

Take a break from your chores in 2024!
Readlyn Grump Days
 June 14, 15 & 16, 2024
 See the schedule on page 10

Sauerbreis have June Yard of the Month

The buds on the trees have turned into leaves with the aid of warm Mr. Sun. Nature's spring work has begun.

Hope you enjoyed seeing springing up [Yard of the Month signs and] a lovely little buttercup. ~ A.J. Korogi

Jerry and Cindy Sauerbrei make a great team; she buys the plants and decorations, and he does the planting and construction of the many attractive areas. All of the work has been done by the two of them. Once you view the pictures, you can see that they have both been successful in their roles; plus, you realize why they were chosen to win Yard of the Month.

They both agree that it is very nice that Mayor Dan Wedemeier sponsors Yard of the Month for the community.

For the sixth year, Weeds on Fire is sponsoring the Yard of the Month award and monetary gift. To recognize past winners, former recipients of this award displayed their Yard of the Month sign from May 1 – 28. Could you be next?

As in past years, four yards will receive this prestigious award: one each for June, July, August, and September. If you admire a yard and think it is worthy of recognition, please mention it to any Readlyn Gardener. Thank you, Weeds on Fire, for sponsoring this award.



Jerry and Cindy Sauerbrei, 401 5th Street Place, are June's winners of Weeds on Fire's Yard of the Month.



This corner of the Sauerbrei backyard is a tribute to both of their fathers who served our country.



This fountain is their frog area.



The fire pit provides a great place to relax. See more photos on page 4.



Thirty Wapsie Valley students and four staff spent an hour and a half doing spring cleaning at the Poor Farm. A big thank you to all!



Sixteen fourth graders from Readlyn Elementary, along with their teacher, Mrs. Lincoln, and teacher aides, enjoyed visiting the Readlyn Historical Museum on Friday, May 10. The students always have very interesting questions and information to share. One student found a picture of his great-grandfather who graduated from Readlyn High School. The historic museum has all the Readlyn High School graduates' pictures displayed. Another asked what year the movie "Country" was filmed near Readlyn - it was 1983 and we have many pictures from "Country." Thank you for coming to the museum. Those helping were Keith Fettkether, Ron and Judy Leistikow, and Judy Henn. Keith also brought his Readlyn Little League baseball uniform and cap to display. There are many new items that have been donated - come and visit.



Ambitious Readlyn Gardeners planting a few of the eight flats of annuals purchased to spruce up the city gardens. New members and donations are always appreciated.



Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

Traveling is over for a while so I will get to work and mow some grass. It is quite a challenge between rain showers.

Since I haven't been doing anything else, I have to rely on a trucking story. I loaded steel out of Tupelo, MS going to St. Louis. I got loaded late, the company wanted the steel first thing in the morning, so I had to drive through the night. It was raining and foggy, but I found the place outside of East St. Louis. Since there was no GPS then, my directions were to take a blacktop north and turn right where there was a streetlight and a guard shack. Through the rain and fog, I could see the guard sitting in the shack as I went by, so I parked and went to check in with him. I opened the door, asked how he was doing and if I was in the right place. The guard just sat there and didn't say anything. It was dark, foggy and I was tired. I thought he was alive and that something did this to him. So out in the middle of nowhere,

it ends up "he" was a mannequin. I went back to my truck to bed but didn't sleep well that night.

I have heard it said that kids don't want to work anymore but I beg to differ with this group helping at Weeds on Fire: Jaxson Kuhlman, Hunter Kane, Andrew Tiedt, Andrew Matthias, Easton Wurzer and Braden Knight. These young men work very hard, never complain, do a great job and always show up for work. Thanks to the parents for a great job raising them: Kent & Wendy Kuhlmann, Kevin & Kathie Kane, Mike & Janeen Tiedt, Aaron & Mischa Matthias, Wade & Shannon Wurzer, and Raymond & Melissa Knight.

Don't forget Grump Days is coming up. Mark your calendars for June 14, 15, and 16. We have been doing a lot of planning so please come and enjoy. Take a break from your chores in 2024.

Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lily Schwickerath

Hello Readlyn Community!

The month of May flew by! I had a great finish to my high school career!

I graduated on May 13 and had my party on May 18. Thank you to everyone who attended, it truly means a lot!

I am so beyond excited to see where all of my classmates' futures lead them. My future will entail attending Morningside University, to major in Agricultural Education, with hopes of returning back to the

community to teach! While I'm at Morningside I will be a part of their swim team! I am ecstatic to be under the guidance of Dr. Paulsen and Coach Farris.

This summer, I plan to continue working at State Street Coffee in Denver, as well as traveling with my family and enjoying the last few months before "real life" begins!

I hope everyone has a great summer!
Miss Readlyn

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A Tree Grows in Oran

Allan and Rita Losh have donated an area near the tennis court in Oran to have an Eastern Redbud tree planted in memory of Linda Leistikow, donated by Ron and Judy Leistikow and family. Linda was proud of her hometown Oran as she lived there her entire life. She was a longtime employee of Edgeton Hardware. The tree will bring beauty for all to enjoy.

Readlyn Historical Society makes plans for Cruising Thru History event August 4

Members of the Readlyn Historical Society met on March 25 with seven members present. The group continues to plan for the Cruisin' Through History event to be scheduled in conjunction with the Annual Ice Cream Social. Event date and details will be shared soon. The next meeting was planned for April 29 at 1 p.m.

April 29 Meeting

The Readlyn Historical Society met on Monday, April 29 at 1 p.m. There were 10 members and 2 guests present.

Two female mannequins were purchased. A male mannequin is still being sought to display a military uniform. A case is being built to encase the 200-year-old Bible donated by the Rommel family. Additional panels for a display in memory of Bob Thran is being researched.

The Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, August 4 along with a Cruising Thru History event specific to

Readlyn's history. The cruise will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the ice cream social from 3-5 p.m. More information will be shared via the *Readlyn Chronicle* and the Society's FaceBook page.

The Society's next meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 1 p.m.

Annual plant sale is Sat., June 8

The Bremer County Master Gardeners and Friends will hold their annual plant sale on Saturday, June 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the ISU Extension office in Tripoli. There will be a wide variety of day lilies, hostas, wildflowers, perennials/annuals, and succulents.

Also of interest will be decorative items for your garden and landscape.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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June Yard of the Month-Jerry & Cindy Sauerbrei Continued from page 1



The Sauerbrei sign (above) was made by their nephew. The windmill, geese, and owl are effective ways to deter blackbirds. The Sauerbreis treasure the sign made by Bentley, shown below.



Cindy thinks of her father when she sees the cardinal on the flag.



Now that Cindy is retired, she uses some of her spare time to make decorative signs, two of which decorate their second fountain.



The inviting entrance to the Sauerbrei home

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Cruising Thru History Coming to Readlyn on Sunday, August 4

Cruising Thru History is coming to Readlyn on Sunday, August 4. The event is an annual car cruise that welcomes all cars, including classic cars, and people of all ages. These rolling visits embrace a different Bremer County community each year.

On August 4, Readlyn's history will be showcased in a cruise through town. To begin, register either at the Bremer County Historical Museum in Waverly at noon or at the Readlyn Historical Museum on Main Street at 12:30 p.m.

