

Readlyn Chronicle



Home of **857 Friendly People and One Old Grump**

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Proceeds from Wapsie Valley Education Foundation's fall mailing distributed

Due to COVID restrictions, the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation was not able to have its annual fall dinner and auction in November, 2020. In its place, an invitation to an Un-dinner/auction with a request for donations was sent out. The board met on January 27, 2021 to review the results of the request for donations as well as to review applications for classroom grants. Once again, the families and businesses of communities within the Wapsie Valley Community School district responded.

Donations of \$17,154.00 were received in response to the mailing. WVEF was also named as a beneficiary of an IRA from a long time supporter of the foundation of over \$6,100 which was fantastic.

The foundation board has put excess funds from previous years into savings accounts in the Readlyn and Fairbank banks. These savings accounts are not huge, but the board agreed on using some of those funds to be able to fulfill the requests to meet the teachers' requests for funding enrichment/classroom grants this year.

The applications came from elementary, junior high, and senior high; they came from the rural schools; they came from the music department, the math/science departments, the PE department. A listing of all the enrichment grants awarded are as follows:

Elementary Grades:

EWALU, Fifth grade classes.... \$2,406.77
 Dependent on COVID restrictions
 LITERACY WEEK/all grades... \$2,000.00
 Interactive Display Projectors.. \$5,558.91
 An example of how projectors can be used

in classroom: i.e. "Short Throw" interactive display for 2nd grade Readlyn/Fairbank and 6th grade Readlyn. Students will be able to connect their Chromebooks to the projectors allowing students to project their work unto the whiteboard for presentations and sharing.

Brain Pop & "Mystery Science" materials \$624.24
 Brain Pop- 1 year subscription Third grade classrooms. "Mystery Science" is a curriculum that is already in use. Funding approved to purchase materials associated with curriculum
 Classroom Set of Malmark Choir chimes \$1,275.00
 Grades 3-6 Elementary Music. This will be set 2 of 2. Able to keep a set of choir chimes at each elementary building.
 Elementary Physical Education \$1,000.00
 Replace and replenish broken and worn out PE equipment
 Social and Emotional Books/Curriculum \$1,000.00
 Pre-K thru 6. Enhance curriculum resources for classroom and individual students.
 Listening Centers in the 21st century \$936.00
 Transitional Kindergarten-Fairbank. Mobile listening center, CD Player, set of 8 headphones and single student "Read Along" set.
 "Jolly Phonics" Readers..... \$380.00
 K thru 3rd grade - Rural schools. Enhancing selection of readers within the Jolly Rancher phonics program.
 Routinely Structured Special \$1,000.00
 Education Classroom-Fairbank. Creating centers which will include each of the students' individual materials/activities that meet student's needs.

Junior/Senior High School

CAPS Program(Center for Advanced Professional Studies) \$1,000.00
 Juniors/Seniors. The new CAPS program provides opportunities to juniors and seniors to explore career interests. Funding used to support off-site office.
 "Durable Dishwashers for Worthy Warriors" \$675.76
 Grades 7-12, Family and Consumer Sciences. Assist in teaching food safety/sanitation principles as well as complement the replacement of equipment
 Wall Collage \$2,000.00
 Grades 7-12 Social Studies. Enhance classroom with wall wrap of 50 plus pictures that tell the story of America with highlights of key Iowa figures as well.
 Alternative Seating Options..... \$1,000.00
 Special Education Grades 7-12. Seating options and other items for students to help meet educational, social, and emotional needs
 CNC Wood Engraver..... \$1,849.00
 Ag Education Grades 7-12. CNC wood engraving machine with router. Develops computer skills and creativity.
 USA Weightlifting Certificate..... \$500.00
 Grades 7-12. Students will be taught the proper form and technique to safely perform in the weight room.
 Science Lab Equipment: Microscopes \$1,619.90
 Grades 7-12. Purchase of 10 microscopes to replace old/broken microscopes and enhance lab experiences for students.
 Math and Science Equipment: Balances. \$1,903.40
 Grades 7-12. 4 Finn Electronic Balances to be used in labs teaching principles of Law of Conservation of Mass Inquiry, Newton's Laws, Lab, Balancing Chemical Reactions, etc.
Total \$26,728.98

Wapsie Valley Education Foundation

Wapsie Valley Educational Foundation awarded scholarships in May 2020 to graduating seniors.

The following scholarships were given by the foundation:

Carlene Werner Memorial Teaching Scholarship-\$500- Jenna Curley

Carlene Werner Memorial Agriculture Scholarship-\$500- Cole Neil

WV Education Foundation Service Scholarships-\$500 each- Tanner Blaylock, Reese Welcher & Samantha Schnor

The following scholarships are given through the foundation:

Leistikow Scholarships-\$400 each- Hannah Miller, Brendon Brown, Anna Richards and Cole Neil

Hookanliner Sportsman's Club-\$500 each- Katie Sauerbrei & Gavin Hyde

Steve Phelan Memorial Scholarships-\$500 each- Jason Harks & Katie Sauerbrei

Readlyn Telephone Company (RTC) Communications Scholarship-\$1,000- Elsie VanDaele

Applications for 2021 scholarships offered by and through the foundation may be obtained by contacting Kate Nitz, high school guidance counselor. Deadline is March 31.



Center Inn re-opens with a flourish

The re-opening of the Center Inn has been nothing short of phenomenal. Naming all of those responsible for this grand reformation of an icon would be a very long list.

First off is the Readlyn Community Betterment Group. The Betterment Group is comprised of 32 investors that put up the cash to purchase these buildings and equipment. Their vision made it all possible! President Jaci Hogan, along with husband, Ben, have worked long hours and attended many meetings to accomplish what you see today. With the help of Larry Pavelec and Ron Ingersoll, many structural problems have been fixed. From the first day, over 18 volunteers showed up to scrub, paint, and refurbish equipment, walls, and floors by applying elbow grease; it has been a wonderful community project.

