and I dressed up for "Freaky Friday" day!



# Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! I am so excited to be back for the October edition of TRENDING NOW!

This month, all fall sports have been in full swing. Football, cross country, and volleyball are all still going strong, and, as a school and community family, we are so glad that they have lasted this long.

Toward the end of October, football playoffs will begin, as will regional volleyball and cross country districts. So far, all teams have been pretty successful, considering the circumstances, with various PRs, big wins, and many good games and meets all around. I think that it is safe to say that the Wapsie Valley community is very proud of each of these teams, and the sports are all everyone is talking about in school.

On top of this, the Student Ambassadors have been working hard to schedule both homecoming and the upcoming blood drive. For homecoming, you probably noticed on your way around town that local business windows were all decked out in black and gold, pushing the football boys to a big win homecoming night. At school, the hallways were also decorated with different themes that either went along with

the homecoming day movie themes and/or school spirit, all done by the dedicated Student Ambassadors. The senior class ended up winning homecoming week spirit points, and I brought home the gold for best dressed female student throughout the week... I like to think it is thanks to my Great-Grandma Grace and her beautiful black fringe cowgirl boots and '70s outfit. (I'll insert a picture just because I was so proud of this outfit).

Back to my point, the Student Ambassadors are now working hard to prepare for the blood drive that is happening on Tuesday, November 17 from 1:00-6:00 pm at the United Methodist Church in Fairbank. We are taking all the donations we can get, so if you are interested and want more information or to sign up for an appointment to donate blood, feel free to contact me at [gimbrogno@wapsievalleyschools.org](mailto:gimbrogno@wapsievalleyschools.org) or Andrea Beuhler at [abeuhler@wapsievalleyschools.org](mailto:abeuhler@wapsievalleyschools.org). Who doesn't love free advertisement!

Thank you so much for sticking with me! I can't wait to see all of your friendly grumpy faces around the community!

-Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020



This is me and my calculus teacher, Mr. Sabotta, dressed up for "Harry Potter" day!



This is how my Great Aunt, Gina Wiersma, and I dressed up for "That '70s Show" day!



This is how some friends and I dressed up for "A Christmas Vacation" day!

# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Obituaries



**Harold W. Meier**

Harold W. Meier, 94, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the Tripoli Nursing and Rehab in Tripoli.

Harold was born on December 13, 1925, rural Artesian, in Bremer County, Iowa, the son of Carl and Alma (Schaefer) Meier. He was baptized on January 1, 1926 and confirmed on April 2, 1939, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Artesian. He attended rural school at Jefferson #1, St. Paul's Parochial School, and graduated from Waverly High School in 1943. He was united in marriage to Delores Harms on September 19, 1948, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Maxfield. While working, Harold worked as a butter maker until 1952. In 1952, Harold and Delores started Meier's Tastie Crème in Denver, which they had until 1963. From 1963 to 1970, they owned a small motel in Waterloo. While owning the motel, Harold started working at John Deere in 1966 and retired in 1987.

In his spare time, Harold enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and playing cards. He especially enjoyed his grandkids and great-grandkids. In 2000, he was crowned Readlyn's Grump at Grump Days.

Harold is survived by his wife, Delores of Readlyn; a daughter, Judy (LaVerne) Leistikow of Readlyn; a son, Sherwin (Jeni) Meier of Elk Run Heights; a daughter, Dawn (David) Koehler of Cedar Falls and a son, Todd Meier of Des Moines; seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren; a sister, Luella Harms of Tripoli; a sister, Mildred Dankenbring of Cedar Falls; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Meier of West Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, Leota Meier, Eldo Meier, Alvin Meier, Helen Tietje and Eugene Meier.

Private funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. The service was livestreamed at 11:00 a.m. on the Zion Lutheran Church Facebook Page. There was a public visitation on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com) and memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes in Readlyn assisted the family.

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**Joan Faith Williams**

Joan Faith Williams, 88, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away peacefully at her home on September 24, 2020.

Joan was born on August 17, 1932 in Waterloo Iowa, the daughter, of Clifford and Clara (Lohman) Shook. She was united in marriage to Charles Williams on April 3, 1954, in Waterloo Iowa. Joan worked for Rath Packing in Waterloo, Iowa and the Readlyn Library.

Her hobbies included baking cookies for the family, bird watching, working in her flower beds and she loved spending time with family.

Joan is survived by her sons, Tim Williams (Susie) of Holy Cross, Iowa and Brad Williams (Michelle) of Readlyn Iowa; two granddaughters, Jen Hartgrave of Manchester, Iowa and Kelly Small (Derek) of Concord, New Hampshire; four grandchildren, Sammy Stewart, Rushville, Illinois; Lexie Bastarache (Connor) of Concord, New Hampshire; Braden Hartgrave of Holy Cross, Iowa and Hannah Small of Concord, New Hampshire; great-great-granddaughter, Ella Cawthon of Rushville, Illinois; a special great-great-granddaughter, Izabelle Brackin of Readlyn; a sister, Audrey Niemann of Cedar Falls, Iowa and a sister-in-law, Betty Shook of Readlyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Williams; her parents; two sons, John on October 30, 1973 and Mark on July 16, 1977; a sister, Clemie (Alvin) Marken, a brother, Bill Shook, and brother-in-law, Al Niemann.