The cruise will be approximately two

hours with narration by local historians along the way. At the time of registration, a route map will be provided. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for youth ages 5-18 years old. The registration fee goes directly back to funding preservation of history in Bremer County.



At the end of the cruise tour, the Readlyn Historical Society will host their Annual Ice Cream Social at the Museum from 3-5 p.m. Join us for both events or just ice cream. Most likely, you will see several of Readlyn's Grumps there too!

Readlyn Community Club meets; discusses 2024 Grump Days

The Readlyn Community Club met May 6, 2024, at the Readlyn Library. Present: Michelle Harrington, Louie and Ron Hartman, Bonnie Wittenburg, Kristie Boies, Dustin Palmer, John Galyean, Kira Stover, Marge Quigley, Bruce Piehl, and Pat Wehr

The meeting was called to order at 6:03. Secretary's report was emailed Sunday, May 5, 2024. Moved by Louie and seconded by Bonnie to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Approved by John and seconded by Ron; passed unanimously
New Business: Business donations so far for Grump Days:

- Security \$1000
- Kaiser-Corson \$300
- Wittenburg will check.
- Lynn Ott \$810
- Safety deposit box key was \$353.51, paid.

Gambling License is \$15 for the 50/50 raffle.

Grump Days 2024 sub-committees:
Theme for 2024: Take a Break from Your Chores in 2024

- Little Grumpster: 6:00
- Little Grumpster sash is done.
- Gifts: free KIP pass and Sweet Spot in Denver is donating a free ice cream
- Non-winners will ride on RCC float.
- Kids in the Park (KIP): 11:30 – 2:30
- Ring toss \$12
- Plinko \$25
- Cake Walk – possibly 6 volunteers from 4-H

- Connect 4
- Face Painting
- Inflatables
- Possible spinning wheel for \$12
- 50/50 Raffle: Friday and Saturday; announce 5:00 Saturday; need not be present to win. Marge will be in charge of selling tickets.

Food Vendors: Nick Kuker
Queens: Bonnie, Kira, and Pat
Four candidates have applied.
Three out-of-town judges have been enlisted.
Carmen Willey will provide five es-

corts.
Jim Collins is lined up for the luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church.

Kristie will talk to Tenenbaum's and Mary Kay.

Kira will talk to Tenenbaum's for the t-ara and Love and Lace for the rose.

Bonnie will talk to Tiffany about sashes and Gin Miller about pictures.

Parade: Louie
Bruce has full sheets of cardboard he will donate.

RCC needs to be near the front of the parade to help with KIP

Music: Provided by Grumpy's; Ethan Kleitsch and Mitch Boevers will be working with Grumpys.

Spike Ball: 6 nets, all good to go.
Location will be to the north of where the dunk tank was last year; Gift cards and coupons from Kwik Star – 6; possibly 12; Noon to 4 on Saturday.

Set up: Lumber for seating Thursday
Flyers and advertisement will be good to go for the May 14 meeting.

Golf Carts: Booked six carts for Grump Days' workers for two days @ \$50 per day = \$600.

Banner thanking sponsors: Michelle will talk to Hailey about the banner.

Power wash the barrels the Wednesday before Grump Days at Wittenburg Trucking.

Church in the Park provided by St. Paul's; Regular church service in the tent; 9:00; Thursday night Ed needs to know what will be needed for music.

Clean up:
Next meeting - Tuesday, May 14, 6:00, at Grump's to finalize the schedule. Michelle will check with Mike.

Moved by Louie and seconded by Ron to adjourned the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Deadline for the June 26 Chronicle is Thurs., June 13 at 5 PM

Readlyn City Council Meeting April 16, 2024

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Rocco Imbrogno, Joey Jones, Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Lynne Bellie, Auston & Brittney Rueber.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the March 4 and 25, 2024 council meetings. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve clerk and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the FY24/25 Budget. Notice of time and place has been published in the Waverly Newspaper on April 4, 2024. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard, motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 2024-03 entitled "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2024-03 duly adopted.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to set May 13, 2024 at 7:00PM as the time for the public hearing to amend the FY23/24 Budget. Roll call vote. AYES: Brun-

scheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the Readlyn Main Street Project on final items to be completed. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Franck to approve Pay Request #9 in the amount of \$4,751.55 to Dave Schmitt Construction, Inc. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on handicapped parking spaces to be added on Main Street.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve insurance renewal with EMC Insurance for the year beginning April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025. Total premium will increase from \$63,329.00 to \$69,402.00. It was noted the City of Readlyn did receive a dividend in the amount of \$3,174.00 for the past year. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve liquor license and Sunday sales renewal for MKTC Enterprises, LLC dba Grump's, along with an outdoor service area and outdoor service area for Grump Days June 14 & 15, 2024, subject to completion of paper work with the Alcoholic Beverages and Bremer County Building & Zoning inspection. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on Spring Clean Up Days for 2024. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve splitting the city up with the residents on 4th Street and North to be picked up on May 6 by 8:00AM on the residences designated day. Residences south of 4th Street will be picked up on May 7 with items to be at the curb by 8:00AM. Items that need a sticker must be paid for prior to pick up. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on the cleanup of the property that is now owned by the City of Readlyn at 110 Briggs. Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

Senior Citizens celebrate 3 April birthdays

On April 17, 2024, 20 members attended the 11:30 Senior Citizens lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Leistikow our President. Ron also led us in prayer before we ate, after our meeting.

Birthdays celebrated for the month of April were Marylou Billhorn, Roland Schmidt and Wayne Kuethe. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to them. There were no anniversaries for the month of April.

The members all signed a sympathy card for the family of Marlene Kuker who passed away. Marlene had been an active member of the Readlyn Senior Citizens previously. We always enjoyed her very much. She will be missed.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$ 122.00.

The secretary's report was read by Lois Thacher for the meeting of March 20, 2024. Wilda Albrecht made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the secretary's report and Judy Leistikow seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported that over 800 children attended the Readlyn Easter egg hunt March 30 at 10 AM at the Readlyn City Park.

NEW BUSINESS: A Poker Ride will be April 27, 2024 and 100% of the proceeds will be going towards the new Emergency Services Building in Readlyn. Registration begins at 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Readlyn Fire Station.

The card drawings end at Grumpy's from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. after the 8 stops the riders have completed. The winners will be announced at 6:00 p.m. Music to follow at Grumpy's. There will be a silent auction going on also through the night.

The next Senior Citizens meeting will be May 15 at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli at 11:30 a.m. Larry Ladage made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shirley Kuker seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Lois Thacher, Secretary.

May 15 Meeting

On May 15, 2024, 20 members attended the 11:30 a.m. Readlyn Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA.

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

Birthdays celebrated for the month of May were Luann Happel and Joyce Heine-man. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to them. There were no anniversaries for the month of May.

The group signed a get-well card for Rick Thacher as he has been having tests done in Iowa City and Waterloo.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$ 142.00. Don Billhorn made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Roland Schmidt seconded it. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read by Marylou Billhorn for the meeting of April 17, 2024. Roger Deterding made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Don Billhorn seconded it. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was discussion on Grump Days and the parade on June 15, 2024. The previous Grumps will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Macken property on Quarter Avenue just in the City limits of Readlyn. The previous Grumps will get lined up for the parade at that location and a wagon will be provided.