Jim and Bev Collins of Sunrise Catering have leased the whole operation from the Betterment Group. Since day one, many hours of clean-up, refurbishing, and general sweat have gone into these two buildings. New equipment was purchased to make everything run smoothly. What a project! To be a part of this transformation is just a blessing. Bev and Jim are proud as are many of our investors. We have never seen this happen anywhere in our lifetime! Awards should be handed out to all of those responsible.

Since opening in February, many community events have been revived. The Firemen's Breakfast was a huge success. The Readlyn Senior Citizens have met for their monthly noon lunch. Friday

night Fish Buffets have been extremely well attended. Many phone calls and inquiries have been pouring in regarding future meetings, projects, weddings, and anniversaries. It is just like the Center Inn never closed!

One of the really bright spots is the Inspired Luncheonette operation moving into the Center Inn. Kim Brown and her staff have really added to the whole operation. Noon hours' attendance is fantastic and growing every day. Kim's staff is very dedicated to service and quality.

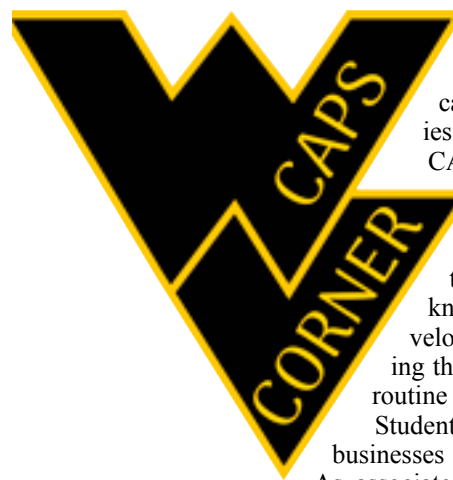
Then there is Heather Collins in the bar! She wants to work every day because she wants it RIGHT! She comes to us like a shining star with super ideas. If you have a problem, she can help solve it. Rocco Imbrogno is a nice addition to the staff. He and his two daughters have really given the Center Inn the stability it needs.

Elijah Gates is everywhere ... in the bar and the kitchen; whatever he does, it is with a smile. He's very steady and ready to please. Please stop in and say, "Hi!"

All of the rest of our staff has worked very hard to learn the systems to keep the Center Inn running smoothly. Many long hours and training have gone into our start up.

Finally, the mainstay of any successful operation has to have the glue. That is Beverly. She tirelessly works day and night to make all of this possible. Without her, the Center Inn would not be what it is.

In conclusion, if you have not already done so, you must come to the new Center Inn and Grumpy's Bar. You will not be disappointed!!



The Wapsie Valley School District has introduced a new course offered to current Juniors and Seniors. This new course is called Center for Advanced Professional Studies (aka, CAPS).

CAPS offers high school and college credits to students despite its "un-class" approach.

The CAPS program was first introduced to the Cedar Falls Community School District with the belief that a hard-working and knowledgeable workforce is crucial to the development of society as a whole. CAPS is achieving this goal by taking students out of their school routine and putting them into the business world.

Student associates then work together with local businesses to work on projects the businesses set forth. As associates are working, they develop the four main cornerstones of CAPS: problem solving, professional skills, innovation, and career exploration. CAPS is the connection of business and education to better the workforce of tomorrow.

CAPS is always looking for help from the community. If you have any projects, or want to help out, please contact Haley Tiedt at htiedt@wapsievalleyschools.org.



Leaf Burning

The City of Readlyn will permit burning of leaves. (NO building materials, or other household wastes)

Burning can take place April 1 to June 1, 2021

Reminder: No burning on paved streets or sidewalks.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN BURNING AND DO NOT BURN WET LEAVES.



Grump's Grumblings

By Roland Schmidt
2019 Grump

Hello everyone! Like all of you, I've spent the last year staring at the four walls, watching TV, talking on the phone and looking out the windows. I've also done a lot of Sudoku. Before COVID stopped everything, I got to volunteer at the hospital. Some of the ladies from the hospital came to my house on my birthday and had signs and sang to me.

Also, some of the kids from daycare came and sang to me, too. And my grandchildren had lunch delivered to me from Inspired. Luckily, I got to get out and

watch my great-grandson play some baseball. Speaking of which, the major league baseball season is coming fast, Go Cubs! Last summer I got out to ride my bike a little bit. I also ride the stationary bike in the house. The scenery isn't quite as good in my basement as it is outside. It's really great to see people out and about already. I hope the weather stays warm. I'm really looking forward to Grump Days this year. It just wasn't the same last year without it. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

2019 Grump Roland Schmidt



Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! I hope everyone is enjoying this nice warm weather that we have been having recently. I have been spending a lot of time on my porch doing homework and soaking up the sunshine.

This month was very exciting for me and my family. Recently, my sister committed to Upper Iowa University to play college volleyball. Along with that, her club volleyball team, Six Pack, qualified for Nationals, which will be held in Las Vegas. To say that I am proud of all of her achievements would be an understatement. It was also my 18th birthday on March 9, and I'd like to give a big thank you to my work mom, Heather Collins, for posting an embarrassingly excited video of me serving my first drinks at Grumpy's on Readlyn Talk. I'd also like to thank anyone and everyone who wished me a happy birthday, I love you all!

This month, I also have the privilege of speaking at the Readlyn Community Club's membership meeting, and, while it will have happened about three days before this gets published, I am so excited to see members of the community there and to talk about how blessed I am to have been Miss Readlyn, even in the trying times of the pandemic. I have enjoyed every second of this year and the activities that I have been able to take part in, but the thing I have enjoyed the most is the people I have met. One being a sweet little

girl, who visits the Center Inn often, and knew that I was Miss Readlyn. I feel so blessed and happy to have the opportunity to talk to and meet so many wonderful people, and I am so grateful to the Community Club for giving me this opportunity to write in the paper, speak at events, and attend so many fun activities. I'll talk to you all next month :)

With all my love,

Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020



This is Savina, the amazing little girl I was talking about :)

Easter Egg Hunt

Follow Wapsie Valley Schools' mask mandate

Saturday, April 3

9:30 AM

Readlyn City Park

Age Groups:
0 - 3
4 - 5
6 - 7
8 - 9

Sponsored by Readlyn Community Club

In case of bad weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Readlyn Fire Station.

