

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Reading Community Club sending out 2020 with a bang

Readlyn Community Club (RCC) hopes to start sending out 2020 with a bang by supporting the Christmas Lighting Contest and letters to Santa.

Readlyn Telephone Company is adding to the festivities by sponsoring the traditional ham raffle. Please stop by the library to enter by December 10, 2020.

Saturday, December 12, will be a day to remember. Santa will be riding in a Readlyn fire truck throughout town starting at 6:00 pm. (See the map at right.) The large, wooden soldier outside the bank is where kids can deposit letters to him. Santa is hoping kids will write their letters early so that his elves have

plenty of time to make the right gifts.

Since Santa's elves are busy making gifts, he has asked all former Readlyn Grumps to fill bags with his usual Christmas treats. Local residents will fill in for the elves and hand out these treats along the parade route. But ... wait for it ... wait for it ...

Fireworks!! RCC was lucky enough to book Eric Johnston's mom, Dianne Hauschild, from Flashing Thunder and the Iowa Pyrotechnics Association. She plans to give us an amazing preview of the Grump Days' 2021 fireworks. More than likely, fireworks will be viewed from your car. December looks to be an exciting month.



Readlyn Betterment Group helps bring The Center Inn back to life

This year has proven to be full of challenges for almost every business, including our little small town bar and restaurant. When the previous owners decided to close up shop and put "The Watering Hole" (The Center Inn) up for sale in the late spring, many in the community started voicing ideas and plans to purchase the property to ensure our very own Center Inn would soon again be open to customers. The Readlyn Betterment Group was formed and the group has been determined to revive one of Readlyn's most historic businesses.

The Center Inn is a staple part of our community and it has been for more than 40 years. Irv and Lou Fortsch started it all in 1979 when they purchased and named their business The Center Inn. It changed hands over the years and sometimes even changed names. Nevertheless, many in our community still refer to it as The Center Inn. There is so much history tied to the property. The stories are endless. Many stories include some of our community members' most special life memories; wedding receptions,

graduation parties, birthday parties, variety shows and so much more. Having a place for our community to celebrate these life events has always been a blessing and the plan is to keep the traditions going.

The last month has proven that it is not only the members of the Readlyn Betterment Group that care about the future of The Center Inn, but the whole community. Workdays were held at the end of October and early in November to help clean up the buildings. Community members, young and old, scrubbed equipment, hauled out junk, and tore out walls. Others took down signs, repaired walls, and moved furniture. It has been a group effort and will continue to be a group effort until the buildings are ready for opening; hopefully, before the New Year.

One of the prime blessings for the Readlyn Betterment Group is the partnership with Jim and Bev Collins who will be running the operations. Having The Center Inn open again will allow them to stay in the community with their catering services

while they also operate the bar and restaurant. They will put together a team that will make the business thrive and bring energy to the downtown nightlife once again. Be on the lookout for some exciting things happening as soon as opening occurs!

The opening of The Center Inn is just what Readlyn needs in this year full of unfortunate events. However, the re-opening is not the only goal of the Readlyn Betterment Group. There are also plans

to complete some much needed renovations to both buildings so the community can continue to enjoy the historic property for many years to come. There are even plans in the works for an outdoor beer garden! The revitalization will take extensive time, planning and work, but it will be something for our community to continue to look forward to. Until then, be sure to visit The Center Inn often and have a beer with your neighbors!

Pick out your Christmas tree safely

The pandemic has brought about many challenges for individuals, families and businesses. Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm, located three and one-half miles west of Fairbank, has been undergoing enormous changes to make this year's Christmas tree season safe for everyone, as COVID-19 guidelines will be followed to ensure everyone's safety.

"Building a larger warming shed for our customers has always been on my bucket list," owner Bob Moulds said. "With all the COVID restrictions needed this year to keep everyone safe, this was the time to build. We will use the older sheds for the roping, wreaths and miscellaneous items.

"The new shed will have an attached walk through with four different credit card/cash paying stations. Customers will have separate entrance and exit doors, and also the opportunity to pay through a walk up window if not comfortable coming inside to pay.

"We will still serve hot chocolate and cookies, but through a walk up window. This year will be different, but we're doing all we can to keep our workers and

customers safe," Moulds added.

Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm will open Black Friday, November 27, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and every weekend thereafter through December 13, as well as weekdays from 1 – 5 p.m.

There are six varieties of trees that include the Scotch, White and Red Pines, Concolor, Canaan and Fraser Firs, and a selection of pre-cut Fraser Firs. Each tree is individually tagged and sized with the price for your convenience. The selection of fresh wreaths, roping, swags, door arches, mailbox covers, crosses, and bough bundles will also be available. Maps of the tree farm and saws are provided, plus there will be helpers to help carry your tree.

Moulds said, "We are anxious to seeing our former customers and friends and look forward to meeting new ones. Your safety will be our first concern, but your family will still be able to have a fun and memorable experience as you find the perfect tree and holiday trimmings."

You can also follow Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm on Facebook.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 pm, Readlyn Community Club meeting, Center Inn

Final day to register for the ham drawing, library

Saturday, December 12, 6:00 pm, Santa parade through town

6:30 pm fireworks behind Farmers Co-op

Sunday, December 13, Christmas light judging



The new warming shed at Wapsie Pines Christmas Tree Farm, Fairbank, is shown above. The larger shed provides a safe environment for all customers by following COVID-19 guidelines. Bob Moulds and his son, Brian, (shown at right) along with grandson, Riley, and other seasonal workers have been busy getting everything ready for the Christmas season. Photos contributed

Grump's Grumblings

By Charlie Albrecht



It could really be easy to claim the title of Old Grump this year. With all of those reasons (COVID-19, no Freedom Rock dedication, no Grump Days, extremely dry summer, low crop yields, COVID-19 problems continue and more), one could really be Grumpy. I even publicly stated, "I suppose Biden could be elected president" -- one should be very careful what he might say.

So, I'm not the Grump this year, and we should be so grateful for all that has gone right. Although COVID did hit this community, it could have been much worse. Everyone has been very careful to stop the spread, we did have some events, Main Street was decorated for fall and the town has been decorated for Christmas. The Historical Society hosted their Ice Cream Sundae event, the school is open, fall sports have been very successful, we have come together with open churches, and we could most likely say, "A community that prays together, stays together." We all can thank God for all we have.