Joan never liked to be the center of attention and per her wishes there will be no services.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.

## Senior Citizens meet

On Sept. 16, 2020, 15 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at Inspired for the Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Leistikow, President.

For September, we had Judy and Ron Leistikow's anniversary to celebrate and we all sang "Happy Anniversary" to them.

We all signed get-well cards and sent to both Sonja Bast and Larry Ladage as they had been in the hospital.

Lois Thacher read the thank you from the Huebner family for sending them a sympathy card remembering Wilbert Huebner and his passing on August 2, 2020.

The Treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$261.00. Lois Thacher read the secretary's minutes from the August 19 meeting. Motion was made

by Don Billhorn and seconded by Roland Schmidt to approve both the treasurer's and secretary's reports. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

It was reported that 34 people attended the Pie Day open house at the Poor Farm from noon until 3:00 PM on September 13.

### New Business:

Ron Leistikow stated that on September 26 at 9:00 AM the town would be decorated with fall decorations. Help was needed.

The next Senior Citizens Meeting was scheduled for October 21 at 11:30 AM at Inspired. There was some discussion that we may take a tour of the Poor Farm after our meal in October.

The meeting was adjourned. No cards were played because of the pandemic.

*Lois Thacher, Secretary*

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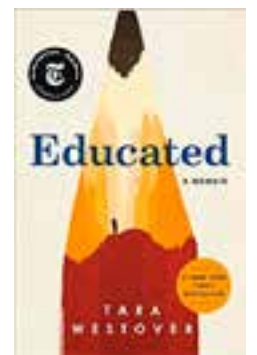
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Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Chicago Great Western creates Readlyn

In 1903, the Chicago Great Western (CGW) railroad laid a track between Oelwein and Clarion to shorten the distance traveled between Chicago and Kansas City by more than 100 miles. Readlyn was one of the two sites selected for a stop between Oelwein and Waverly. Oran was the other.

The farm was purchased on the chosen site. A civil engineer plotted out the area. Streets were named. Lots were sold, Readlyn was chosen, named after Lynn Read.

Businesses were attracted and homes were built. Readlyn flourished. The original farm house is located just south of the Readlyn City Hall.

Other small settlements preceded Readlyn, but they withered on the vine after

the stop was in place and the depot was erected. Wiped from the map were Crane Creek, Buck Creek, Grove Hill, Fremont, Spring Fountain, Gresham and the bustling settlement of Smoketown. Klinger still has its identity as does Knittle. However, several houses once located in Knittle were moved to Readlyn.

Readlyn was now connected by rail to the entire United States. In my research, I could find no schedules of trains serving Readlyn. In the early 1900s, travel by rail was the only method of traveling a longer distance. Several trains must have been available from both directions. Augusta Kehe died because her friends picked her up in a Model T rather than riding a midnight train from Waverly to Readlyn.

## Railroad comes through Readlyn, Denver

The construction of the railroad had almost the identical effect on both Denver in 1902 and Readlyn in 1903. A sidetrack was added where train cars could be loaded or unloaded. Remember that in the early 1900s there were no truck lines. Railroads were the only service available for transporting freight. Some smaller lots were hauled from Waterloo by horse and wagon.

Coal, lumber, cement and fuel were transported in carload lots.

A stockyard and a mill were built along the side track. A lumberyard was built nearby. Gas stations came later.

Coal came in coal cars with about 6-foot-high sides. These coal cars were not hopper cars which unloaded from the bottom. Before workers were able to shovel coal onto trucks, they had to throw the chunks of coal by hand until they reached the bottom of the coal car. Farmer Equity sold coal as well as feed in Readlyn.

Cement came in cloth bags which were returned for reuse. A bag of cement weighed 94 pounds. In the 1940s, bags came in heavy paper. In Readlyn, the cement building stood along the railroad siding. The bags of cement were moved from the train car directly into the cement storage building using two-wheeled carts.

Lumber, in all dimensions, was brought in by the carload and hauled to the lumberyard. The railroad would permit only a few days to unload. Demurrage would be charged if the cars were not empty. My grandfather, F. L. Diekmann, had the first lumberyard in Readlyn and was in business until circa 1938. He could not compete with Spahn & Rose.