St. Paul's Church will have the Sunday Service on June 16, 2024 in the Readlyn City Park.

It was agreed by the Senior Citizens group to continue to have our lunch and meetings monthly at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA.

Readlyn's Cruising Thru History and Ice Cream Social is August 4, 2024 at the Readlyn Historical Museum in Readlyn, IA. Stops will be made at various places where businesses used to be. More information will follow.

The next Senior Citizens Meeting will be June 19 at 11:30 at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli, Iowa. Larry Ladage made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Wilda Albrecht seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Marylou Billhorn, Acting Secretary



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Summer Reading 2024

JUNE 4 2:00 PM Bremer County Conservationist	JUNE 11 2:30PM Come paint Kindness Rocks!	JUNE 13 1:00 PM Stories and songs with Darrin Crow!
JUNE 19 1:00 PM Blank Park Zoo-mobile!	JUNE 20 11:00 AM Get a first-hand look at a police car with the Police Chief!	JUNE 24 11:00 AM Combustion! - with Grout Museum
JUNE 27 10:00 AM - 7 PM Stop by anytime today to decorate a sidewalk square!	JUNE 28 10 AM -4 PM MarioKart Tournament	Programs are available for all children! We ask that younger kids be accompanied by a caretaker. Visitors are welcome!

Summer Reading Kits will be available for pickup anytime after May 30th. Prizes will be awarded for most books read!



Hoping the beginning of your summer is amazing and everyone has fun Readlyn Days & Fairbank Days plans! We are squeezing a few weekend getaways in between Travel Ball, Rec Baseball, & T-Ball with all 3 little Jones kids + Cody starting 7 on 7 & summer workouts with Football ... oftentimes we don't even know what day it is, but we are loving every minute of it!

In early May I went to Kansas City to attend our firm's "Prime Week" for internal and industry wide training. Leaders from private investment firms, Goldman Sachs, Charles Schwab & more were there to provide guidance and best practices no matter what the future of the markets hold. The synergy of being around some of the brightest minds in the industry is always my favorite part.

There are tenured advisors, brand new advisors, our compliance team, our marketing team, our investment team, our entire C-Suite team, & more in attendance so there is no doubt that we are aligned in making our clients' interests our #1 priority.

Markets are still positive for the year (as of when I write this) so while the Fed continues to hold steady on interest rates, our investment team's eyes remain on other factors like inflation, international tensions, domestic elections & other GDP related data. Breaking news, opinions, and predictions are plentiful; however, our team of analysts works very hard to shut out the noise, stick to the data, and tactically position our clients for all types of economic environments. We appreciate their constant insight and transparency and are very proud of their commitment to our clientele.

One last interesting fact about our firm: **We have a BAND!**

"Toxic Assets" is comprised of a few advisors, leaders from our trading desk & our accounting department, even our Chief Compliance Officer! They have won "Battle of the Bands" time and again in Kansas City competitions and they're an absolute blast to be around. . .



Best of all: their lead singer, Brad Holdhusen, has agreed to come play in Fairbank for a Special Edition of Music in the Park! He has come up from Kansas City to work with me and attend a Music in the Park once before and he is ecstatic to come back to the big stage as a headliner. We can't wait!!

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News from Wapsie Valley Schools



Leader Night in the Valley

NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Hello Wapsie Valley,
 It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the month of May and school is out for the summer! Congratulations to all of our students who have competed in athletics or extracurriculars this spring. Track and field was always one of my favorite activities and I have enjoyed being able to help out a little bit with some long jumpers this year. I was a varsity track coach at Independence and at Nodaway Valley during our times at those places and I also coached my son from 8th grade until he graduated.

FY 25 Budget

The Wapsie Valley Board of Education has approved the budget for fiscal year 2025. Below is a recap of some of the things that the district has made decisions on as well as the tax rate that the board has set:

- \$400,000 levied for cash reserves
- \$300,000 levied for the management fund

- Increase SAVE contribution to \$275,000 toward debt levy
- Through retirement, attrition, and reduction 9 positions were affected for next year. This will equate to a cash savings of \$453,486.

- FY 2024 Tax Rate \$13.7063
- FY 2025 Tax Rate \$13.7339
- Net Change \$0.0276

Facilities Survey

Thank you to those who took the time to fill out our facilities survey online. We had approximately 100 responses! The WV board will go through a prioritization exercise in May to set some priorities for the facilities at the JH/HS. Thanks again for taking the time to fill the survey out.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at choover@wapsievalleyschools.org or call 319-638-6711.

Thank you and Go Warriors!

Chris Hoover, Superintendent



2024 Prom Queen and Prom King, Kallie Franzen and Ian Buzynski



Wapsie Valley Class of 2024 Clap-Out



Readlyn Elementary Senior Breakfast

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Wapsie Valley Warriors junior high track teams run at state

Coach Austin Jeanes and several members of the Wapsie Valley Junior High Girls Track team traveled to Waukee Northwest High School on Saturday, May 4.

The Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC) hosted its annual Mike Henderson Middle School State Meet for 7th and 8th graders across the state. Over 70 schools were represented and divisions were by grade and school size – either large or small, with Wapsie participating in the small school division.

This is the first time that Coach Jeanes has taken his track team members down

to compete. The girls did not let the cold nor the rain stop them and made their supporters proud by showcasing their talents to the fullest of their abilities.

Those who placed in the top 6 of each event scored team points and were awarded medals. 5 individual medals (Espyn Decker -3, Emry Shannon and Lola Destival) and 4 relay medals were won. A school record was broken by the 4x100M relay team.

When asked what their favorite memory of the year was, most girls said their experience at state. Coach Jeanes commented on the stellar hand-offs and how the girls had great focus all day long. One of his favorite things was seeing Martha Rulapaugh teach a young girl how to throw the discus. He said it was good to get a

feel for what it would be like running at state in high school.

The icing on the cake for the day was the 7th grade team coming home with the silver medal, scoring 50 points!

7th Grade Results:

- Layla Armstrong – 16th Discus
- Espyn Decker - 2nd Long Jump, 5th 200M Dash, 6th 100M Dash
- Lola Destival - 2nd Discus
- Addison Franck – 30th 100M Dash
- Arizona Franck – 15th 200M Hurdles
- Emry Shannon – 2nd 100M Hurdles, 9th 200M Hurdles
- Ashlyn Strottman – 17th 100M Hurdles, 28th 200M Dash
- Sprint Med Relay (Nora Schares, Talley Adair, Elly Stuber, Lola Destival) – 6th
- 4 x 100M Relay (Lola Destival, Talley Adair, Elly Stuber, Espyn Decker) – 1st
- 4 x 200M Relay (Lola Destival, Talley Adair, Nora Schares, Elly Stuber) – 3rd
- Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Addison Franck, Arizona Franck, Kaleah Belinsky, Emry Shannon) – 3rd

8th Grade Results:

- Olivia Becker – 31st 100M Dash
- Mira Behnke – 41st 200M Dash
- Kiana Hilsenbeck – 37th 800M Run
- Allie Lansing – 11th 100M Dash, 13th 200M Dash
- Martha Rulapaugh – 38th 100M Hurdles, 25th Discus

- Sprint Med Relay (Lexi Brunscheon, Sawyer Buhr, Whitney Destival, Adalynn Kane) – 16th
- 4 x 100M Relay (Lexi Brunscheon, Sawyer Buhr, Olivia Becker, Allie Lansing) – 9th
- 4 x 200M Relay (Lexi Brunscheon, Sawyer Buhr, Brinley Boehme, Allie Lansing) - 16th
- 4 x 800M Relay (Whitney Destival, Kiana Hilsenbeck, Brinley Boehme, Adalynn Kane) – 9th

Volunteer Rhino Cox also took four members of the WVJH Boys Track team to run in the boy's division. Their meet was held at Waukee High School. They battled the cold and the rain as well to secure a relay medal.