Bremer County Cattlemen's Banquet Sunday, April 11

The Bremer County Cattlemen's Banquet will be held Sunday, April 11, at The Center Inn in Readlyn.

The event will begin at 12:00 noon with social time. A meal of prime rib with side dishes and dessert will begin at 12:30 PM.

Two free meal tickets will be provided

with paid membership. Membership can be paid at the door. The public is welcome for an extra \$20.

Beef scholarships will be available for high school seniors.

Contact Valarie Gaede for more information at jvgaede@butler-bremer.com.

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Readlyn Community Happenings

RCC plans City events

The meeting of the Readlyn Community Club was called to order on March 4, 2021, by President Hailey Broten. Present: Hailey, Jessica Anderson, Dani Sauerbrei, Jenny Platte, Aubrey Johnston, Louie and Ron Hartman, Deb Sauerbrei, Ellen and Burton Thies, Sheila Boevers, Amanda McCabe, and Pat Wehr

During the meeting, all members present placed address labels on envelopes and folded letters regarding signing up for RCC's dinner March 27, voting for Grump, and/or donating to the RCC. Please look for these to arrive next week addressed to "Local Postal Customer" with a return address to the bank and the Grump logo stamp.

Secretary's Report from December was presented. Moved by Louie and seconded by Jessica to accept the report; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was presented as a hard copy and discussed. Moved by Jessica and seconded by Sheila to accept the report; passed unanimously.

Old Business

2020 improvised events appear to have been a success.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt – The members at the meeting showed Ellen their appreciation for the 30 years she has run this event with a loud round of applause.

We will follow Wapsie Valley Schools' mask mandate.

Amanda McCabe, Courtney Hesse, Deb Sauerbrei, and Fritz Miller are willing to run the event with Ellen as their mentor.

Moved by Dani and seconded by Sheila to adopt the school's mask mandate and the new committee members; passed unanimously.

Garage Sales will be during Grump Days Thursday, June 17, and Friday night,

June 18. Louie and Dani will be in charge. Moved by Jessica and seconded by Dani to accept the dates; passed unanimously.

Grump Days – June 17-20, Father's Day weekend

Friday - Chocolate Crackers is the band Sheila Boevers is willing to be in charge of the Queen and Lil' Grumpsters contests again.

Hailey will book the baseball diamond. Moved by Sheila and seconded by Aubrey to accept the decisions made so far and that Hailey will work on establishing a committee; passed unanimously.

Annual Dinner Meeting is March 27, 5:30 social, 6:00 dinner, 7:30 Trivia - Theme – "We'll show you crazy." Cost is cemented in stone as \$25 for this year. The committee is Louie as chair, Dani, Lauri Phalen, and Pat; Jessica will help decorate and Hailey can pitch in. Dinner by Sunrise Catering. Pastor Phil will be asked to say the prayer. Miss Readlyn will attend. (I'll check with Roland, 2019's Grump.) We will have a sign-up table for the Easter Egg Hunt. Courtney Hesse and Sheila Boevers are willing to run as directors. Grump voting will use 2020 votes and add the votes from 2021. Ron will visit with all former Grumps regarding the idea of Grumps being in charge of lining up candidates, voting for Grumps, ordering hats, etc. beginning 2022. Dani will order the hats. No T-shirts this year. Those who arrive just for Trivia will register providing their name and email when they pay their \$10. Moved by Dani and seconded by Ron to accept the plans for the Readlyn Community Club Dinner.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 7:00, Center Inn

Moved by all to adjourn!

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wehr,

Readlyn Community Club secretary

Auxiliary meets March 9

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W Auxiliary #5661 Readlyn met at the Readlyn Library meeting room March 9, 2021 with 5 members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Masks were worn and social distancing was practiced.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. A motion was made by Betty Powers and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to pay the bill. Carried. General orders and a summary of the chairman reports were read. Volunteer hours were turned in.

The 3rd District meeting will be in Marshalltown April 17. Jeannette Henry is running for 3rd District President. A letter was read from Kathryn Shreiber. Delegates Ellen Theis, Wilda Albrecht, and alternates Verdeen Pavelec and Darlene

Peters were chosen to go to the 3rd District meeting at Marshalltown. A motion was made by Betty Powers and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to accept the delegates. It was carried.

A poppy wreath was taken to the last 3rd District meeting in Waterloo, because we were unable to take it to the Mid-Winter Conference due to COVID-19.

Thank you notes from Verdeen Pavelec and Marj Macken, who had been hospitalized, were read. A get-well card and Kwik Trip gift card had been given to Verdeen Pavelec who was in the hospital.

Poppies are going to be given to the school for decorating.

A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn. The meeting closed with prayer.

Hostess was Betty Powers.

Readlyn Senior Citizens meet

On February 17, 2021 11 members attended the 11:30 meal at the Center Inn for the Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting.

Charlie Albrecht led everyone in prayer before the meal and called the meeting to order after lunch.

We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Marlys Deterding as her birthday was February 11. Janet Ladage celebrated her birthday on February 10.

We all sang "Happy Anniversary" to Janet and Larry Ladage as their anniversary was on February 10. Janet and Larry celebrated 43 years. Congratulations!

The Treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$162.00

The Secretary's minutes were read by MaryLou Billhorn for the January 27 meeting. Motion was made by Roland Schmidt and seconded by Marlys Deterding to approve the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charlie Albrecht will be writing out the checks to the Readlyn First Responders, the Readlyn Fire Department and the Area Hands Food Pantry this week. It was decided last meeting to take money out of the Senior Citizens treasury and support our local organizations as a token of appreciation for all these organizations do for our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Monthly Community Club Meeting was scheduled for February 18 at 7:00 PM. This meeting was changed to March 4 at 7:00 PM.

March 7 Fireman's Breakfast at the Center Inn.

March 26 Fairbank Catholic Church Fish Fry.

March 27 Annual Community Club meeting at the Center Inn.

The next Senior Citizens Meeting will be March 17, 2021 at 11:30 at the Center Inn.

Don Billhorn made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Motion Carried.