A huge thank you to all poll workers. As someone who has served as a local precinct election worker for several years, we can really appreciate those who served in that position this year.

Wilda and I have really cut back on travel this year -- one day events to meet family in Rockford, IL, Janesville, WI, and also to Medalia, MN. We were really blessed to be able to be the Yield Checkers for the local yield contest sponsored by the local banks. Walking across corn and soybean fields with a measuring wheel is great exercise and it is very enjoyable.

As I write this, we have really enjoyed the great fall weather, and seeing all of the wildlife around the farm. We carefully stay involved in community activities and find time for a few card games and small gatherings.

We do count our blessings daily, and wish you all safe Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

God Be With You, Till We Meet Again,
Charlie Albrecht, Grump 2016



Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! November has been an interesting month, and I'm glad you're here to read about it.

At the very end of October, the Wapsie Valley volleyball team won the last round of District play and punched our ticket to state! This game was against St. Ansgar, and our girls absolutely dominated. We were all so proud of the way they played and how unified all of their actions and movements were. However, I'm sure almost everybody has heard by now, the team was quarantined a couple of days before the state tournament, and, while that was heartbreaking, there were a couple of good outcomes of this experience.

First off, we were able to continue our

learning from home by using Zoom and other technological resources to communicate with our teachers and classmates. Secondly, the Wapsie community has been so supportive and creative in finding ways to support our girls from afar, and we are all so thankful for that. Since being quarantined, each player has had visitors drop off various items and treats at our doors to keep our spirits up almost every day.

This quarantine kept me at home for most of the month, so I would consider that to be what is TRENDING NOW, in my life! Thank you so much for reading, I hope to have more to share with you next month!

-Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020



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Readlyn Community Happenings

Auxiliary creates library display which includes 365 poppies

The Wayne Teisinger VFM Auxiliary #5661 Readlyn, met at the Readlyn Library meeting room November 10, 2020 with 6 members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. An audit was held October 18. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Darlene Peters to accept the audit. Carried. Volunteer hours were turned in.

Mid-Winter conference is January 15- 16, 2021 at Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Ellen Thies took 128 flag etiquette papers to Readlyn Elementary School and 61 to Community Lutheran School. Ellen Thies and Verdeen Pavelec set up Readlyn Library display case with 11 flags, Angel poppy wreath, 3 crosses, Flanders Field poem, certificates for Healthy Auxiliary, Veterans Military & Suicide Awareness, use of lots of poppies and hospital award from state convention. We used a total of 365 poppies.

The Post and Auxiliary wooden Christmas tree will be put up for display at Christmas downtown. We will send Christmas cards to servicemen and Auxiliary shut-ins.

We sang Happy Birthday to Marjorie Macken. Hostess was Marjorie Macken.

Readlyn Senior Citizens meet

On October 22, 2020, 11 members attended the 11:30 meal at Inspired for the Senior Citizens lunch and meeting. Judith Leistikow called the meeting to order.

We all sang Happy Birthday to Larry Ladage as he was gone last month and in the hospital. His birthday was September 12. Larry thanked the group for sending him a get well card.

GaryLee Thurm will celebrate his birthday this month, so we sent him a birthday card. He treated the Senior Citizen group to a pumpkin bar treat.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$272.00.

The secretary's minutes were read by MaryLou Billhorn for the September 16 meeting. Motion was made by Larry Ladage and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to approve the treasurer's and secretary's reports. Motion carried.

Old Business:

It was reported that there were 22 golf carts that went on the Annual Golf Cart

ride on the bike trail September 19. Happy Birthday again to Esther Wittenburg. It was fun by all!

Don Billhorn moved to make plans to visit the Poor Farm next summer instead of in October. Janet Ladage seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Friday, October 23, the Community Club will be meeting. Decorating for Christmas will be November 14. Help is needed.

Kindergarten-2nd grade will write letters to Santa to be printed in the *Chronicle*.

December 12, Santa will be in town. More details to follow. Don Billhorn will be the contact for the Santa bags for the children.

The next Senior Citizens' meeting will be November 18.

Verdeen Pavelec made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and Marlys Deterding seconded it. Motion carried.

MaryLou Billhorn, Acting Secretary



Doris and Larry Hagenow

Hagenow/60th

Larry and Doris Hagenow celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 13, 2020, with a small family celebration.

If you would like to send them a card their address is 2306 Sable Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668.

Santa's Aronia Extravaganza

Dean and Donna Mangrich of The 'WHAT?' Berry Farm, 3129 236 St., Fairbank, will be hosting a Santa's Aronia Extravaganza on Black Friday, November 27, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The farm is located three miles north of the Wapsie Valley High School.

Jean and Brittini Webber of Cascade, IA will be on hand with Aronia Essentials. Aronia Essentials features a full line of spa and personal care products, all derived

from the popular Aronia berry.

You'll find wonderful gift ideas for young and old, men and women, and children too! You'll also be able to sample Aronia muffins and the Aronia/Apple/Cinnamon cider, a healthy treat on a cold winter's night!

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and all are welcome! In case of inclement weather, please call ahead at 319-240-5627!



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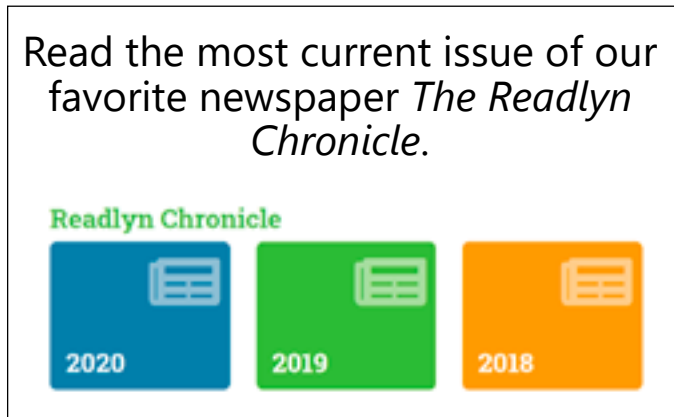
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Curbside pick-up and delivery are still available on request.

Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

**December: Readers will discuss a book of their choice at
their annual dinner.**

Regular titles will return in January.



Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

Memories of the railroad in Readlyn

The Depot

The depot was located at the very south end of Main Street in Readlyn. It had three big rooms. The east room was the waiting room. Benches were at the sides. Seats were separated by arm-rests. In the northeast corner there was a window to the middle room, the depot agent's office. Here the business of the railway was transacted. Tickets were bought at the window and telegrams were sent. The depot agent used Morse code to transmit telegraphs. The south part of this room was extended out several feet so that the agent had a better view of the track in both directions.

The west room was a storeroom where freight was stored before being shipped out. Railway carts were available for loading and unloading. These carts had high wheels to make the bed

of the cart level with the floor of the train car. Incoming freight was stored here.

The depot stood empty for several years after the rail line was abandoned until Leo Wittenburg, who owned the stockyard business nearby, tore it down. The only physical remnant of the Readlyn depot is the sign,

"Readlyn," now in the Readlyn Historical building. The sign was from one of the ends of the station. I can only imagine the activity in the depot in the early 1900s when everything was shipped in and out by rail. There were few automobiles. Communication by telegraph was the urgent method of communication for industry and business. The last depot agent in Readlyn was Duane Tobey. He was retained by the purchaser and, after assignments in Fort Dodge, Waterloo, etc., he retired

from his last position in Oelwein.

The Dinky

The dinky was a combination mail and passenger train that operated between Oelwein and Clarion, Iowa. There were two other trains pulled by a gasoline engine in Iowa called dinky, one near Ames. The entire train consisted of the engine and two cars, a passenger car and a mail car. The train engine was gas-operated. Each day, the train came out of Oelwein and arrived in Readlyn at approximately 9:20 a.m. Bill Seeman, with his two-wheeled pushcart, would be waiting with the outgoing mail and then take the incoming mail to the post office. The dinky would travel west to Clarion where it was turned around. Around 5:30 p.m., the dinky would return to Readlyn. Bill Seeman would again be waiting with the outgoing mail. Bill did not have to go far to work. The Seeman home was directly across from the Readlyn Savings Bank on Main Street.

The bulk of the mail coming to Readlyn came in the morning. Bill's cart was often piled high with bags of mail and packages, many containing items ordered from the Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery-Ward catalogs. Most every family had one or both of these catalogs. Much merchandise was ordered by mail. Evening mail was lighter. The *Waterloo Courier* came in the evening mail. The evening paper was loaded in Waverly, brought there from Waterloo by the WCF&N.

Two people rode in the mail car. Their job was to sort the mail picked up along the way. I could find no pictures of the dinky. Perhaps, if some of you would

sort through your old photos, a picture of the dinky might be found.

Riding The Dinky

By Marlys Miller Ohl

I don't know why we always called the little train "the dinky." I never heard it called anything else.

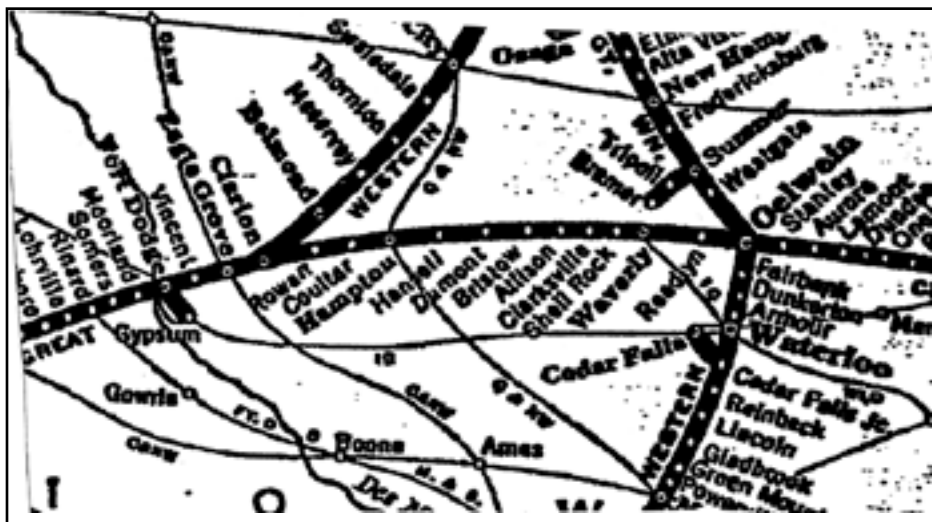
In 1936, when I was fourteen, I started taking the dinky to Waverly. My best friend, Betty Bowdish, had just moved to Waverly from Readlyn. I would take the train to Waverly at 9 a.m. and return at about 6 p.m. Sometimes on summer vacations I would stay a week. You could always hear the dinky coming 5 or 10 minutes before it got there because of its distinctive hooting whistle.

It was very comfortable, really deluxe. There were big, overstuffed easy chairs of red and green velvet scattered about. There was a cute little restroom. Everything was very clean. I think I was always the only passenger. It cost 25 cents.

All of my life in Readlyn, I knew when to get the mail. When I heard the dinky whistle, I'd hop on my bike and, by the time I got to the post office, the cart with mail would be there, hand pushed.

Thinking about the dinky brings back very happy memories.

Marlys is the daughter of Art and Melinda Matthias Miller. Darlene Schiller, Norene, Roald "Bud" and James were others in her family. Norene, Bud and James, following their mother, dedicated their lives to the Jehovah's Witness religion.



Shown above is the route of the dinky, which traveled from Oelwein to Clarion, Iowa, and back. The dinky was built in 1903. Below is a photo of the Depot located in Readlyn. Photo contributed



Summer Fun

Bud Miller, Vernon Stumme, my sister, Carol, Iris June Freitag, Marian Moeller, and I, along with others, rode the Dinky to Waverly to swim. Two nickel hamburgers and a dime malt cost 20 cents, swimming a dime, and the fare on the Dinky 27 cents, for a total of 67 cents. Today we are amazed at these figures. The United States was not yet out of the depression. It took a while for us to accumulate 67 cents. We seldom asked our parents for money. I dug worms for my uncle Harold, 10 cents for a hundred worms. We saved for quite a while to make this trip. Finding a penny or someone giving us a penny would make us happy. Riding the Dinky to Waverly was for us a thrill, especially riding over Crane Creek.