8th Grade Results:

- Kiptyn Cox – 17th 200M Dash, 10th 400M Dash
- Gavin Heinemann – 22nd 100M Dash
- 4 x 100M Relay (Kiptyn Cox, Gavin Heinemann, Kaiden Bentley, Dayton Etringer) – 6th



Martha Rulapaugh instructs a youth on how to throw discus.



Boys 4 x 100M Relay – Dayton Etringer, Gavin Heinemann, Kaiden Bentley, Kiptyn Cox



Girls 4 x 100M Relay broke a school record! - Lola Destival, Talley Adair, Elly Stuber, Espyn Decker

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2024 Miss Readlyn Candidates

Addisyn Mcelhose is the daughter of Jaime and Mark Mcelhose and is sponsored by Quality Distributors. Band, choir, musicals, golf, FFA, and football and basketball cheer kept her busy in high school.



Addisyn Mcelhose

As FFA president, she will be busy this summer attending county fairs as well as helping her aunt and uncle at their greenhouse. Addisyn would like to become a music teacher. Her passion for music and performing was fostered when a teacher opened up the musical door for her as well as challenged her to exceed in that department.

As a personable and down-to-earth person, Addisyn is always willing to start a conversation to make people feel welcome. Regarding Readlyn's strength, she appreciates the sense of safety created because people know one another and everyone looks out for one another. As a result, she never feels uncomfortable.

LeeAnn Oltrogge's parents are Ron and Denise Oltrogge; she is sponsored by Readlyn Farmers Co-Op. During the winter, LeeAnn played club volleyball; other activities included track, FFA, chamber choir, and she was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

As captain of her club volleyball team and sentinel of her FFA chapter, LeeAnn learned the importance of leadership. Besides leading the volleyball team, she was

required to talk to the refs about calls if need be. As sentinel, she needed to make sure everything was prepared for events.



LeeAnn Oltrogge

LeeAnn's future plans include attending UNI to major in kinesiology exercise science/PT. Ten years from now she hopes working full-time using her degree from UNI will afford her the opportunity to own her own home in the Cedar Valley near family and friends.

Rallying together and helping out with whatever needs to be done to make it a success is what she likes about Readlyn.

Kylee Moulds' parents are Dustin and Angie Moulds; TruServe is her sponsor. In high school, she was an active track, volleyball, student council, and honor society member. Summer plans include working at TruServe, playing volleyball, and traveling with family and friends.



Kylee Moulds

Being coachable in sports and all aspects of her life has enabled her to take

feedback and use it to make herself a better person. This character strength will help her while pursuing a degree in business at UNI and working a job in human relations after graduating while working her way up in a company.

She appreciates how supportive Readlyn is.

Avery Jones is the daughter of Andrea and Joseph Jones and is sponsored by Grumpy's. Volleyball and track were her high school activities where she had the support of a favorite teacher academically. Being compassionate and caring about others are her strengths.



Avery Jones

This summer you will find her hanging with friends, playing volleyball, babysitting, and working at Grumpy's. Avery's future plans include attending college and in ten years she hopes to be settled into a career and maybe starting a family.

She appreciates Readlyn's friendly people and great sense of community involvement that supports events such as Santa's Visit, Easter Egg Hunt, and Grump Days.

Jaylin May is the daughter of James and Leslie May; Nick Tobey, DJ with a Beat, is her sponsor. Cross country, basketball, track, softball, football cheer, choir, theater, National Honor Society, Leader in Me, Girl Scouts, and volunteering for the American Red Cross plus 150 hours of volunteering in the community kept her very busy during her high school years.



Jaylin May

This summer, Jaylin plans to play softball and try to compete on an AAU track team out of Waterloo as well as hiking, kayaking, and helping her parents with yard work. After high school, she plans to attend a four-year college somewhere close pursuing her interests in physical therapy, music and/or sports related courses.

Jaylin feels her strengths include being a caring, positive, and respectful person. If there is a negative situation, she tries to lighten the mood. She welcomes other's opinions even if they don't agree with hers.

Jaylin appreciates Readlyn's trusting and welcoming environment.

RESB will have a booth at Readlyn Grump Days

Please check out the craft vendors as Readlyn Emergency Services Building (RESB) committee will have a booth set up. If you would like to see the current station, check out the rigs and get a true feel of how limited we are on space, we are

doing free tours!

At the booth, we will also be raffling off a fire quilt! So stop by, ask us anything and check out our space.

See page 13 of this week's *Readlyn Chronicle* for an update on the RESB.

Donations Needed

Please consider donating your favorite treats for the: Kids In The Park Treat Walk

All items need to be pre-packaged or individually wrapped.

Donations can be given to Michelle or Ed Harrington at 326 Main Street taken to Readlyn Library before Saturday, June 15, or you can drop them off at the cookie walk table by the maintenance shed in City Park by 11:15 a.m. on Saturday the 15th.

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Readlyn Grump Days 2024

June 14, 15 & 16

Friday, June 14

8:00 am

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4:00 pm

Vendors’ Food Stands Open (park)

4:30-7:00 pm

Ice Cream (gazebo) Sponsored by Readlyn Savings Bank

5:00 pm

Balloon Man - Darrel Anderson (park sidewalk)

Sponsored by Ron and Judy Leistikow

Wapsie Valley FFA Pedal Pull (between park & school)

Ages 10 and under

6:00 pm

Crowning Ceremony (tent) Remember your lawn chair

Little “Grumpsters”

2024 Grump

2024 Miss Readlyn

7:00-8:30 pm

Pepper Tourney (gazebo) No registration needed

8:00 pm-Closing

Live Music by Jordan Beem (Street dance sponsored by Grumpy’s) Main Street beer garden; no cover charge

10:00 pm

Fireworks (Launched east of V49, across from the ball diamond.) Bring a lawn chair. Concessions available!

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Saturday, June 15

10:00 am

PARADE

After Parade

Food Stands Open

11:30 am-2:30 pm

Grumpsters’ Vendor Fair (Main Street)

11:30 am-2:30 pm

Kids in the Park - \$10 wristbands; Bounce Houses, slides, games with prizes, treasure island, and cake walk; face painting by WV art

12:00-4:00 pm

Spike Ball Tournament (City Park) Organized by Denver Lions Club; no charge; prizes

1:00 pm

Schafskopf Card Tournament (tent)

2:30-4:00 pm

BINGO for all ages! (gazebo) No charge

Prizes sponsored by Ron & Judy Leistikow

8:00 pm-Closing

Live Music by Mitchell Boevers & Nick Tobey (Street dance sponsored by Grumpy’s) Main Street beer garden; no cover charge

Sunday, June 16

9:00 am

Community Church Service in the park with Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano from St. Paul’s & Immanuel Lutheran Church. Remember your lawn chair!