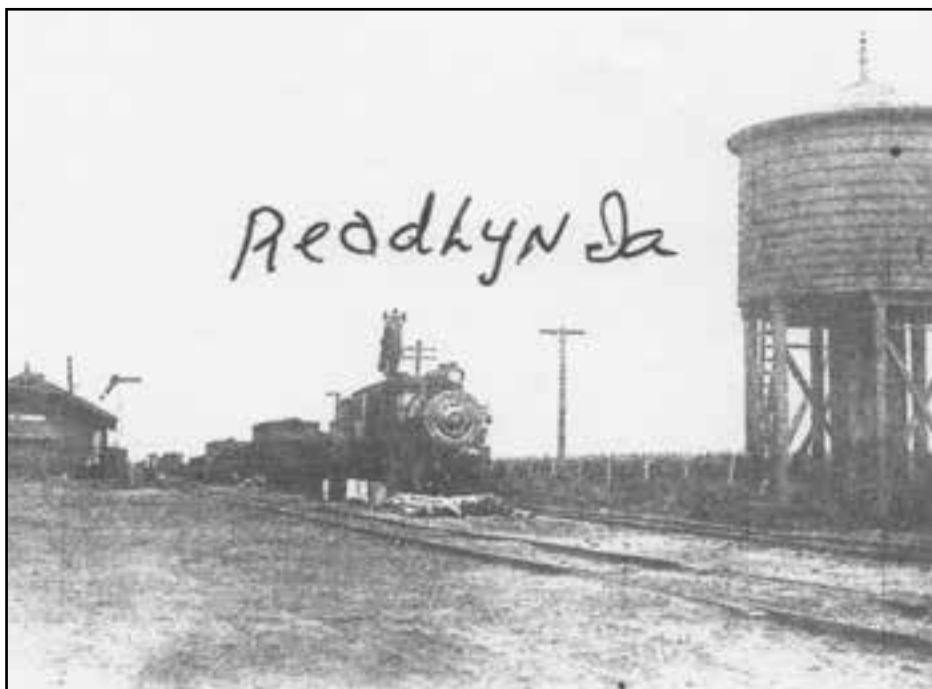
Gasoline was still brought in tank cars.

In 1960, when I left Readlyn, tank trucks transported gasoline from the siding to the Champlin station where Murl Lockard ran the station and Adrian Lockard drove the tank truck. Albert Oltrogge sold Cities Service gas and Fred Koschmeder and Bill Everding sold Standard. Tank trucks from out of town furnished their fuel. In Denver, the Conoco station was owned by Paul Matthias.

Each town had a stockyard along the track. Farms were small and fewer hogs were marketed per farm. Buyers would have to hold cattle and hogs in the yards until a full train carload was available for shipping.

Reiny Freitag told me something interesting. The railroad would sometimes unload cattle and hogs from the train car into the stockyard in Readlyn to be fed and watered. The cattle and hogs were reloaded and picked up by a later train. In the early days, Rath Packing was not in existence. There was an enormous Union Stockyard in Chicago helping Chicago become known as the "hog butcher" of the world. In the 1940s, Bill Poehler ran the stockyards, then Wittenburg and Freitag, finally Leo Wittenburg. Although in the 1950s stockyards were still being used, stock was hauled to packing plants by truck.

Both the towns had a mill or elevator on the sidetrack. The mill was available for the farmers to bring in corn or oats to be ground for their cattle, hogs, chickens. Carloads of corn and oats were shipped out. In Readlyn, ownership of the Readlyn Feed Mill as far back as I can recollect went from Bud Bowdish to Dan Buhr to Elton Schutte. Clarence Brettman was a long-time owner of the Denver Mill.



Pictured are the depot, a steam engine, and the water tower in Readlyn. Photo from the files of William Schumacher, Denver.



The first Readlyn section crew consisted of, left to right, H. Meier, F. Strotman, H. Fortsch, H. Hahn, H. Ivans and F. Judas.

## Vote for Sandy Salmon

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# Readlyn City Council Minutes

## September 14, 2020

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Jason Franck, Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Jenny Platte, Bryant Eike.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the August 10, 2020 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve bills presented for payment. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Treasurer/clerk reports. A ll said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Barnes to approve the budget and library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried. Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve agenda as printed . All said yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing as requested by Bryant Eike on a Nuisance Abatement on his property located at 126 Main Street. Both Chief of Police, Steve Aiello and property owner Bryant Eike presented information. Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno as to existing nuisance of inoperable vehicle must be repaired or removed

by next council meeting on October 12, 2020. Second nuisance building materials in yard. Property owners must show progress by using said materials, thus existing pile will be smaller by October 12, 2020. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve Darin Buchholz as a library board member, replacing Kayla Kolaas. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to set Halloween Trick or Treating for October 31st from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The City Council recommends following your own judgment regarding, participating. If you do not feel comfortable handing out candy or trick or treating due to COVID-19, you are encouraged to abstain. Be mindful of social distancing and trick or treat with your own family if at all possible.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve fall leaf burning from October 1 to November 15. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 846 entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 CITY STREET FINANCE REPORT." Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the

Mayor declared Resolution No. 846 duly adopted.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 847 entitled "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND; WITHIN THE CITY OF READLYN, BREMER COUNTY, IOWA." Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 847 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Franck to approve city clerk attending fall IMFOA conference. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brnscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

*Dan Wedemeier, Mayor*  
ATTEST: Lois J. Buhr, City Clerk

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Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report

for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to proceed with the City of Readlyn removing cited nuisance of building materials at 126 Main Street. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve purchase of two air compressors for the wastewater plant for a purchase price of \$8,550.00 plus shipping costs. Compressors will have a six year warranty. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the final walk through of the wetland project. Mayor Wedemeier noted that the City of Readlyn will be receiving the Storm water and Urban Watershed Jurisdiction of the Year Award at the Virtual 2020 Storm Conference on October 28-29, 2020.