Reiny Freitag and a few of his buddies, Wayne and Dale Kuethe, Glenn, Al, and Erv Fortsch, along with Norman Seeman and others, also rode the dinky to Waverly to swim. Reiny remarked that the hamburgers at Roy's were greasy, but delicious. They were not fried on a skillet. Meat was rolled into a ball and thrown into a huge container of grease, then ladled out and flattened. 5 cents! Eggs at Roy's were also not fried. They were broken into the grease then fished out. Roy's was a popular place to eat.

Readlyn City Council Minutes

Obituary

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, November 9, 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. Absent: Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Jessica Anderson, Hailey Broten, Eric Johnston.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the October 13, 2020 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve bills presented for payment. All

said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve Treasurer/clerk reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve the budget report. Library report was unavailable. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Community Club members discussed with the council the options of Santa Claus visit and fireworks on December 12. Council is leaving deci-

sions up to the Conununity Club.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve liquor license for Sunrise-Center Inn, Inc. dba The Center Inn subject to paperwork being completed. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Jones to approve Change Order #5 for the wetland project. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve final pay request #7 in the amount of \$4,120.99 to Dave Schmitt Construction for the wetland project. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Resolution No. 848 entitled "RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STORMWATER WETLAND PROJECT." Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 848 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve pay request from Kirvan Enterprises for work completed at 340 Goodell in the amount of \$23,150.00 under the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Grant. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to approve employee health insurance renewal Wellmark U5X/TMW - Blue Access effective 1-1-2021, representing a premium increase of 14.04 percent. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation board meeting.

Council received an update on the recent EBRA board meeting.

Council received a letter from Steve Deterding request compensation from the City of Readlyn for water runoff damage to his property. No action taken, matter to be studied further.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J. Buhr, City Clerk

Kevin Shonka, 59 of Tripoli, Iowa, passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at his home in Tripoli.



Kevin was born Jan. 3, 1961, in Sumner, Iowa, the son of Paul and LaDonna (Hogan) Shonka. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly. He graduated in 1979 from Tripoli High School. He was united in marriage to Susan M. Jacob on October 8, 1983, at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He previously worked at Bantam (Terex), Dick's Petroleum and Midway Implement. He retired in February 2019 from New Hampton Red Power after more than 20 years. He also farmed with his father and brother, Dale, for many years.

He was a member of the Wapsi Sportsmen's Club. He enjoyed hunting, golfing and playing cards. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, especially giving them tractor rides.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Sue Shonka of Tripoli; a daughter, Kasey (Chad) Widdel of Denver; a son, Jacob (fiancé, Micah Wieditz) Shonka of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren, Gunner, Jovie and Hattie Widdel, numerous brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and his wife's family.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Joan Meyer, an infant brother, Richard Shonka, and his father and mother-in-law, Charles and Shirley Jacob.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, November 19, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly. Visitation was from 3 to 7 p.m. at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and for one hour prior to the memorial service on Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Warrior Way & More

November is a great time to celebrate the successes of the Wapsie Valley CSD students and staff thus far in the 2020-21 school year. First and foremost, let's celebrate the daily success stories in our classrooms of student learning opportunities. This daily development of our students goes unnoticed at times, but needs to be celebrated and recognized for all the dedication of students, staff, parents, and community support here at Wapsie Valley.

I had the great pleasure of watching two of our Wapsie Valley Cross Country athletes run at the state competition this past weekend. Sydnie Martin and Ava VanDaele represented Wapsie Valley with outstanding performances for their first appearances at this state-level competition. Ava placed 32nd and Sydnie placed 37th out of 152 runners. I have a feeling that return trips to Fort Dodge are in order to cheer these two athletes and outstanding people on!

The Wapsie Valley Football Team is still competing for a state title at the time of this writing. Win or lose, as this team moves forward, they have demonstrated true teamwork, dedication, and grit during these uncertain times, giving all Warrior supporters an enjoyable season to watch. Many players are leading in individual stats at a conference and/or state level within Class A.

WVCSD also honors two students for their recent accomplishments. Asa Kelley received an All-State Chorus honor for his voice performance. Grace Imbrogno was acknowledged for an All-State Volleyball Academic honor. We are very proud of these two for their talents and hard work in fine arts and academics.

Last, but certainly not least, are the huge accomplishments of the Warriors Volleyball Team. This group of student athletes qualified for their second straight state tournament appearance. This team was on high gear and dominating opponents during regional competition. Their season was cut short due to a positive COVID-19 case, but this situation should not diminish the outstanding accomplishments of this team.

An Iowa winter is looming just in front of us and Wapsie Valley CSD will strive to continue outstanding classwork performances while being enhanced by all extra-curricular activities. Stay Warrior Strong and Safe!

Dave Larson- Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

Send news to the *Chronicle* at:
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dear santa...

Kindergarten letters to Santa Claus from Readlyn Elementary

Dear Santa,

I would like to know how do your reindeer fly?

I have been good, I cleaned my room all by myself. I would like to ask for \$1000 to buy these things that have wheels on them, I think it's a hoverboard. Could you bring everybody in my class \$1000? Did you know that I can run fast? I would like to give you a gift, I would like you to have your own Christmas scarf.

From fast Parker

Dear Santa,

How do you fly in your sleigh?

I have been good. I cleaned up the living room, I cleaned up my room and I cleaned in my mommy's room. I would like a baby doll that cries. I want to give Gentry a baby too. I want Reid to get a boy doll and Macie a girl doll and Will a boy doll.

Love you,
Reagan

Dear Santa,

Why do you have a fuzz ball on your hat?

I have been good this year, I picked up my room, I maked my bed and do my chores when my sister asks me to do my chores. I want my friend Reid to have a play dinosaur. I want a dinosaur that I can shoot it. I want my dad to have a new pistol.

From fast Kaden

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News from **Community Lutheran School**



3-year-old preschool - CLS spirit day



4-year-old preschool wearing socks during Red Ribbon Week - "Socking it to drugs"



4-year-old preschool - team day



First and second graders pledging to be drug free!



Lily, Amelia, Gunner, Tate, Oliver - Extended Day Preschool CLS spirit day



Macie, Liv, Brooke, Blakey, and Brea, Team day- we are a team at CLS that stays away from drugs!