MaryLou Billhorn, Secretary

**Deadline for the April 28
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is Thurs., April 15 at 5 PM**



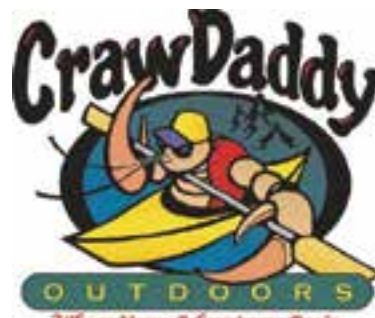
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In Memory of Dorothy Brandt
Barbara Meyer
Douglas and Sherri Koschmeder

In Memory of Kenneth Staack
Ron and Judy Leistikow
Audrey Schmidt

In Memory of Betty Struk
Marlene Kuker

National Library Week

National Library Week (April 4 - 10, 2021) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

This year during National Library Week we will be offering free movie rentals (2 at a time per person) and we will be holding a drawing/coloring contest for children 12 and younger. The theme for National Library Week the year is "Welcome to Your Library" The winner will have their artwork showcased on a special edition Readlyn Library bookmark! Entrance forms can be picked up at the library starting April 1st and must be turned in by April 10th.



*We also hope to see you on Saturday, April 3rd during the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Readlyn Community Club!

We are Empty Without You!

Do you have any interesting hobbies or collections you would like to share? Please ask us about having a month long showcase in the library display. This is a great opportunity to share an interesting passion with the community.



Thank you for your generosity



The Bremer County Health Department holds foot clinics at the Readlyn Library on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

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<https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us/>



Hours:

Monday	10:00 - 7:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	10:00 - 7:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00

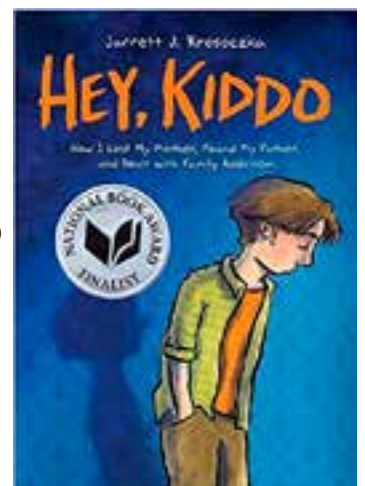
Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

April's title: Hey, Kiddo

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **April 29th**.

In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery -- Jarrett doesn't know where to find him, or even what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents -- two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along.

Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, finding a way to express himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about what's going on. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father.





Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

After World War II

The United States had millions of men and women in service at the end of World War II. Troops were still needed to occupy a part of Germany, the American Zone, along with a one-fourth section of Berlin. Troops also occupied Japan and the island of Taiwan.

Millions of service men and women were returned to civilian life using a point system. Points were awarded for length of time in service, overseas time, number of dependents, etc. This process took many months. Finally, they were home with family, some seeing their children for the first time. What joy! They came back to a different world and adapted.

What was available for them

There were jobs available. A program, 52-20, gave them \$20 per week for 52 weeks if they were unemployed, but few enrolled. Veterans could get government-backed loans at 4-1/2 percent interest to purchase a home or finance a business.

Perhaps one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever passed by Congress was the GI Bill. Veterans were given the opportunity to attend college at government expense, and took advantage of the GI Bill in great numbers. Quonset hut villages at colleges provided housing for married students.

Veterans intermingled with recent high school graduates. Their level of maturity was obvious. They were not the normal college student, being several years older and having spent several years and, some, having gone through hell. There was a story of several veterans at the University of Iowa bringing six-packs to class, sitting in the back of the room and drinking beer during the lecture. The instructor tolerated their behavior and thought they might flunk his course. They earned some of the highest grades in the class.

Money to Spend

During the war there was little to buy, thus, after the war, people had money to spend. The Depression was over, good economic times were beginning! Ice boxes were being phased out; everyone wanted refrigerators which were so in demand that merchants put your name on a list. It took almost two years for the supply to catch up to the demand.

Readlyn had two automobile dealers. Charlie Pock sold Chevys and Heinie Moeller had the Plymouth/DeSoto franchise. Drape Motors handled Chevys in Denver at war's end, selling out later to Red Lahman. All three dealers had a long list of buyers who would pay cash. Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors factories converted back to manufacturing cars at war's end. After Pearl Harbor was bombed

on December 7, 1941, auto manufacturers quickly were ordered to convert their plants to wartime production. Few models were made in 1942, none in '43 and '44 and few in '45. The first new models resembled the '42s. There was an enormous demand for new cars. Your name was put on a list. Cars sold for between \$1,000 and \$1,400. Art Albrecht bought a new Chevy two-door for \$980 and my Dad bought a 1946 DeSoto for \$1,400. If an early buyer chose to resell his car, he could drive it off the dealer's lot and sell it for between \$2,600 and \$3,000. Dealers made money by allowing little for a trade-in. The lists were long and sometimes money talked. There were instances of moving to the top of the list with a bribe. It took several years until the lists were exhausted.

During the war, price controls existed on most products. As I remember, the control price of hogs was about \$12 a hundred. The day price controls were lifted the price for hogs jumped to \$22 per hundred. A bonanza for the farmers. Farmers, the next few years, were very successful. Someone told my Dad that he paid for a farm in three years. Some veterans were bitter because farmers were allowed to remain at home during the war and then, after the war, received a big financial windfall. At this time, some farmers were converting from horses to tractors, so new machinery was in demand. There were also lists for tractors and other machinery.

Baby Boomers

The many children born after the war were known as baby boomers. Times were good and the many couples marrying caused the boom of births. Old-timers who are now between the age of 75 and 85 are baby boomers.

Some things did not change — we went to church, drank our beer, had no night cops and had our movie nights. We could now have our lights on at night, could listen to weather forecasts and drive more than 40 miles an hour as often and as far as we wanted. We threw ration books away - most everything, after a period of time was available, sugar being the exception.

Cigarettes were abundant, with some companies advertising their brand as healthful.

Peace prevailed for the United States from 1945 until many of us had our life rudely interrupted in 1951 and wound up in Korea.