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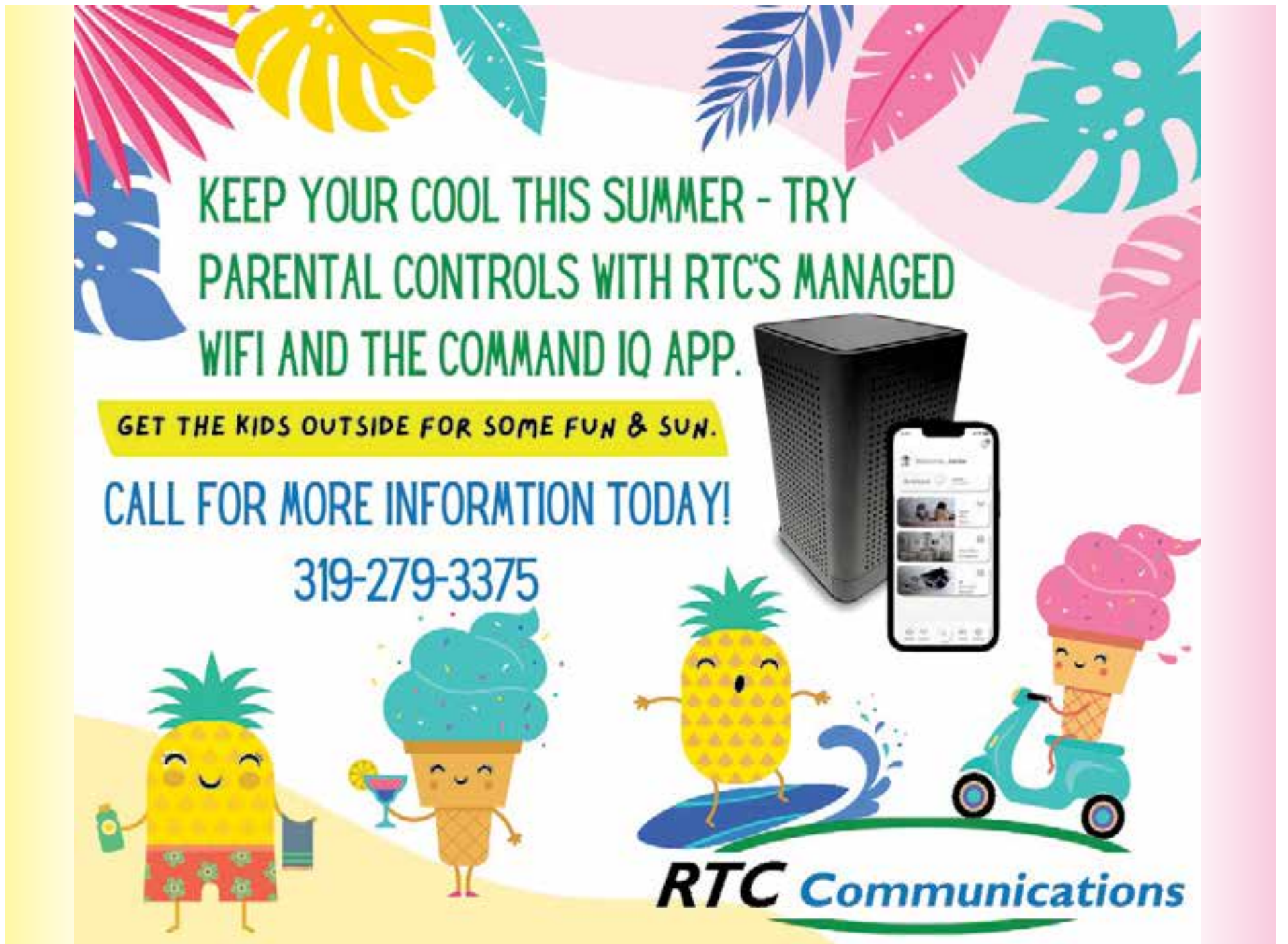
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RESB also hosted their first poker ride fundraising event. This event started at the station with free-will donation breakfast burritos (donated by Ben and Jess Anderson). The riders signed up for their poker cards and were able to start bidding on silent auction items. From there, riders were able to make their way to different stops where they received stamps to later turn into cards to create a poker hand. The night ended at Grumpy's where riders returned and were able to keep bidding on silent auction items and get their stamps turned in to make a poker hand. First, 2nd, and 3rd

place poker hand winners were announced along with silent auction winners. This event secured a deposit of \$13,322.33! There was a lot of behind-the-scenes time and work put into this and it was great to see it all come together. Thank you to the Readlyn Fire and EMS crew and their families, Readlyn community members, Grumpy's Bar and Event Center, all of the donated items for silent auction, and all of the communities near and far for coming out to support our fundraising efforts.

We are in the final weeks to have your dollar matched thanks to our partnership with RTC Communications. As a reminder, RTC Communications has pledged to donate dollar for dollar until June 1 up to \$100,000. We would like to be able to take full advantage of their generosity. Currently, in our match bucket, we have raised \$85,600 and again would love to be able to get to that \$100,000 mark. Once this fundraising milestone is met, we still have much more to go so, please, keep your financial support of this much needed project coming!

If you were not able to attend the poker ride and have not been down 1st street, we have a sign up marking the future location of the Readlyn Emergency Services Building! We are working on finishing the goal thermometer sign that will go up soon, too!



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What's Cooking?

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Million Dollar Mac & Cheese

- 8 ounces elbow macaroni
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 10 ounces cheddar freshly grated
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

For layering:

- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 3 ounces Havarti freshly grated
- 3 ounces gruyere freshly grated

For the bread crumb topping:

- 1/2 cup Panko bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter melted
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon parsley minced

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil. Cook pasta for one minute less than package directions state. Drain.

While macaroni is cooking, melt 3 tablespoons of butter in a medium sized pot and add the flour. Cook, whisking constantly, over medium heat for 1 minute.

Continue whisking and slowly pour in the milk and cream. Cook over medium heat for another 2 minutes until thickened and smooth.

Remove from the heat and stir in the cheddar, salt, and pepper. Continue stirring until smooth and creamy. Add the cooked macaroni to the cheese sauce and stir to coat. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper, if needed.

To layer the dish:

Pour melted butter into the bottom of a 2-quart baking dish. Spoon half of the macaroni and cheese over the top. Spread the sour cream over the macaroni and cheese. Sprinkle with the Havarti and gruyere.

Spoon remaining macaroni and cheese over the top.

To make the topping: Stir together the Panko, melted butter, garlic salt, and parsley to make the bread crumb topping. Sprinkle over the macaroni and cheese.

To bake:

Bake for 25 minutes or until the sauce is bubbly and the top is as browned as you'd like. Serve immediately.