Grace playing USA election memory match



Oliver and Weston wearing pajamas during Red Ribbon Week. "Dreaming of a drug free world!"



Kindergarten enjoying the beautiful fall weather!

News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Readlyn Elementary is appreciative of our local fire department for coming and talking about fire safety.

Letters to Santa Claus from 2nd grade

Dear santa, How is Miss Claus, May I have a dirt bike for Christmas and my own planet, I have a joke for you. Why didn't the Easter bunny laugh??? He didn't have a bunny bone hahahahaha, I also have a question or two for you. How many Presidents have been elected in the north pole? Have I been nice or notey? Sincerely your friendly neighborhood *EVAN* p.s. Have you ever hit a homer???????

Dear Santa - Here is a joke: why did the cow cross the road. And how is Rudolph how are all the reindeer but I hope they are good. how are you? And how is Mrs. Claus and the elves and how many people are there in this world? My guess is 9100,000000. From *Gunner*.

Dear Santa. Heer is my list. New rc car. Star wars lego set. Harry potter lego set. Desk, Piano, Robot lego set. mattress. A cat tree. A computer. How old are you? By. *Porter morris*

Hello, how are you doing? And my name is kingston, for christmas can I please have a fox sudafed animal, sincerely your lovely *kingston ball*

Dear Santa - Do you have any new reindeer? How many cookies do you eat in one night? How is my ELF? Some things I want for christmas are... Rocket league. DARTH VADER costume. DARTH VADER light saber. Minecraft dungeons. Minecraft cliffs and caves. Joke.What did the paper say to the other paper. Answer.I was write. Sincerely *Donovan*. p.s.It was funny when you gave my dad candy cole.

Dear Santa - How are you doing up in the North Pole and I was wondering if I could ask you some questions like do you get presents on Christmas and why did my elf Drummer not come last year and how were elves born that is all till next year. Sincerely your friend *Jackson Brunscheon* p.s. Can I have Blizin and Dasher

Dear santa, I have a question for you. Are the elves still coming? I want an ipod for christmas. Is it really cold there? Mebe could you bring my dog a present? I hope you have fun delivering presents. Love, *Madeline Forsyth*

Dear Santa, What is a cow's favorite to do at school, Moosic, Do you have any siblings, Where did you find all your reindeer, When were you born, When were your reindeer born, Who were you born from, Can I please have a wishing ring with magic and a magic wand, Do you like cookies with eggnog or milk, Do your elves make the toys, Am I good, When you were little did you go to school, Can I please have a pet for my elf, How many people have been bad this year, Do you like everybody in the world that is nice, What

does your slay look like, How high does your slay go, How fast does your slay go, What do you do in the Summer, What do you eat in the Summer, Is Rudolph's nose so bright still, Can my brothers please have the same things for Christmas, I hope you a safe ride, Love *Avery*

Hello Santa, For Christmas I want these things. Minecraft Dungeons paper Mario color splash paper Mario the Origami King King BOO King BOOs frens rainbow blocks in Minecraft 1000 big blns 100 small blns snowman stuffed animal stuffed animal skeltin Feoshin droid stuffed animal Droumc stuffed animal Endrclosis stuffed animal. Love *Kaelan*

Dear Santa, For christmas I wate roombo and a phone. drt bike ninteno .for christmas Madin 21 for my xbox. For christmas. Here is my christmas list.cin-serle, love *Bentley* by Santa

Dear santa, Thank you for the present's last year. My christmas list. A rumba for my dad. A croschaing kit for my mom. A camping & beach lego set for me and a hoverboard. Sincerely, *Ellie*

Dear Santa, What kind of cookies do you like, can my family have 2 bugatti please and a lamborghini, what is Santa's favorite cearel, ho ho puff's, how cold is it at the north pole! can I have a nintendo switch please and a ps5 and the new game miles morales and thank you Santa,can I have 2 red motor saikal PLEASE! Sincerely, *Reece*

Dear Santa-How are you doing in the North Pole? How old is Elsee? How cold is it in the North Pole? What I want for Christmas-Pet dog Tendow swic Maginse, Fim for canvas, Toothbrush Skruchys Bike, From *Brylee*

Dear santa, Thank you for the presents last year. Things I want for Christmas. Scrunchys Roomba School stuff American boy doll Questions, How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? How do you get on to the rooftop? How are you? From, *Silvi*

Dear Santa, How cold is it at the north pole? how old are you? Can I please have an elf at my house? What do you do in the summer? Do you have any siblings? I would like: a marshmello costume,a DJ board,a marshmello mask and marshmello gloves. What did the Atlantic ocean say to the Arctic ocean? Nothing it just waved. Merry christmas, *Jayden*

Daer Santa - How are you? I want minecraft and a puppy and a ps2. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk I leave you. 1. How cold is it? 2. Are you invisible? Your friend *Cael*



Readlyn 2nd graders were learning about paper towers and then they were asked to test the strength of their tower with a classroom book.



Staff and students love to dress up for Halloween!



The Readlyn preschool students are wearing their homemade firemen hats in honor of Fire Prevention Week.

Asa Kelley named to All-State Chorus

Asa Kelley of Wapsie Valley High School has attained the highest individual honor available to Iowa high school musicians by being selected as a member of the 2020 All-State Chorus. Asa is son of Shane and Sherry Kelley of Fairbank, IA and is a vocal student of Abbie Jones.

The 2020 Festival concert would have celebrated the 74th anniversary of this prestigious event.

District Auditions for the 268-piece All-State Band, 211-piece All-State Orchestra,

and 601-member All-State Chorus were held virtually October 22-24, 2020, at Le Mars, Hampton, Independence, Atlantic, Indianola, and Washington.

While the 2020 All-State Music Festival Concert has been canceled due to health safety concerns caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, that in no way diminishes the accomplishment of the young musicians designated as members of the 2020 All-State Band, Choir, or Orchestra.



What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to billhorn@netins.net

Wonder Syrup
 From the kitchen of: Clara Janke Meier

For coughs due to colds

Ingredients:
 5 onions
 1/3 qt. warm water
 1/3 lb. brown sugar

Boil 1 hour until it syrups, then strain, add: juice of one lemon, a few tsp. honey.

Directions:
 Take 2 tsp. morning and night.