I had to do a lot of remembering to write articles for the last three issues of the *Readlyn Chronicle*. I hope you readers who did not experience WWII gained some insight into our lives during and after the war. I received much assistance from "Mr. Denver," Art Kurtt.

World War II comes to an end

When Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945, church bells rang and a big party erupted that night in Readlyn. The war with Japan continued. Some of those in service in Europe were on transports headed for Japan. When two atom bombs were dropped on Japan, one on Hiroshima and one on Nagasaki, our country was in shock. We had no knowledge these atom bombs even existed. The end of the war with Japan was inevitable. Emperor Hirohito forced the military to surrender Japan. The formal surrender was signed on September 2, 1945.

Reaction was subdued with church bells ringing, but little celebrating. It was a great relief that after more than 3+ years that the war was finally over, especially

for those who had loved ones in service. The men and women in service had given up years of their lives, but it would take many months and even years before they were all back home.

Remembering those brave souls who never came back home.

Norbert Brandt U.S. Navy, died when the submarine USS Trent was sunk.

Virgil Ebough U.S. Army, died while fighting in Italy

Vernon Seegers U.S. Marines, died in the invasion of Iwo Jima

Eldo Meier U.S. Army died, while fighting in Italy

Warren Teisinger U.S. Army died, while fighting in Germany

Final Thoughts on World War II

We, as civilians in the United States, were merely inconvenienced by World War II, never facing any personal danger. In contrast, civilians in London suffered nightly bombing raids from the Luftwaffe and, near the end of the war, were bombarded with V-2 rockets falling from the sky.

Many London children were placed with families out in the country, shielding them from harm.

The British also had their patriotic songs. A beautiful, meaningful song, sung by Vera Lynn, was popular here in America. This song was meant to lift the morale

of civilians in England, projecting hopeful conditions in their country when the war is finally over. Following is the chorus of "There'll Be Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover:"


There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover, Tomorrow, just you wait and see,

There'll be love and laughter and peace ever after, Tomorrow, when the world is free.

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The harsh weather of January and February has hopefully passed and we can continue the spring with more seasonal weather that includes sunshine. We did partake in our first full virtual day in February, and this virtual learning day went very well. We are prepared to continue this mode of learning if needed, to avoid adding more days onto the end of the school calendar. Wapsie Valley is hopeful that the March/April weather will not require the district to utilize any additional virtual days.

The Wapsie Valley Community School District is thrilled to see the COVID-19 positivity rates decreasing in all the surrounding counties and at a state level. The staff at Wapsie Valley CSD who chose to be vaccinated will all have received a first dose by the first week of March. We are grateful that the availability and administration of the vaccines has reached school personnel locally. We continue to be vigilant with our Return to Learn Plans with mitigation precautions and increased sanitation procedures.

Congratulations to the athletic teams and fine arts members who have competed these past few months. Congratulations to the girls and boys basketball teams, wrestling team, and fine arts participants for their accomplishments this year. A particular shout-out goes out to Dawson Schmit and Easton Krall who both qualified for the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament. Dawson earned a 3rd place finish in his sophomore year after a 4th place finish last year. Easton wrestled as a freshman in his first state tournament appearance. The Wapsie Valley students are dusting off their golf clubs, track shoes, musical instruments, and rehearsal scripts. We have a variety of vocal and musical concerts, speech contests, a musical play, track and golf meets to get ready for this spring. Also, we are extremely excited that Wapsie Valley will be having a Prom celebration this year!

I want to personally thank our school nurse, McKayla Bellis, for her countless hours at any time of the day or week helping our staff, students and families navigate the pandemic situation. Her diligent efforts helped to keep consistency in dealing with case by case situations during the past year of the pandemic.

We wish you a safe and healthy spring season! Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,

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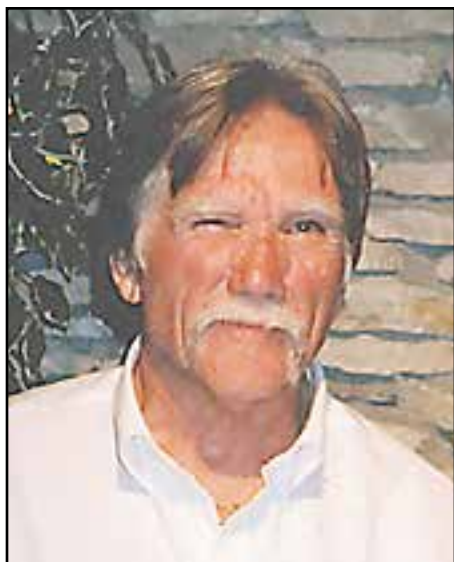
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Obituaries



Kenneth (Ken) Staack

Kenneth (Ken) Staack, 74, of South Boston, VA, and formerly from Readlyn, passed away Feb. 19, 2021 at home as a result of a cancerous brain tumor.

Kenneth Ervin Staack was born Oct. 19, 1946, the son of Ervin and Ellen (Swank) Staack in Waverly. He was baptized and

confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Readlyn. He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1964. After graduation, he worked at Schield Bantam in Waverly until he was drafted and served two years in the Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After boot camp, he worked in the office processing soldiers being deployed.

Ken was into photography and first worked for Olan Mills and later moved to Virginia and worked for Heritage Studios until he retired. Ken was a carefree and fun-loving guy who loved his family and friends. He loved his horses and riding his motorcycle, fishing and playing his guitar and harmonica.

He is survived by his wife, Sue (Brooks) Staack, one daughter, Stephanie, and grandson, Landon, both of New Lebanon, NY, one sister, Kathy (Larry) Heinemann of Readlyn, two brothers, Keith (Janell) Staack of Shell Rock, IA, and Kevin Staack of Dacono, CO, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Alex Staack. Services will be held at a later date in Virginia.



Larry Dean Lee

Larry Dean Lee, 81 of Independence, of Readlyn and Sumner, died peacefully surrounded by his family on March 9, 2021, at MercyOne in Waterloo. Visitation and funeral service were held on Monday, March 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn, Iowa. Visitation was from 10-11:00 am with funeral service at 11:00 am.