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“A Salty Experience”

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As we move towards summer, my mind is on tournament fishing and summer land chores and all my daily duties. But, for a moment this month, I’m going to take you on an adventure my family and I went on in late March and early April.

This journey started in early December 2023 as my wife, Aubrey, and I started to plan our family vacation for 2024. A couple years back, we were able to make our way to Gulf Shores, Alabama, and had a fantastic time and yearned to visit once again. That trip was our first time ever to the area and everything was new to us and we wanted to expand upon what the area has to offer. As we sat together at the dining room table, laptop open on that cold, snowy, Iowa December day, we dreamed of warm, southern Alabama days. We decided on a great deal on a week’s stay in Orange Beach, three miles away from Gulf Shores right on the beach. We decided to have a vacation with no set itinerary and relax as much as possible.

As the trip neared, I started to dream of fishing the area. I didn’t, however, want to pay a guide and be told how to do it. Instead, I began researching online shore fishing in the area in public waters. In 2022, we had visited Gulf Shores State Park, which has a fishing jetty we walked out on and, at the time, just watched people fish. This time, I had notions of trying my luck there.

When I started researching it for licensing etc., I discovered it is closed until November 2024 to complete repairs from hurricane damage in 2020. So that was out, and I began to research other areas. I soon came across an Orange Beach walkway near the bridge on the east side of Orange

Beach called Perdido Pass. I learned it’s a public fishing area with accommodations of a paved walkway, guardrails, and, for the more adventurous, a rocky fishing jetty that extends a ways out into the ocean. To top it off, it’s a mere 4-minute drive from the hotel we were staying at.

I began to get quite excited and started dreaming of saltwater catches and studying the area online and acquiring all the info I could online and even found a Facebook page dedicated to fishing the area! Me being me, I also researched all the laws and regulations of the area.

I learned, in Alabama, I could purchase a seven-day Alabama saltwater fishing license and easily do it all over the counter at the local Walmart. I then researched the local species of fish most commonly caught at Perdido Pass in the month of March. What I found was to expect Pinfish, Spanish Mackerel, Drum, Flounder, and some Redfish. I was familiar with Redfish as I had fished for and caught one on my first trip to Texas a few years ago. The other species I studied and assembled a small tackle assortment and added a couple fishing reels to the gear.

Upon TSA research, I found I was legal to travel with this gear in my carry-on in the plane as we flew to Alabama. Now the plans were set, and I think even Aubrey was excited about me fishing on this trip as she witnessed just how excited I got for it. The time finally came for our trip and we flew out of Cedar Rapids to Charlotte and from Charlotte to Pensacola, Florida.

After arriving, we picked up our rental car and were on our way to Orange Beach! The three of us pointed out various things and sights on the short hour drive and, as we came into Orange Beach, I laid eyes on Perdido Pass! I could see folks fishing and the clear blue water glistening in the sun!

“We’re here!” I said nearly gasping in relief of a long overdue family vacation for the three of us.

We made our way first to the store and stocked up on supplies for the week and I purchased my fishing license and a couple rods for my reels and, of course, some bait for saltwater consisting of shrimp, sand fleas, and smelt. I had never seen sand fleas before and the name suits them — a nasty flea-looking creature the size of a quarter. I was honestly happy they were not live bait.

Once at the hotel, we spent that afternoon enjoying the beach and relaxing although I did rig my fishing rods and tackle in preparation for fishing. The next day, the girls decided to go shopping, so I had them drop me off at the pass. I baited up one rod with shrimp and cast out and let it settle on the bottom, or so I thought. One element we don’t deal with locally is tide. On this day, the tide was going out and I quickly realized how much current in the water this created. It took me three ounces of weight to get my bait to stop on the bottom. In my world, three ounces may as well be a pound. Casting out was like tying a shoe to my line and launching it.

After I had the weight figured out, I immediately started getting little bites but could never hook up and, when I’d reel up, all my bait was gone. A local was fishing a short distance away and I watched him reel in some smaller looking fish and asked him what he was catching. He relayed to me they were pinfish and they are similar to a bluegill or crappie to us in Iowa.

After a couple hours of fishing and no fish caught, I left feeling a tad rejected, but determined to learn what I needed to catch fish here. Returning to the hotel, I made my way across the street to a local bait shop. Behind the counter was a very knowledgeable local that set me up with the proper rig for pinfish which consisted of a series of ice fishing sized jigs all tied together. He told me to tie a weight to the bottom, add a small piece of shrimp to each hook and go have a blast! He also told me now was the time to get in on the Spanish Mackerel run each day on an incoming tide. He set me up with a lure called a “Gotcha” — it looked like a piece of 3/8s diameter metal tube, two treble hooks and a bright orange weight at the front. He told me on incoming tide to throw it as far out as possible and reel it in fast while pumping the fishing rod in a downward motion.



Mississippi River. It was so fun sharing fishing stories with each other and, while talking, Kendra’s rod got a huge bite and she set the hook! After a lengthy battle, she reeled up a great looking flounder!! I congratulated them and snapped a picture.

On my way back to the hotel I felt really good as I was learning some saltwater fishing and accomplishing some goals. Up next was catching the elusive Mackerel. The next day was Easter, so I stayed with Aub and Delana all day, hanging out on the beach and enjoying family time. During the day I did, however, check the tide schedule. An incoming tide was due shortly before sunrise and I decided to get up early to be there for it.

I arrived in the dark the next morning and settled into a spot at the pass. A guy next to me said, “Were you here yesterday for the phenomenal Spanish Mackerel run?” I said, “No, I wasn’t.” He then relayed to me the fishing was phenomenal and nearly everyone down the wall caught multiple fish and he was hoping for another day like it. I started casting the Gotcha plug and, after an hour into daylight and arms getting tired from all the casting and working the bait in, I began to think of the all-too-famous line in fishing. “Shoulda been here yesterday!” Yep, I missed it, I thought, when suddenly something hammered my plug nearly pulling the rod out of my hand! I carefully fought the fish and swung him ashore!!



My first Spanish Mackerel!!!! I was pumped! I snapped a quick picture and got right back to casting in hopes it was a run. Unfortunately, it ended up being a one-hit wonder and no more bites came that morning. But!! That was OK as I had accomplished my goal and had put together a do-it-yourself saltwater adventure and caught some of the fish I had set out to and learned so much for next time!

This was a very memorable trip for family time and fishing. I’ll definitely return there in the future. So, this month, I’ll leave you with this, try something outside of your normal in the outdoors as I did here and I promise you it’ll add some fire to you to learn new things! And until next time, GET OUTDOORS!!



The next day I made my way to the pass and wasn’t there on an incoming tide but started fishing near the bridge and targeted pinfish. I utilized the bait shop worker’s advice and quickly caught my first pinfish!! I was so excited to make it work! I got right back at it and started catching two and sometimes three at a time with the multi-hook rig from the bait shop.

While having this fun, I met a young couple named John and Kendra fishing next to me. They were local and fished here all the time. They asked where I was from and became very interested in what fishing was like in Iowa and especially the Missis-

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Obituaries

Marlys Mae Minnaert

Marlys Mae Minnaert, 94, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away early Saturday morning, May 11, 2024 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.