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*Dan Wedemeier, Mayor*  
ATTEST: Lois J. Buhr, City Clerk

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# Warrior Way & More

The Wapsie Valley Community School District students, staff, and families have adjusted to the Return to Learn Plans required by the Iowa Department of Education at the start of the 2020-21 school year. Most of our students and families have decided to utilize the On-Site Plan to meet face-to-face with our staff at our seven different building sites.

Approximately twenty-five students have decided to utilize the Hybrid Learning Plan with long term remote learning (one semester) as an option. This curriculum plan choice is operated and administered through an outside curriculum provider called Edgenuity through an agreement with Wapsie Valley CSD. We, as a district staff, work with our students and families when short-term illnesses or quarantine situations arise within the student population.

We continue to see low student absenteeism rates within the Wapsie Valley CSD. We have worked through one positive COVID-19 case within our student body that involved quarantine situations for other students. We continue to be vigilant with the safety measures and protocols that were implemented at the start of this school year.

Recently updated guidance from the Governor Reynold's office on the use of mask wearing or facial coverings protects individuals from being quarantined in a close contact situation with

a positive case. You can find a weekly COVID-19 update on our school website ([wapsievalleyschools.com](http://wapsievalleyschools.com)) in a section called the Nurse's Corner. This can be found under the COVID & Health tab on the main page of the website.

The academic school year has started with some early assessment screenings to help our staff and administration make some educational decisions on student progress and how best to support individual student needs. We, as a district, have moved the fall parent-teacher conferences ahead to early October to facilitate earlier conversations with parents if student data show needs for intervention or acceleration work.

The WVCSD athletic teams have competed at high levels this fall sports season. The cross country, football, and volleyball teams have all seen outstanding performances on the field and courts.

Our Fine Arts Department is being innovative in the approaches for showcasing our instrumental and chorus students. Performances are being planned this fall to utilize outside venues for small and large groups.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wapsie Valley Schools in whatever means possible.

Stay Warrior Strong,

*Dave Larson*

*Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent*

## VFW Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661 Readlyn met Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM with 7 members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. General Orders and chairman reports were read. Volunteer hours were turned in.

Pow-wow is October 22-25 in Des Moines. Letters were read from Kathryn Schreiber about Pow-wow and an Executive order.

A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to send love gift for former President. Carried.

Ellen Thies got a pin and a medallion

for renewing memberships from National VFW Auxiliary. The 3rd District meeting was to be Sunday, October 18 at 1:00 PM in Waterloo. The wreath made with 16 poppies was to be taken.

The Auxiliary will be putting a poppy display in the Readlyn Library Display Case for November. Copies will be made of word finds about Auxiliary for some members! 86 Flag Education for kids will be handed out at Readlyn Elementary and Community Lutheran Schools. More poppy money came in to help veterans.

A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn, carried. Hostess was Verdeen Pavelec.

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# News from Community Lutheran School



We celebrated Oliver and Mrs. Franck's baptisms this month in chapel at the Readlyn campus.



We celebrated Liv's baptism in chapel this month.



Thank you to the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Dept firemen for visiting with our preschool through kindergarten classes about fire safety in the kitchen on October 16.



Listening to Fireman Nick talk about fire safety.



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Three-year-old preschool with the firemen.




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CLS students celebrated and learned about Christopher Columbus with hat creations and boat snacks!



# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Deputy Shores visits Mrs. Ott's 2nd graders twice a month to talk about ways they can stay safe in and outside of school. They enjoy when he visits the classroom!



Students and staff enjoy celebrating Theme Days on Fridays! Pictured are students supporting the theme of Hat Day.



One of the dress-up days for Homecoming's Spirit Week was dress as your favorite book character.



WV Elementary students enjoyed celebrating Homecoming Week by participating in Dress-Up Days! Pictured above and below are students and staff dressed up for the Christmas Day theme.