Larry was born February 18, 1940 in Cedar County, Iowa to Howard Lee and Norma Schroeder Lee. His father died when he was four years old which led to the family moving back to Bremer County, eventually settling in Readlyn. He was confirmed at St Paul Lutheran Church on April 11, 1954 and graduated in 1958 from Readlyn High School.

On February 11, 1962, Larry married his lifelong love and partner of 59 years, Julene Schwake, at St. John Lutheran Church, Buck Creek, rural Sumner. They resided in Readlyn for 27 years and raised five children.

For most of his career, Larry was a general contractor building many new homes "from the first shovel of dirt to the last nail." He was also a volunteer firefighter with the Readlyn Fire Department for 25 years. During the farm crisis, he was an over-the-road truck driver. In 1989, they moved to a farm near Buck Creek where he farmed and also did construction. At that time, they be-

came members of St. John's Church, Buck Creek where they were active members including being on the council and in choir.

After retirement, they moved to their current home in Independence. Both were involved in bluegrass music and he learned to play the banjo. The couple enjoyed traveling to bluegrass festivals throughout the Midwest and were active members of the Backbone Bluegrass Association. He was a "mowing machine" at the Bluegrass grounds. He loved to socialize and jam with anyone who was willing. He was always up for a 1000-piece puzzle or a card game and he never met a stranger. They especially enjoyed taking road trips to Georgia to visit their youngest son and his family.

Larry is survived by his wife, Julene; five children, Pamela Brandt of Dubuque, Cheri (Jeff) Mohlis of Cedar Falls, Myron (Stephanie) Lee of Waukee, Lynette (Marty) Beckner of Cedar Falls, and Mitchell (Mirna) Lee of Roswell, Georgia; grandchildren Alexander Brandt, Nathaniel Brandt, Emilee Leonard, Zachary Weston, James Mohlis, Kaitlyn Mohlis, Matthew Lee, Samuel Lee, Allison Beckner, Noelle Beckner, Kyle Beckner, Ben Lee, Luke Lee; four great-grandchildren; his brother, Bob Lee of Hiawatha, and sisters/brothers-in-law Helen Lee of Tripoli, Peggy Schwake of Fayette, Carolyn and Jerry Biermann of Elgin, and Barb and Gerry Schwake of Sumner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Julene's parents, Gerhardt and Edna Schwake; an infant daughter, Angela Sue; a brother, Romaine Lee; two sisters, Sylvia Schwerin and Diane Johnson; sister-in-law Eunice Lee; and brothers-in-law, Duane Schwerin, Lorraine Johnson, Donley Schwake, and Neil Schwake.

Burial was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn with Pastor Phil Girardin officiating. Those attending the visitation and the service were required to wear masks and practice good social distancing. Those not attending could watch the livestream starting at 11:00 a.m. on the St. Paul Lutheran Church Facebook page. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.

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Wapsie Valley Wrestling: Grappling in an unforgettable season

This season may not have looked like seasons of the past, with limited fans and masked teams, but the 2020-2021 Warriors rolled with the new protocols and were able to compete in a nearly full season. Despite three tournaments lost to COVID-19 and another to weather, Wapsie Valley was able to kick off the Saturday tournament season by successfully hosting the 8th Annual Chris Davis Invitational. The altered schedule allowed them to fill some of their open dates with additional duals against Marion, Beckman Catholic, and Charles City, which are teams that are not normally on the schedule. In a year where almost everything seems to be up in the air, the Warriors were excited to be in competitions 13 out of the possible 15 dates allowed in the high school schedule. The team finished the season with an overall dual record of 12-8 and 3rd place finishes at the Chris Davis Invite and the MFL Tournament.

With the uncertainty of the upcoming season, senior night was held on the first home dual of the year on December 3 to honor the seniors and their parents. Seniors on this year's team included Sam Banger, Brady Benning, Tylen Hirsch, Isiah Morse, and Jordan Rubner. Sam Banger, known for his flashy moves, ended his career with an outstanding effort at the Sectional Tournament, climbing from his 8th seed to finish 5th with two falls in 1:17 of wrestling. Brady Benning, a district qualifier a year ago, was on the verge of advancing again to Districts, but lost a wrestleback and finished the year with 20 wins. Tylen Hirsch, who was also a district qualifier a year ago, finished 2nd at the Chris Davis invitational, but had his season ended early due to an ankle and knee injury. Isiah Morse joined the team a year ago and ended his career as a Warrior having been a 2019-2020 Conference Champion and District Qualifier. Jordan Rubner, after not wrestling his sophomore and junior years, stepped back onto the mat for his senior year to help the

team and placed third at the Sectional Tournament. The team will miss this year's seniors and wishes them good luck in their future.

Besides the five seniors mentioned, the Warriors boasted a lot of young talent as well. The lone junior, Gavin Leistikow, seven sophomores (Keegon Brown, Tyce Hagenow, Austin Hesse, Cannon Joerger, Isaiah Price, Dawson Schmit, and Cole Snyder) and six freshmen (Derek Hilsenbeck, Brock Keitsch, Brody Kleitsch, Easton Krall, Tucker Ladeburg, and Jake Schoer) battled in a tough NICL Conference. This group has gained valuable experience while competing in the Warrior line-up and look to use those experiences to improve for next year. Warrior fans can look forward to big things from this young group in the future.

After having the Conference Tournament cancelled due to weather, the Warriors traveled to MFL for the Sectional Tournament. The team battled all day and came away with three third place wrestlers who narrowly missed moving on, Benning, Price, and Rubner. Easton Krall and Dawson Schmit both placed first and did so in convincing fashion. Both wrestlers went 2-0 on the day and neither Warrior allowed any points from their opponents as they qualified for the District Tournament.

The following Saturday they took the short trip to Denver to take on top talent from the area. Krall again went 2-0, collecting two falls over Jayden Peyton of East Buchanan and Trace Meyer of Summer-Fredericksburg in the finals. Schmit received a bye first round, but took care of business and won by major decision in the finals over Dawson Bergan of Edgewood-Colesburg. The young duo punched their tickets to state with their first place finishes at Districts, making it the fourth time in the last six years that a Krall and a Schmit have qualified for state in the same year for the Warriors.