Crab Corners - Appetizer - From the kitchen of Pat Wehr

Ingredients:
 6 English muffins split and toasted
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 2 scallions (green onions - chop all of the onion)
 several dashes of Tobasco
 6 oz. canned crab meat (I prefer chunks), drained
 8 oz. cream cheese (I use whipped.)
 2 Tbsp. mayo
 1/2 tsp black pepper

1. Place the 12 split and toasted English muffins on a cookie sheet(s) that will fit into your freezer.
2. While the muffins cool, melt the butter in a microwave; use the same bowl to mix the rest of the ingredients.
3. Distribute the mixture evenly onto the muffin halves; spread over the muffin.
4. Place the muffins on the cookie sheet into the freezer for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. (You want them firm enough to easily cut but not frozen.)
5. Remove the muffins from the freezer; cut each into 1/4ths.
6. Toss into a freezer bag and freeze. (You could divide into several bags.)

Bake at 425° for 11 - 12 minutes until the tops are barely brown. Serve warm. The beauty is you have 48 ready-made treats when unexpected guests stop by.



Kindergarten letters to Santa Claus from Readlyn Elementary

Dear Santa,

Why do you always put on your hat?
 I have been good, doing my laundry and doing my chores and also putting my clothes in my drawer and making my bed. I would like a remix boombox with bad girl, metal chic, and Fiercerocious, and the girl that sings goo goo queen and their little sisters. I would like my best friend Kylie to get a first OMG dazzle doll.

Love you Santa,
Brielle

Dear Santa,

How do you make all the toys?
 I have been good this year. When my dad said to clean the yard I helped clean the yard. I want the boys in my class to get a Spiderman watch and the girls to get a mermaid watch. I want my sisters to get a Barbie set and my brothers to get some cars and my big brothers to get Pokemon cards. I want a unicorn watch and a princess watch and an LOL doll.

Love,
Sydney

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly?
 I have been good. I have been cooking with my mom and playing with my brother. I would like a purple scooter for me and a blue one for my brother. Can you bring a new doll for Brielle? I want Reagan to have a scooter too. I want a purple and pink teddy bear.

I Love You Santa,
Caitlynne

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“Patterns and Game Plans”

ejohnston@mossyoakprostaff.com

What a fantastic hunting season in 2020 I’ve had this far! Waterfowl hunting has been good, I have gotten out after some pheasants, but what has had me fired up all fall is chasing whitetails with my PSE bow and Traditions Muzzleloader.

I have really gotten into pursuing a couple specific bucks, and that has made the challenge and strategy of my hunts so fun. This month I will go over some of the patterns and game plans I’ve used to help me harvest a great buck during early muzzleloader season in October.

This story actually begins all the way back to last March. As I’ve stated before, whitetail deer hunting is a year-round process for me. I had been given permission to hunt some ground close to home, and was so excited. For years I had traveled a lot to deer hunt and it’s so great to be able to hunt and be back home in minutes.

I started scouting the properties right away and even put out trail cameras in the spring just to get a gauge on how many deer were in the area. While I didn’t find any shed antlers, I had found a lot of signs (rubs, scrapes, trails, etc.) and many very big tracks throughout the property. After a few scouting trips I had everything narrowed down to what I thought to be the most high percentage areas on the property and planned to have up four tree-stands throughout the property.

As the year progressed, I eagerly awaited when the bucks in the area would begin their antler growth. By mid-June they started to take shape as to what they would become. As we got into July, I had two bucks that I decided I wanted to specifically hunt. They were both eight-pointers and one was very wide racked and the other was very tall. As summer wore on, I scouted lightly from a distance, watching the beanfields from the truck with binoculars. I saw both of them frequently and had a good idea through the trail camera pictures and glassing the fields, where they were bedding and feeding.

When October 1 finally arrived (Iowa’s bow season opener), I was ready in between where the bedding area was and where they were feeding. I set-up close to the bedding area, but not too close as to

bump them out before they got up to feed in the evening.

The first few hunts of the season yielded a lot of deer sightings and encounters with smaller bucks, but I had not seen either of the bucks I was after. As you might remember, early fall was very dry here and some of the little ponds along the river bottom had begun to dry up and new growth started to sprout out of these pond beds. I started to notice quite a few sets of deer tracks around these pond beds. I decided it was time to set up a new strategy and target these little ponds as food sources for the deer. The beanfields had dried up and had started to be harvested. The new growth in the pond was succulent to the deer and suddenly nature had made several food plots throughout the timber.

I moved a stand that put me between a bedding area, and one of the bigger ponds. I also put up a camera watching the pond. After a day or two, I checked the camera and, to my surprise, the tall-tined eight-point had proved my hunch right as I had pictures of him feeding in there in the evenings. My next chance to hunt would be Early Muzzleloader and I was excited as I felt I had a real good opportunity to get the buck with this new-found pattern he was on.

I wasn’t able to get out to hunt until Monday after work. As I got to the timber, as usual I felt like I was running behind. I parked my four wheeler further from the timber than usual to try not to spook deer that may already be on their feet. I loaded the muzzleloader and checked the time. It was 4:30 and I was definitely late. I eased up to the edge of the timber and very quietly made my way to the stand. This evening there was no wind and it was as though you could hear a pin drop in the timber. I cringed with every step as I walked in the dry leaves.

As I neared the stand, I looked to my right toward the pond and there was a deer feeding in it. I looked with my binoculars and it was the tall-tined eight-pointer feeding along the back edge of the pond. This hunt suddenly became a stalk and I kept thinking there’s no way he’s not going to hear me trying to sneak up on him. At this time he was about 150 yards out

and I wanted to preferably cut that distance in half. I carefully sneaked through the woods, watching each step and trying my hardest to sound like another deer. In this area there’s an old lane leading into it and I knew, if I could get to that lane without spooking him, I was golden.

I made it up to the lane which was packed dirt with no leaves on it, so I could move quickly and quietly closer to him. I made it to within 75 yards of him and found a tree to prop my gun in. All this time he just fed throughout the pond. I readied my Traditions Muzzleloader and settled the crosshairs of the scope. My heart was racing and I took a second to calm down before I squeezed off a shot. As the smoke cleared, the buck hunched

up almost as it had been a bad shot.