Pictured are Wapsie Valley Readlyn Elementary's Physical Fitness Award Winners. All 4th through 6th grade students take the following five tests twice each school year, once in the fall and then again in the spring: Pull-ups (upper body strength), Sit-ups (core strength), Shuttle Run (Quickness and agility), Sit and Reach (Flexibility), and the Mile Run (Cardiovascular Health). Our goal is to have all students score at the 50% level or better in all five tests. This level is considered to be an average score when compared to other students across the country. If a student scores at the 85% percent level or higher in all five tests they are considered a Physical Fitness Winner for that testing period. As a whole group, both the Fairbank and the Readlyn Elementary students did a great job on the tests. We will continue to work hard in P.E. and hopefully see improved scores in the spring.



To end Spirit Week, the WV football players, cheerleaders, and band attended each elementary and put on a pep rally. This year our pep rallies were held outside. The younger students love it when the junior and senior high school students visit them and include them in special activities!

# What's Cooking?

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



**RECIPE: Mehl Butter**  
 From the kitchen of: This recipe comes from Suzy Heineman's great-aunt from the Meyer cookbook.

12 sliced bacon cut in cubes and fry crisp.  
 Drain off all but 2 tbsp. grease.  
 Add 2 cups of milk and heat.  
 Mix 1/2 c. flour in 1/2 c. milk, add to above and cook thick.  
 1 large or 2 small eggs beaten slightly, add 1/2 c milk and stir into hot mixture. Cook, add salt.

Serve over bread or toast. Nice for breakfast or lunch.

Mrs. Herbert Britzman

**Goulash**

From the kitchen of Megan Kuker

- 1-½ lbs. Cooked and Drained Ground Beef
- 1 Packet Mild Chili Seasoning
- 1 Diced Green Pepper
- 1 Diced Onion ( Small-medium)
- 2 Cans Diced Tomatoes-Keep Juice
- 46 oz. Can of Tomato Juice
- 3-4 Healthy Shakes of Garlic Powder more or less depending on taste
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 12 oz. Elbow Macaroni (uncooked)
- Handful of Brown Sugar (Optional)

In a Dutch Oven or large pot cook and drain ground beef, add onion, green pepper, tomatoes, tomato juice, chili packet, garlic, salt & pepper. Bring mixture to a boil and simmer for 20-25 minutes. Add in a handful of brown sugar if desired and additional seasoning to taste. Next add the dry elbow macaroni directly into this mixture and return to a boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let rest. The noodles will appear undercooked at this point but the macaroni will continue to cook and soften upon standing as well as thicken up the goulash mixture. This is best to make ahead and reheat at a later time, and is especially nice to have on hand during those busy weeks. This should keep well in the freezer too.

# FFA member earns National American FFA Degree

INDIANAPOLIS (October 12, 2020/ National FFA Organization) – Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year 4,136 American Degrees will be awarded.

Macy Elyse Ragsdale, a member of the Slinger FFA Chapter in Slinger, WI, will receive the American FFA Degree at the 93rd National FFA Convention & Expo Oct. 27-29, held virtually. She is the daughter of Jeff and Kerri Ast of Slinger, WI, and Dan Ragsdale of Anamosa, IA. Her grandparents are Ron and Judy Leistikow of Readlyn, IA and Kathy (and the late Gordon) Ragsdale of Sumner, IA. She is a 2018 graduate of Slinger High School and a junior at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls.

Sponsored by Case IH, Elanco Animal Health and Syngenta, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs.

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business or hold a profession-

al position as an employee. Recipients must also complete 50 hours community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate after being recognized at the national convention.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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By: Eric Johnston

**“Traditions”**

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As I sit down to write this month’s column, it’s early October and I’m sitting in one of my deer stands waiting for the deer to move. What better place to think and reflect on things.

We are still early in the season, but so far the fall hunting seasons have been very successful for me. When I mention success, I don’t just mean deer taken or limits of waterfowl filled. While I’ve had success that way, what really makes me feel accomplished this fall is all the traditions carried and passed on. This month I’ll relay these traditions and what they mean to me.

We all have traditions. It may be family traditions or holiday traditions. In the outdoor world, nearly everything I do, hunting or fishing in one way or another is a family tradition. I began to really reflect upon all these traditions when my Uncle Steve passed away back in August. All the times hunting and fishing together in my younger years revolved around traditions in the Johnston family.

As a youngster, one of the first traditions to be carried out was learning to catch creek chubs in a local creek with nothing more than a cane pole, a small hook, and a bobber. In our family, that is where fishing begins. My Dad first taught me around the age of three or four. Amazingly enough, I still remember those early times with Dad, learning to put a worm on a hook and waiting for the little red and white bobber to get pulled under. That’s where my fishing career be-

gan. I passed this same tradition down to my daughter and will never forget her excitement of her first catch. That moment took me back all those years and I felt like a kid again, excited for her.

When it came to hunting, there are many traditions with family, and even friends, that I carry out to this day. As a kid, I could not wait to go hunting. My Dad and uncles did a lot of pheasant hunting back then and I was in awe listening to their stories of the day’s hunt and hunts past. I was never pushed into the outdoors, Dad wanted me to make my own decision and never pushed. I’m the same way with my daughter, I keep it fun at her young age and let her build her own passion.