Marlys was born on December 26, 1929, in Readlyn, Iowa, the daughter of Frieda (Moeller) and Herbert Otto. She graduated from Readlyn High School in 1947 and, on August 14, 1949, was united in marriage to Robert E. Minnaert at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger. The couple made their home in Readlyn until 1973 when they moved to Waverly. Marlys enjoyed her 30-year career working in the quality control department at Nestle in Waverly.

Marlys was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. She loved to play cards and volunteer. She volunteered in the gift shops and cafeterias at the Waverly Health Center and Allen Hospital. She also crocheted and donated hundreds of prayer shawls, baby blankets and infant stocking caps for the hospitals. Marlys enjoyed sports and watching the Chicago Cubs, especially at Wrigley Field in earlier years. She and Bob made many memories camp-

ing with Dave and Jeff after the girls were grown. Later, many more memories were made during annual mother-daughter adventures.

Marlys is survived by her five children, Terri Minnaert of Lemont, Illinois, Debbie (Fred) DeLaria of Johnston, Iowa, Jody (Marty) Sprock of West Des Moines, Iowa, Dave (Angie) Minnaert of Waverly, Iowa and Jeff Minnaert of Terre Haute, Indiana; 9 grandchildren, Chad, Danielle, Megan, Jamie, Natasha, Missy, Jaclyn, Kristin and Katelyn; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; three siblings, LaVonne Horman of Columbus, Ohio, Dorothy Rundle of Sumner, Iowa, and Jim (Janet) Otto of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 57 years, Bob; her parents; four sisters, Beverly Bellile, Janette Wolff, Sandra Jerke, and infant sister, Cynthia Otto; an infant brother, Thomas Otto; and a niece, Camilla Horman.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Good Shepherd Chapel, Bartels, with Pastor Mike Blair officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Burial followed in the Harlington Cemetery in Waverly. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Marlys's family for later designation and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly assisted the family.

Arlin Arthur Pook

Arlin Arthur Pook, age 94, of Readlyn, Iowa, died Thursday, April 18, 2024, at New Aldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls, Iowa.



Arlin was born on April 20, 1929, near Klinger, Iowa, the son of Theodore and Amelia (Herman) Pook. He was baptized on May 5, 1929, and confirmed on May 23, 1943, at Immanuel Lutheran Church Klinger. He graduated from Readlyn High School in 1947. Arlin was then drafted into the United States Army serving in Korea from January 10, 1951 to December 28, 1952. Upon being discharged, he returned to the Readlyn area where he worked for his dad at the Klinger Store. He took ownership of the Klinger Store after his dad's passing in 1959. On April 2, 1961, Arlin was united in marriage to Patricia Clubine in Dunkerton, Iowa. The couple would continue operating the Klinger Store for sixty-plus years which had been in the family for over one hundred years. They recently

retired due to declining health.

Arlin was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church Klinger, where he served as church treasurer for 28 years and Deacon for three years.

Arlin's memory is honored by his wife, Patricia Pook of Readlyn; two daughters, Karla (Barry) Westbrook of Denver, Iowa and Claudia (Jeff) Owens of Chariton, Iowa; a son, Keith (Suzy) Pook of Ankeny, Iowa; six grandchildren, Paige Westbrook of Denver, Jamison and Clayton Owens of Chariton, and Andrew, Elisabeth, and Ethan Pook of Ankeny; and a sister, Darlys Milius of Denver, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Walter Pook; and four sisters, Florence Everding, Melba Kuhlmann, Ruth Lehs, and Norma Bergman.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 22, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Funeral service were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church Klinger in rural Readlyn, Iowa. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Community Lutheran School, or donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

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Jason and Ariana Peterson are now the owners of The Outpost, formerly the Oran Tap.

Jason grew up in the area and graduated from Wapsie Valley and Ariana grew up in Independence and graduated from there. They have lived in Oran for the past five years with their two sons, Noah and Grayson.

We appreciate the warmth and hospitality of the locals and do not foresee ourselves relocating. We previously visited the Oran bar often to eat, which, unfortunately, closed down. However, we saw potential in it and decided to invest in it, renovate it, and reopen it. We wanted a nice place for people to gather, re-

lax, and have fun. Jason had always dreamed of owning a bar, and Ariana, who grew up in the restaurant and bar industry, wanted to establish a place of her own. Her parents own Ariana's Kitchen & Old Rush Park Tavern in Independence.

We have thoroughly renovated the bar to optimize the space and we have continuous projects we're working on. We removed the walk-in cooler and relocated the bar to that area, moved the furnace to the back, installed new drywall, lam beams, air ducts, etc. Additionally, we added a pool table next to our gambling machines and ATM.

We intend to commence food service soon,

once our kitchen renovations are complete. Our menu will feature simple bar food such as burgers and appetizers. We offer an array of beverages, including beer and various liquors.

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The Contest ~ Harvest 2023

On Thursday, February 29, 2024 at Maple Hills Country Club, Tripoli, the awards banquet was held for the 33rd Annual Readlyn Savings Bank & American Savings Bank Bremer County Master Corn & Soybean Growers' Yield Contest: a.k.a. "The Contest." Years ago, there were a number of such county yield contests but today "The Contest" is the only one of its kind in Bremer County – and perhaps the entire state of Iowa.

Sponsored by Readlyn Savings Bank, The Contest is a friendly competition between area farmers. The Contest Banquet provides Bremer County area farmers an evening of camaraderie and celebration of the previous year's harvest: Harvest 2023. The Banquet, held annually before spring, was graciously hosted by Maple Hills bar staff with Frederika Locker providing a superb prime rib buffet dinner and dessert.

Traditionally, to help kick things off, the first award of the night is always the Vernon L. Tonne Spirit of the Contest Award. The Award annually honors the long-time, enthusiastic and good-natured participation of the Master Grower who exemplifies The Spirit of the Contest. "The Vernon" this year went to Wapsie Farms Partnership, which includes Kevin Leistikow, Kurt Leistikow, Marty Marticoff and Aaron Matthias. Wapsie Farms partnership, and its members, have been participating for many years. The Spirit Award recognizes Wapsie Farm's enthusiasm for The Contest as well as their passion for farming and commitment to one another through their partnership.

Following dinner, the bank heard from agronomist Jon Jaschen with Heritage Ag Research, Inc. in Fairbank. Jaschen visited with approximately 50 banquet attendees regarding trends in pest management and crop stress research.

To wrap up the evening, Bank officer Ed Traeger presented the Harvest 2023 awards. The Bank was also represented by Dani Sauerbrei, Mackenzie Joerger, Cassie Munson, Kim Alcantara, and Cody Funk.

Harvest 2023 consisted of a total of 21 different farmers conducting 31 yield checks

in the 4 Contest Divisions: 15 conventional corn, 7 no-till corn, 4 conventional beans and 5 no-till beans. The Contest's official yield checker, Charlie Albrecht, certifies each yield entry while his wife, Wilda, accompanies him to take beautiful harvest-time photos. Charlie collects data on such variables as seed company brand and hybrid number, traits, dates of planting and harvesting, row spacing, population, as well as applications of fertilizers, herbicides, and fungicides. But ultimately, the determining factor to winning The Contest is bushels per acre.