Although the State Tournament was quieter than normal with limited fans in attendance, the Warriors provided their own noise on the

opening day of the tournament. No time was wasted out of the gate on day one, with Krall winning by major decision 13-1 over Kolton Munson of Ogden and Schmit pinning Keyton Rensburg of South Hamilton in the third period while leading 10-0. Day two saw Krall put to the backside after battling the second seed, Eli Becerra of Missouri Valley. He came up one match short of placing after losing 3-5 to Easton Schlabaugh of Highland, Riverside. Dawson sealed his position as placewinner and advanced to the semi-finals after beating Dawson Bergan of Ed-Co for the third time in three weeks. After a tough semi-final loss to Braden Graff of West Sioux, Dawson fought through the backside, beating Bryce Thompson of Highland, Riverside 6-4 and earning a spot in the 3rd place match for the second year in a row. Schmit was matched up against Donavon Hanson of West Bend Mallard. Schmit was

down early, but tied the match 4-4 in the second period before pinning Hanson to claim the 3rd place spot on the 113lb 1A State Tournament podium. This marks the second time the sophomore has made the State Tournament placing both times in the top four.

The Warrior wrestlers and coaches truly appreciate everyone, from parents, fans, administrators, sponsors, and more, who worked hard to make this unprecedented season possible. This includes the managers, Matilda Miller, Ava VanDaele, and Jayden Wagner, who are a vital part of the team. While many of the Warrior faithful were not able to attend events in person this year, the team appreciates the support of everyone who tuned in to our live streamed events and can't wait to get on the mat in front of a full crowd next year. This team is going to be exciting to watch!



Easton Krall builds on his lead over his first round opponent Kolton Munson of Ogden. Krall won the match 13-1 and finished his freshman year with a record of 29-5.



Dawson Schmit locks up a tight bar arm and looks to turn his opponent Dawson Bergan (Ed-Co) in Class 1A state quarterfinals. Schmit went on to win the match 9-4.

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First and second graders painted a giant puzzle collage of Jesus.



The 1st - 6th grade students revived this old and unused piano into a creative work of art that now resides in the Klinger hallway. Repurposed and revived!



Three-year-old students showed their CLS pride with school shirts! We are growing in Christ's love at CLS because God has big plans for us!



Gathering around the small picture of Jesus



Three-year-old preschool students painted foot prints emphasizing how we follow Jesus. We washed our feet as we discussed how Jesus washed his disciples feet to demonstrate how He was sent to serve and bring us salvation through His death and resurrection!



Four-year-old preschool students follow Jesus as we are all called to serve! (Future firefighter, insurance agent, and teacher)



Congratulations to the 2020 Wapsie Valley volleyball team! On March 10 they were proudly presented their medals, team trophy, IGSAU state banner, and state t-shirts! Lisa Brinkmeyer the IGSAU sport administrator for volleyball, soccer, and golf zoomed in with a heartfelt message for the team. We are proud of you. Go Warriors!



Kindergarten students presented a skit about pastors and teachers being sent to serve.



First and second grade finish a puzzle portrait of Jesus.

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RECIPE: Graham Gems
 From the kitchen of: Renetta Oltrogge

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- 1 C. sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 rounding T. butter or bacon fat
- 1 C. sour milk or buttermilk
- 2/3 c. white flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 C. graham flour

Beat egg, add sugar and softened shortening; mix well. Add sour milk to which the soda has been added. Then mix in the flours and mix as for muffins. Bake in muffin tins at 350 for 20 minutes or until light brown.

Recipe taken from the Readlyn Historical cookbook.

Super Moist Cake

- 1 pkg. chocolate cake mix
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 jar hot caramel topping
- 1- 8 oz. container Cool Whip
- Chocolate candy for topping

Make cake mix according to pkg. When cake is done, remove from oven and poke holes in cake. Pour sweetened condensed milk over cake. Then pour caramel over cake. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Top with Cool Whip before serving. Sprinkle chocolate candy shavings or Snickers on top of Cool Whip. Enjoy

This recipe is from Roland Schmidt who was the 2019 Grump.

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Obituary



Milton Eugene Happel

Milton Eugene Happel was born on May 24, 1936 on the family farm in Dunkerton, Iowa to Lucinda and Victor Happel. Milton was raised in the small northeastern Iowa town of Readlyn, population 857. While growing up in Readlyn, he helped his parents run Vic's Food Market, the local grocery store. Milton, or more affectionately known as Milt, attended Readlyn High School graduating with 21 other classmates. After graduation, Milt enlisted in the US Army where he served 2 years in Fort Riley, Kansas.

When his enlistment was over, he thought it would be a good idea to marry Kim Irene McElhose, which he did on October 13, 1957. Turned out to be his best decision. They were married for over 63 years.

Some of the highlights of those 63 years of wedded bliss...3 children: David who stayed in Iowa with his 3 children and 6 grandchildren; daughter Andrea, also living in Iowa, makes sure her brother has company; and son Marty, married to Jill, lives in Tampa, FL. You may occasionally see them walking Willy, their Black Scottish Terrier who loves to terrorize Royal Highland golf carts as they pass.

Milt had a bit of a restless soul when it came to his working career. When running the family grocery store wasn't a fit, he

found a calling in being a long-haul trucker. Milt drove from one corner of the US to the other. From delivering John Deere tractors inside the Superdome in New Orleans to dropping off massive electric generators in downtown Manhattan...Milt found peace in the open road. However, being on the open road for that long comes with a price. After their last child graduated from high school in 1987, a decision was agreed upon...or as Kim tells it..."I'm moving to Florida are you coming?" So off they went.

Upon arriving in Florida, Milt took his love of woodworking, remodeling and construction and found his final employment as a master carpenter for the Peabody Hotel in Orlando. An unfortunate work accident led to an early work retirement, but this brought about his next big adventure...his RV!