One of the early traditions is finally getting to go along on a pheasant hunt. In the Johnston family, you aren’t allowed to carry a gun on a hunt until you get your first shotgun on your 13th birthday. But, around the age of nine or ten, you’re allowed to start going and play bird dog, crashing through thick weeds and brush flushing up pheasants. I was so excited to finally get to go along and be part of the hunts. By the time my 13th birthday rolled around, I was well versed in how a hunt goes and how to stay safe.

The tradition of receiving your first shotgun at the age of thirteen started with my great-grandpa Donald Johnston giving his sons their guns and was passed down through my grandfather to my Dad to me. I intend to do the same for my daughter, and, with



My Dad, Doug Johnston, enjoyed a successful day of hunting with his grandfather’s shotgun.



My best friend, Eric Williams (left), and my Dad, Doug Johnston, show off the many ducks they shot on opening day.

her turning ten in November, I’ll get her out bird dogging soon.

I really look forward to when I gift her that first shotgun. I remember every part of receiving mine. I knew the tradition long before that birthday came and eagerly awaited that day. When the day arrived, we had the usual party with family and it was time to open some gifts. Uncle Steve got me a duck call and the rest of the family gave camo clothing and hunting accessories.

When the gifts were all open, I thought, “Where’s the gun?” Dad, with a sly grin, went to the closet and pulled out a long wrapped box. I couldn’t open it fast enough! A Remington 870 Express 20 gauge, I treated that gun like gold! It was my most prized possession as I had waited so long to get it. That fall, some of my most memorable hunts occurred with Dad and Uncle Steve and, as the years passed, we shared many hunts together, just as Dad and his uncles and father had done.

One story Dad always told me of his days being a bird dog when he was young was a time when he went with his Dad, uncles, and his grandpa. He got to sit post on the end of a field with his grandpa while the others pushed pheasants towards them. His grandpa leaned his gun against a fence post, sat down and proceeded to fall asleep. As the crew got closer to them, birds started flushing all around them. Dad yelled “Grandpa, Grandpa, wake up!” He still laughs when he tells this story.

Fast forward to this past summer at Uncle Steve’s services: my Dad’s cousin Chris was there and this story came up. Chris told my Dad he still had their grandpa’s old gun and he thought my Dad should have it because it was the same gun from the story. Chris held true on this and a couple weeks later gave the old Winchester model 1400 to Dad.

October 10 was Iowa’s main season duck opener and Dad and I always hunt the opener together. We set up on a local pond and Dad brought his grandpa’s shotgun. As daylight broke, ducks were buzzing us and Dad should-

ered his grandfather’s gun and shot a beautiful drake wood duck. That moment was so special to both of us, a piece of our family was there with us on that duck hunt. We shot a few more ducks that morning and spoke and laughed about times with Steve and the many trips we had.

Another tradition continuing this fall is with my good friend, Eric Williams. Eric and I have been friends since sixth grade and we are now forty. We grew up in Delhi together and, as the years roll on, we both become busier with life and family, but each year we get together, along with my Dad, for Iowa’s early duck season opener in September. This year was no different and marked the 26th season we had gotten together for this hunt.

Eric arrived Friday night at my place and the traditional beverages and a big lasagna dinner ensued. We were up early Saturday morning and set up in the dark in anticipation of daybreak. To pass the time waiting for shooting time, we catch up over coffee and it’s always a lot of laughs. We shot quite a few ducks that first morning and were greeted to a big breakfast waiting for us when we got back compliments of my beautiful wife, Aubrey. We took a fair amount of ducks that weekend, but that was just a bonus to the laughs shared and the catching up over the past year. As we bagged up the decoys Sunday morning we both began to talk about taking our daughters in a couple years on their first duck hunts. I’m certain we can keep this tradition going by bringing our daughters into the mix and it’s something I truly look forward to.

As I’ve gotten older, I’m realizing more and more that it’s not always about the kill. While it’s always great to fill limits or get that nice buck, it’s the memories and the traditions passed on that make these times so special. So, as you’re out there hunting this fall, keep those traditions going or even start a new one. You never know, it just may last a lifetime.

Until next month, GET OUT-DOORS!

# Obituary

## Donald Kueker

Donald Kueker, 82, of Waverly, Iowa passed away on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.



Donald Dietrich Kueker was born on June 24, 1938, the son of Ewald and Eyla (Geffert) Kueker in Waverly, Iowa. Don attended country school and graduated from Waverly High School in 1956. He entered the US Army on May 1, 1956 until his discharge on October 29, 1964. On July 24, 1966, he was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Leistikow at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. The couple lived on the family farm in rural Waverly where Don farmed his entire life.

He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Artesian, rural Waverly. Most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending their events.