Highlights from the results include S & M Boevers winning top honors in Conventional Beans with a yield of 72.27 bushels per acre. Not to be outdone, Wapsie Farms, the 2023 Vernon winner, was this year's Grand Champ in No-Till Beans posting an incredible yield of 80.38 which narrowly beat the second place yield of 80.14, harvested by Brad Steege. Meanwhile, history was made with corn yields breaking the mark of 300 bushels per acre for the first time. In fact, 4 yield checks broke 300 bushels! (Please see below for Top-3 yields in each of the 4 divisions.) The high yields combined with the fact that it was one of the driest years in recent memory and a beautiful harvest season all make 2023 a Harvest to remember!

In closing remarks, the Bank's representatives congratulated the winners, thanked all the farmers who entered The Contest, and thanked everyone who helped make the evening possible.

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The Top-3 yields and average yield in each Division of The Contest for Harvest 2023 are shown below:

Conventional Beans			
Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
S&M Boevers	Readlyn	72.27	Pioneer 23A 15X
Dean Buhr	Readlyn	70.06	Becks 2227XF
Schumacher Dairy Farms	Readlyn	65.80	Cropland 2322
Contest Average		4 Farmers	68.10

Conventional Corn			
Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
David O'Brien	Sumner	308.26	Pioneer Waxy 0924
S&M Boevers	Readlyn	306.62	Wyffels 5080
Jason Moellers	West Union	305.58	Stine 9752-32
Contest Average		15 Farmers	268.29

No Till Bean			
Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
Wapsie Farms	Readlyn	80.38	Asgrow 24X F3
Brad Steege	Fredericksburg	80.14	Stine 25EG23
Jeremy Ebaugh	Waverly	72.64	Channel 2123
Contest Average		5 Farmers	72.03

No Till Corn			
Contestant	Town	Yield	Variety
Jason Moellers	West Union	306.83	NuTech 70A8am
Brad Steege	Fredericksburg	287.31	Wyffels 7876
Spring Center Farm-Dean Buhr	Sumner	274.64	Pioneer 1027AM
Contest Average		7 Farmers	261.91



Spirit Award Winners - Kurt Leistikow, Aaron Matthias, and RSB President Emeritus, Ed Traeger



No-Till Beans Champs - Jeremy Ebaugh, Brad Steege, Aaron Matthias, RSB's Ed Traeger



Conventional Beans, RSB Loan Officer Cody Funk, Dave Schumacher, Dean Buhr, Mitchell Boevers, RSB's Ed Traeger



No-Till Corn Champs, Dean Buhr, Brad Steege, Jason Moellers with RSB's Ed Traeger and Cody Funk



Conventional Corn Champs, Jason Moellers, Mitchell Boevers, David O'Brien with RSB's Ed Traeger and Cody Funk

Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting April 15, 2024

Wapsie Valley CSD Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Public Hearing on the 24-25 Budget and FY 24 Amendment to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call-Aiello-Aye, Auel-Aye, & Wolfe-Aye, Kaufman & Sauerbrei (excused) Motion carried 3-0

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, & Wolfe, Kaufman & Sauerbrei (excused) Declared a quorum

B. Superintendent Hoover, Secretary Arndt & Principals Myers, Murphy, & Forsyth

C. Others: Vaughn Gross, Amy Stessman, and Jody Busch

2. Mr. Hoover presented FY25 Budget overview and Secretary Arndt presented FY24 Amendment - Discussion was held on proposed tax rate, & SAVE dollars transferred to Debt service for bond payment.

3. No public comment on the FY25 Budget or the FY24 Amendment

4. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to close the Public Hearing and adjourn at 6:45 PM-Roll Call-Aiello-Aye, Auel-Aye, & Wolfe-Aye Motion carried 3-0

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:45 PM.

2. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the amended agenda adding Spotlight in Education after Public Comment as presented. Motion carried 3-0

3. Public Comment: None

4. Spotlight on Education-Amy Stessman and Jody Busch presented on Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) and how beneficial it is for students and teachers. Thanks to the board for allowing WV to be a part of the in-depth knowledge and tools LETRS provides.

5. Consent Items: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Auel and Samantha Jans request to open enroll her 6th grade daughter from Oelwein to WV immediately as presented Motion carried 3-0

6. Communication & Reports: Board: None

Superintendent: Report included softball lights update, PK/TK combined classroom, JH/HS facilities, NICKL, Admission prices, & legislative updates

District - Report included professional development, & learning opportunities.

PK-12 Principals: Report included DARE program, Iowa State football player visitor, PK, TK, & Kindergarten open house, literacy week, leader night, FFA state convention, FCCLA & FFA buckle up or eat glass, prom safety, leader in me, & SAMI process

7. Personnel-Resignation: Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the resignations of Duane Bentley-Bus Driver-23-24 Early Retirement, Brenda Roberts-JH Volleyball & Co-Head Golf, & Emily Redden-5-12 Band Teacher-effective end of 23-24 school year and thank them for their service to the students and staff at Wapsie Valley. Motion carried 3-0

Contracts: None

8. New Business: Moved by Aiello Seconded by Auel to approve FY25 Budget with a tax rate of \$13.73392 & Amended Budget for FY24 increasing Total Support Services, & Total Other Expenditures due to increased expenditures as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the Budget Guarantee that will levy property tax for FY25 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the 2024 anticipated graduates as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the sharing of girls tennis with Oelwein for the 23-24 & 24-25 school year as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the following sharing agreements with Central Rivers AEA for FY25-IT Managed Services (3 days a week-\$77,250), Work Based Learning Coordinator, & Multi-Occupations Coordinator (MOC) estimated 40 days - \$23,611 as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the Vocal/Band trip to New York City May 26 - May 31, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve a combined trip with Tripoli and WV students to Barcelona, Madrid, & Andalusia Spain June 24 - July 3, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the purchase of football helmets (\$9,549.46) from general fund for the 24 season as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the 23-24 Certified & Classified early retirement packages with updating the deadline date to Superintendent's discretion as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Renewing SU Insurance Equipment Breakdown insurance for FY25 (103,166) died due to lack of motion.

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the change order for Softball lights due to adverse soil conditions when digging poles up to \$16,000 as presented. Motion carried 3-0

9. Board Talking Points - Aiello asked about the gun-carrying law and how it impacted schools. Schools have local control over carrying a concealed weapon

10. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted-Kim Arndt

April 15, 2024 Board Bills

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Immanuel and St. Paul Lutheran Congregations hosted a baby shower for Pastor Miguel and Rachel on Sunday, April 7. Much fun was had showering the family with gifts to prepare for their new baby in May. God's Blessings to the Gonzalez family!



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Readlyn, IA 50668
(319) 279-3977
Pastor Miguel
Gonzalez-Feliciano
Divine Service 10 a.m.



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Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor
2649 230th Street
Readlyn, IA 319-279-3758
Sunday services 8:00 AM
Martha Circle, 1st Wednesday of month
Women of Life, 3rd Tues. of month, 7 PM



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
120 West 4th Street, Readlyn
(319) 279-3961
Pastor Miguel
Gonzalez-Feliciano
Divine Service 8:30 a.m.
Mary-Martha Circle
1st Wednesday 7 p.m.



Zion Lutheran Church
240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668
Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor
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