“What did I do?” I thought. But it wasn’t a bad hit, the buck walked slowly up the pond edge, fell over, and was done in a matter of thirty seconds. I was so excited over how it all played out. I looked at my watch and it was 4:55 — all that only took 25 minutes. As I walked up to the buck I was humbled as the pursuit on him had ended, but so excited to target, pursue, and close the deal on such a beautiful buck!

Before I go this month, I just want to say thank-you to the two family landowners that were gracious enough to allow me to do this on their lands and the friendships we’ve formed. I truly can’t thank you enough!

Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!



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Dear Santa,
 How do your reindeer fly?
 I have been good. When Paul couldn't get the game down I got it down for him. I would like a Fitbit and a drone for Christmas. Would you get Paul a football and Evan wrestling headgear, and get Will a firetruck hot wheels set and get Kaden a remote control car and I also want a black and red remote control truck and I want to get my daddy a necklace that has a shark tooth on in. I want to get my mommy a new chair and get Morgan a little orange square thing she can shake and it has water and stuff inside it.

Thank you,
 Reid

Dear Santa,
 How does your sleigh fly?
 I have been good this year. I putted my daddy's socks away. When mom told me to put my clothes away I did. I want rollerblades and a stuffed unicorn for Christmas. I have a book that has my initials in it by the toys I want. Could you bring Macie a doll that has braids in it and the hair color is rainbow. I want Reagan to have Barbie that has clips in its hair and then you spray the hair and it turns it different colors. I want Mackee to have a Baby Shark puzzles and Josie to have a baby that looks real but it's not. I want my mommy to have a pen that looks like a llama and has a llama eraser. My dad has ripped socks and I'm going to get him another pair. I want to get Will a Spiderman boy doll. I want to get Cait an LOL doll. I would like another big kids swing for our swing set. I want to get Savina a Trolls Poppy and I also want a Poppy too.

Merry Christmas,
 Gentry

Dear Santa,
 How do you fly?
 I have been good this year. I make my bed, when mom says to clean, my sister and I do the dishes. I scrub and rinse and she puts them away and we put away the scarfs, hats, gloves and shoes. After school me and Maddie have to clean. I would like an American Girl Doll. I want her to have her sippy cup and I want her to have a daughter. I want her to have long purple curly hair and a dog. I want to give the class some pictures of my bunkbed. I want to give Brielle a swimming Barbie and I want one too.

Thank you,
 Kylie

Dear Santa,
 How do your reindeer fly?
 I have been good this year. I have been nice to my cat, and I snuggle with her and I play with her and mom said she can go in my bed. I have been nice to McKayla I play with her. For Christmas I want an LOL house with all the stuff with it and I want a Barbie house with a baby in it and I want a tv for my room and I need a remote for it. I want a movie thing and I want the movie Jasmine and Belle and the Mermaid movie Barbie movie and Princess movie and I want a pointer and a teacher room in my room. I want a puppy and my own baby cat and I want to name her Poopsie. I want a kitchen, the ABC's and some mats and I want a real baby brother and sister. I want to give to give money to Mrs. Sheppard and the whole class.

I Love you,
 Macie

Dear Santa,
 What does your house look like? I have been good this year. I have cleaned the toy room, I cleaned my room, there used to be stuffed animals in there but I put them in my toy room. Can I please have a nerf gun and a dinosaur that I can shoot and a toy Mickey Mouse that's humungous and a fuzzy Thomas the Train? I want you to have a candy cane scarf that has candy canes on it. And that's all that I want. I wish Reid could have a Spiderman toy.

Candy Cane,
 Will

Dear Santa,
 How do your reindeer fly? I have been good this year. I did my laundry for my mom and I cleaned my room. I would like a JoJo S watch and I want to give my brother a new Christmas toy, a Mickey Mouse toy. I want to get my mom a new shirt and my dad a pair of socks. My cat likes toys so I want to get him a mouse toy.

Sincerely,
 Savina

Dear Santa,
 What does my Elf Zoomie do at the North Pole? I have been good this year by cleaning up my room and I played with my cousin. Can I have a real baby puppy for Christmas and a real baby kitty. Can you get my dog a fun cozy jacket? Can you get my mom some new shirts? Can you get Lane a new pencil? Can you get Weston new basketball shoes and Lane some new basketball shoes too? Can you get my dad some new jeans? Can you get me a new teddy bear?

Merry Christmas Santa,
 Ashtyn

Dear Santa,
 How does your sleigh fly?
 I have been good, I make my bed and pick up my shoes and pick up the backyard by myself. I would like a big trampoline for Christmas that has a bar on top of it so I can hang upside down. I don't know if you can fit it in your sleigh but you could put a box in your sleigh and put the pieces of the trampoline in it. I would also like 2 laser guns to play with me and my brother. Bring my sister, my Raiden, and my Reece yo-yo's and my mom and my dad and my uncle Wynn yo-yo's too.

From,
 Ryker

Dear Santa,
 How do your reindeer fly?
 I have been good. I ate my food and watched my sister. I want a t-rex that roars really loud. I want a spineosaurs that can roar too. Please bring my sister a baby doll and a real baby. Mom and dad don't need stuff, they just need spoons and forks.

Merry Christmas,
 Ashton

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Ella Weepie, Kali Lampe, Reagan Barnes, and Kate Risse make Readlyn history by being the first ones to assemble the new nativity scene at Readlyn's Welcome Garden.



Gabe and David Matthias and Kallie Franzen are pictured with the Grump on the Stump.



President of the Readlyn Community Club Hailey Broten is pictured with her grandma and grandpa. Marlys And Roger Deterding along with Ron Leistikow (not pictured) have been the backbone of the decorating of Main Street and the City Park for nearly twenty years. The city is indebted to these four for the countless hours of service they donate.

Dressing up Main Street for Christmas

Despite the cold, misty morning, nearly 30 ambitious helpers, 18 of them high school students, turned out Saturday, November 14 to decorate Main Street and the Readlyn City Park.

In just over two hours fall decorations were removed and Christmas decorations erected. The Readlyn Community Club (RCC) served hot cocoa, homemade chocolate chip cookies, and donuts.

RCC hopes you like the newly purchased items. As customary, decorations are festooned early to try to avoid winter weather; lighting will occur after Thanksgiving.