Survivors are his two sons, Gary (Karol) Kueker of West Union, Iowa and Kevin (Cherish) Kueker of Waverly, Iowa; daughter, Janiece (Dave) Kramer of Fredericksburg, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Dru, Justin, Megan, Kyle and Caden Kueker, Connor and Kolton Kramer; great-grandson, Layne Kueker; brother, Eldon (Jan) Kueker of Waverly, Iowa and two sisters, Marlene (Veryl) Buchholz of Tripoli, Iowa and Lavonne (Delbert) Oltrogge of Readlyn, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Barbara on February 4, 2015 and a brother in infancy.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Artesian, rural Waverly with Pastor Larry Feldt officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The funeral service was streamed live on the Kaiser-Corson Facebook page. Visitation was held on Thursday, October 22 from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and also an hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Artesian, Fun in the Sun Preschool or to Cedar Valley Hospice, and online condolences for Don may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Waverly, Iowa assisted the family with arrangements for Don Kueker.



The Wapsie Valley Homecoming 2020 candidates included, front row, left to right: Kobe Risse, Emma Cutsforth, Alyxandra Dixon, Kaylee Kleitsch, Blayde Bellis; back row: Macey Schmit, Garrett Barnes, Luke Rochford, Ethan Oltrogge, Courtney Schmitz.

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# Fairbank Aquatic Center ends their season

By Jason Kayser  
Fairbank Municipal Board President

The Aquatic Center ended the season on schedule without any disruptions due to COVID-19, equipment break-downs, or contamination! However, the virus had a significant impact on operations. Total open swimming patrons this season were 5,832. This is a 28% less than a previous 5 year average of 8,000 patrons (high mark 9,500 previous low mark of 7,300). There were no public swimming lessons which typically account for between \$8,000 and \$10,000. To help control the spread, the concession stand did not serve some

of our biggest sellers which resulted in a 34% decrease in concession sales. However, many pools and Aquatic Centers in the area were closed which resulted in a 7.6% increase in daily, non-season ticket holder admission users.

Although swim meets were canceled this year, the Oelwein/Fairbank Sharks still practiced and used the Fairbank location for all activities. Typically, practice is split between Oelwein and Fairbank facilities. The pool board is actively working on acquiring necessary equipment (lane lines, starting blocks, etc) to host meets in Fairbank.

Numbers for total public swim patrons is ex-

periencing a 5-year downward trend. This is an issue the board will be researching and we intend to partner with community members and city council to come up with ways to reverse the trend. This may not be easy as there are continually new athletic clubs or school events that come up which consume more and more of summer free time people (kids and adults) had to come to the aquatic center.

On a VERY positive note; our aids, guards, and managers performed exceptionally in an extraordinary year!!! We always have swimmers that need to be assisted in the water, but this year we had a couple of incidents that can

be described as near drowning and our staff performed just as they have been trained and how they practice, and saved lives!! There were no serious injuries, disturbances, or disciplinary issues. A REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT!!!

Our staff was very vigilant this year on continuing education and training. They were also very vigilant to enhanced sanitation practices.

Finally, we served nearly 6,000 patrons for public swimming and received no indication of a COVID-19 infection originating at the pool. Some employees and patrons left or were asked to not come to the facility because of symptoms, but no there were no known infections.

A formal season report will be submitted once all financials are calculated.

### 2020 Fairbank Aquatic Center Preliminary Analysis By The Numbers

- Private Lesson Fee 79% increase
- Daily Admission 7.6% Increase
- Family Pass 60% decrease
- Single Pass 42% decrease
- Private Parties 16% decrease
- Concessions 34% decrease
- Public Lessons 100% decrease
- Days closed due to weather/low attendance 53% decrease

### Total Patrons

- June 51% decrease
- July 7.6% decrease
- August 5.3% increase
- YEAR TOTAL 20.5% decrease



Staff are shown on their first day.

## Guest Editorial: What's your choice?

We all have a choice to make in the upcoming election. Here are just a few to consider...

You know the old saying, the best predictor of the future, is the past. Sandy Salmon is running for RE-election in Iowa House District #63. Sandy is predictive. Just look at her past. Sandy tells you her position on issues and then votes to back up those positions. Take a short walk with me...

Sandy has voted for a balanced budget

for Iowa spending. Why is this important? Look at the states that are run by liberals who are not good stewards of their state's funds. These are the states that are asking for bail out money because they continually overspend. This has resulted in Congress holding up your COVID relief money.

Speaking of the states that are run by the Democrat Party, those same states are the ones that are experiencing a high crime rate, in part because hate groups are

forcibly silencing those who don't speak their narrative. Watch out! This is a direct violation of your right to "free speech." Sandy condemns racism but supports our Constitutional Right to free speech. She believes that law and order is the only way for all Iowans to be truly free.

Lastly, if there is one thing COVID has shown us, is that our religious rights are being chipped away. Whatever your religious affiliation, or lack thereof, imagine a world where you are not free to make your own choice about your god. Where government dictates whether or not you

may "gather together." It looks much like nations we have been at war with. Sandy strongly stands up for our Constitutional Right for religious liberties.