Kory Hesse strings the lights at the gazebo in the City Park.

Have YOURSELF a MERRY Christmas

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MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Fairbank Food Center
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Fairbank
(319) 635-2139

WE WISH YOU HAPPY Holidays & Merry Christmas

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Salon: 319-279-3060
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Happy Holidays BEST WISHES!

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Merry Christmas

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Season's greetings

Farm Bureau - Lynne Bellile
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**Quarter Ave. Storage—
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Storage Available!
Call 319-240-1122**

Thank You
Readlyn Community Club greatly appreciates Jennifer Van Brocklin's extremely generous monetary gift in memory of her father Richard Richter. RCC will use it to find a suitable memorial in his name.



Holiday decoration helpers included, front row, left to right, Hannah Knight, Ella Weepie, Reagan Barnes, Kali Lampe, Kate Risse, Courtney Hesse, Emma Jones, and Jenna Hamite; back row, Eric Johnston and Hailey Broten.



Jada Aiello, Anna Curley, Corina Gray, and Jadya Buhr are ready to help Ron Leistikov bring the fall cornstalks to the burn pile.



Gabe Matthias, Ruth Wittenburg, Derrick Matthias, Vicki Pavelec, and Kallie Franzen get the toy soldier for Santa letters ready to roll in front of the bank.

Merry Christmas
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Security Mutual Insurance
234 Main St.
319-279-3893
319-267-2035

Farm Bureau - Jim Peters
Office (563) 578-8054
Office (319) 352-3667
Home (319) 279-3266

Merry Bight

Kristi S. Demuth Agency, Inc.
408 W. Bremer Ave.
Suite A, Waverly
(319) 352-5530
kdemuth@amfam.com

Merry Christmas

TruServe Insurance Group
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Readlyn, IA 50668
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Happy Holidays

Farm Bureau - David C. Matthias
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Merry Christmas AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Annual WVEF dinner/auction canceled

Since March, schools, businesses, churches, organizations and social gatherings have changed how we interact in person in an effort to keep everyone healthy during this pandemic. The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation is no different.

The Education Foundation's board members have decided with a heavy heart to

cancel this year's annual dinner/auction typically held in November. The reality is during the 2020-2021 school year especially, those that the Education Foundation serve need our support more than ever. Due to that, instead, we are hosting an "un-dine/un-auction" via a community mailing.

Historically, the one fundraising event that would be held would raise greater than \$20,000 to put back into our school systems, impacting children in our district from pre-

school to graduating seniors. Thru enrichment grants iPads, flexible seating, books, classroom curriculum, microscopes, ceramics equipment, industrial tech tools, incubators and much more have been provided. Now isn't the time to stop but to charge forward with different learning opportunities. By participating in the "un-dine/un-action" this year regardless of the amount, you can make a difference.

We ask that you join us by participating in our un-dine/un-action since we can't gather in person without the strong possibility of putting each other's health at risk. To do so, you may send a donation via the mailing you should have received (Wapsie Valley Education Foundation PO Box 203, Fairbank, IA 50629), utilize the Paypal option which can be found on the Foundation's

page of the school's website under Community or reach out to a board member.

The Foundation's founder, Carlene Werner, was emphatic that the Foundation be created as a means to broaden the financial support for educational and cultural programs within the Wapsie Valley School District. Please help us continue to build on the tradition of excellence established at Wapsie Valley by participating in our virtual event.

The Foundation's members would like to again thank all the businesses and individuals that have contributed to the Foundation since its creation in 2002. We applaud the students, faculty and administration for all they have done to move forward with the 2020-21 school year in spite of the hurdles they continue to face.

Thank You

The family of Harold Meier would like to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, memorials, phone calls and visits. Your kind words and thoughtfulness meant so much to us since the passing of my beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

I would also like to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes since the recovery from my fall.

God's blessings to all!!
Delores Meier and family

Thank You

To all of the people that had prayers, sent cards, called, visited, and even brought meals and snacks for Freddie during my hospitalization, a humongous thank you. I still have a way to go. I can see the top of the mountain, but it will take a while to get there.

Thanks again.
Sonja Bast

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

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



Barney Wiersma clocked out of work early on November 5 to enjoy one last round of golf on a beautiful late fall afternoon. After 33 years of golfing, Barney never thought he'd hit the coveted Hole-in-One...until he did...with his nine iron on Hole #6 at Maple Hills Country Club in Tripoli, a 145-yard Par 3. Enjoying the beautiful day of golf with Wiersma and witnessing this event were Steve Aiello, Nick Cole, Chris Davis, Sean Gallegger and Matt Trueg.

	<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church 2683 Quail Avenue Readlyn, IA 50668 (319) 279-3977 Pastor Philip Giradin Sunday School 9 am Divine Service 10 a.m.</p>
	<p>St. Matthew Lutheran Church Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor 2649 230th Street Readlyn, IA 319-279-3758 Divine Parish Worship at St. Matthews 10:00 a.m. Sunday School starting Oct. 11 9:15-9:45 a.m. Martha Circle, 1st Wednesday of month Women of Life, 3rd Tues. of month, 7 PM</p>
	<p>St. Paul Lutheran Church 120 West 4th Street Readlyn, IA 50668 (319) 279-3961 Pastor Philip Giradin Worship 8:30 AM</p>
	<p>Zion Lutheran Church 240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668 Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor (319) 279-3643 Sunday Worship Service 8 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays Ruth Circle 1st Thursday 1:30 p.m. Evening Circle 1st Thursday 6 p.m.</p>

READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB
announces the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

to recognize community members who take time to add a more festive air to the Christmas holiday...
Elves will travel the Readlyn streets and drive to registered country homes*

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020

to select 1st place - **\$50**, 2nd place - **\$25**, 3rd place - **\$15**, & Honorable Mention winners.

Pictures of winning yards will appear in the December issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

Please take time to drive by last year's winners:
1st - Jim and Tamara Wolff, 346 Briggs; 2nd - Gene and Micki Thurm, 608 Parkview; Dan and Connie Wiedemeir, 510 West 3rd and Gary and Connie Sauerbrei, 407 Goddell (tied)

***To register country homes within the Readlyn School District, call or text**
Pat Wehr - 319-279-3001