Now more than ever, we see that State government is as important as Federal. We have a choice to make in November. Roll the dice with Iowa's future? Or vote with a 'predictive past record?' Sandy Salmon is predictive. Look up her voting record from the past and rest, knowing she will have our backs in the future. Vote to re-elect Sandy Salmon.

Lynne Bellile, Readlyn

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# Wapsie Valley Future Farmers of America

## Sydney Matthias donates market heifer to Food Pantry

Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

Currently in the United States, demand for meat is not being met because there is a massive shortage of beef. In response to this need, Wapsie Valley FFA member Sydney Matthias recently participated in the BEEF UP Iowa Program where she provided her market heifer for the His Hands Food Pantry.

The meat donated will feed over 80 families locally across Bremer and Buchanan Counties.

This program is run by the Iowa Beef Producers, who started the BEEF UP Iowa Program, as well as Iowa State Universi-

ty where the meat is processed. The FFA member chooses the food pantry where the packaged meat will be sent once the animal is harvested.

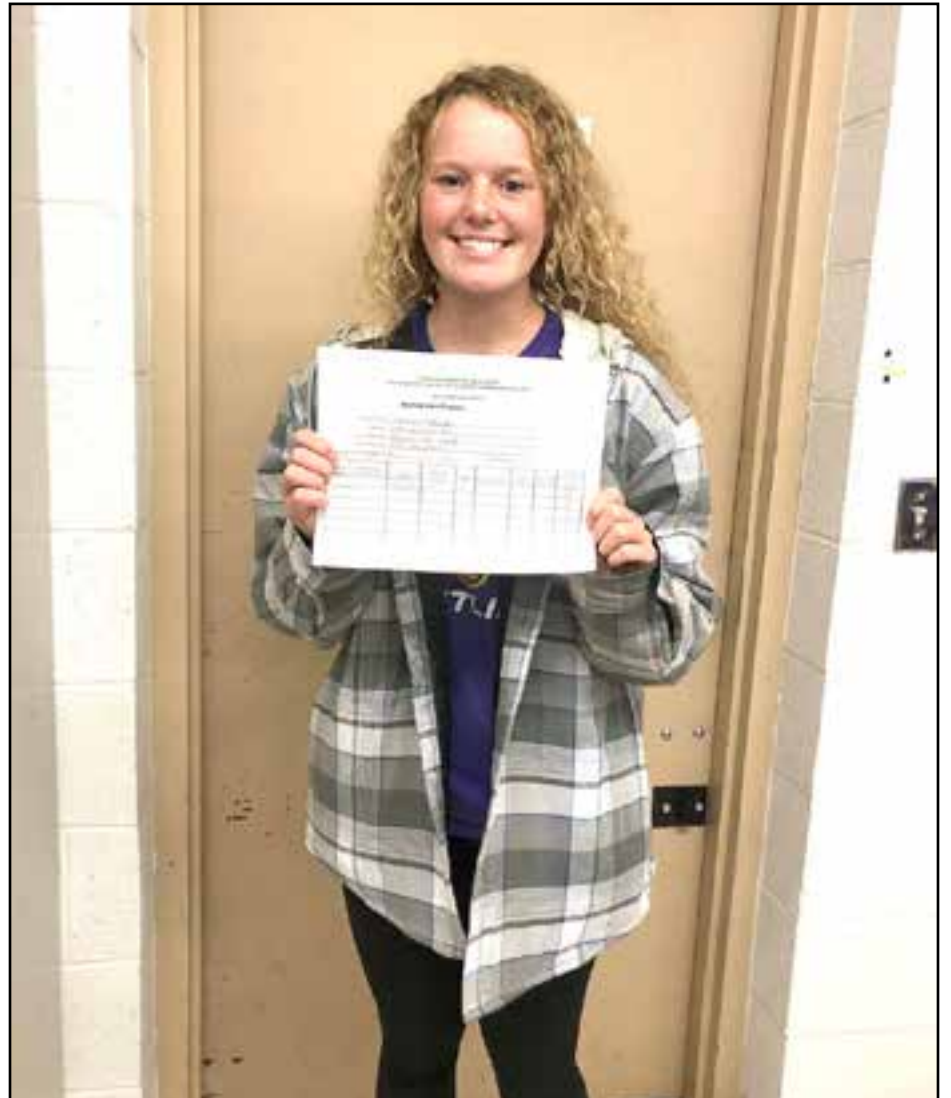
Sydney is a sophomore at Wapsie Valley High School and had this to say about her donation:

"I feel super honored to be a part of something so impactful and just being able to give back to my community after all of the support I've gotten."

Sydney showed her market heifer at the Bremer County Fair, as well as at the Iowa State Fair during the 4-H and FFA Exhibitor Show this past summer.



Sydney Matthias shows her market heifer at the Iowa State Fair.



Sydney Matthias holds the contract of her market heifer that is going to Iowa State.

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