Milt loved his RV and the RVing lifestyle. He could combine his love of the open road and spending time with Kim without leaving anyone out. Once again, he got to crisscross our great country. They visited friends in Phoenix, made numerous trips to tiny Readlyn, even taking the RV on a ferry over to Nova Scotia. But, as the saying goes...all good things must come to an end...and Milt's diagnosis of Parkinson's put the brakes on his RV.

We all know Parkinson's is a difficult condition and it was no less difficult for "Uncle Milt." He tried his best not to let it slow him down. His cross-country trips were reduced to occasional trips to the grocery store and not missing a Sunday at Woodlands Lutheran Church. Yet when even this became too much...and the driving fell into Kim's lap...he had no trouble telling her how to drive!

Anyone who met Milt and got to know him realized they picked up a new friend. He will be missed by many, celebrated by his buddies, and loved by all.

Rest in Peace "Uncle Milt."
 Memorials may be sent in Milt's name to Woodland's Lutheran Church, 15333 CR 455, Montverde, FL 34756 or Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Milt and his father, Vic, died on the same date, Dec. 26 — 19 years apart.

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By: Eric Johnston



“The Season Opener”

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As inspiration struck me for this month’s column, I’m wore out, sweating, my ATV is buried past the axles in snow and I’ve got a sled full of corn I’m trying to pull behind it to feed the wildlife in the area I hunt. I spent many days this past winter supplementing the wildlife’s food sources to help get them through the harsh month of February 2021. Typically our wildlife adapt really well to the cold, but this year was different. Layers of ice and snow prevented pheasants, deer and turkeys from accessing the ground and forage and I tried to help them out by putting out corn on a weekly basis. Anyway, back to being stuck, I greatly underestimated my ATV’s ability in the snow and was now paying for it. As I took frequent breaks slowly getting the atv out of the timber, I began thinking of past hard winters and how it affected my tournament season with the late warmup. One such opener was 4 or 5 years back that stood out and the lesson learned from it. Fast forward a couple weeks, and yes folks, spring has finally arrived! Mother Nature sure made us wait for it this year. As spring finally rolls around, I’ve been counting the days ‘til opening day. To the general public, you casually mention opening day and most folks think of baseball. And while I myself don’t mind a good baseball game from time to time, to the outdoorsman and outdoorswoman across our area, the words opening day mean so much. It’s hard to describe the feeling of an upcoming opening day in the outdoors. As close

as I can come to describing it is, it’s much like when you were a little kid waiting for Christmas morning to come! While there are many opening days for me throughout the year with the different hunting seasons, this week I’m going to talk about opening day of a tournament season a few years ago.

Like I said above, it felt like spring would never get here this particular year. I had prepped my boat and had everything ready to go for the season back in March and then we kept getting snow. Our season opening bass tournament was set for April 28 at Lansing, Iowa, and we had snow a mere week and a half before this. Cold water can make things very tough in the spring. Add into that dirty and rising water and you have a recipe for a very tough tournament. But as always, the tournament will go on and someone will find the fish and the winning pattern to take home a win. My friend and tournament partner Adam Farmer and I met at my cabin in Prarie Du Chein on Thursday night and began planning how we would go about taking on Friday practice to find some fish. We decided with the cold water we would target areas near the bass wintering holes and see what we could find. Friday morning dawned cold and clear. We were to the ramp and on the water at daybreak. Lows were in the thirties and as we idled out of the canal a quick check of the water temp read 48 degrees. Not exactly ideal, but we needed to find them. We decided to start at a well-known area that typically had warmer water. We fished around in there and found two areas that held a school of keeper bass. I told Adam, “At least we have this if we can’t find other areas. But we need to get here first.” We left there and decided we wanted to target smallmouth. We had a tournament here last year around this time and in that tournament we did really well with smallmouth bass. We went from rocky spot to rocky spot all day with little to nothing to show for our efforts. We covered a lot of water throwing all kinds of different baits. At one point I had so many St. Croix rods and Abu Garcia reels on the front deck of the boat, I’m surprised I didn’t trip over them and fall out of the boat! By 2 pm we decided the smallmouth just weren’t going to play for us and decided to switch things up. We pulled into a backwater that we’ve caught them shallow in the spring before and I thought to myself it’s too cold for this. Another check of the water temp read 53 degrees in the backwater. A light breeze was adding a little chop to the water, so I picked up a spinnerbait and made a few casts. On my third cast I had a big bass roll over it. I looked at Adam and said



“That was a big largemouth, we have an area to try to get a kicker fish tomorrow afternoon.” I should have taken that clue right that there and changed up our whole game plan, but more on that in a bit. That night at the cabin we made our plan to start at the community hole and stay there most of the day, then go to the backwater in the afternoon when it had warmed up to try for a big largemouth. Tournament morning dawned even colder than the day before and the wind had blown hard all night. As we idled out of the ramp, our takeoff order was boat #9. I wondered if the handful of boats in front of us would head to the area we wanted to start. I was nervous, because I knew if we weren’t in there first we would have a harder time putting fish in the boat. As we took off I saw two boats ahead of me heading to that area. But I also noticed they were taking the longer way around that you must use when the water is low. I had idled out of there in practice and knew the water was deep enough to run across wide open. As they went around left I immediately cranked the steering wheel right and ran across the shallow flat beating both boats into the area. A fist bump between me and Adam as we drove right up to where we wanted to start. We put the trolling motor down and got to work. Adam almost immediately hooked up with a beautiful two pound smallmouth and we had our first keeper in the live well. It didn’t take us long and we had a limit of five fish in the live well and were feeling pretty good. We had one small pocket in fast water that we would throw our Texas rigged Strike King tube into and let the current wash it into the rocks and as it washed over the rocks the fish would bite. We ended up anchoring and exclusively fishing that spot. We worked our way up to 12.72 pounds of a five fish limit and felt good. I did lose one big smallmouth that would have really helped us, but we were having so much fun it really didn’t hurt too bad. We stayed there until 1:00 pm and decided to finish out the last two hours of the day trying our largemouth backwater. We fished that only producing one small largemouth. As we headed to weigh in we felt good about our chances, but we ended up very surprised. 12.72 was only good enough for sixth place. We were somewhat disappointed, I could not believe the big largemouth that were brought to the scales to put us in sixth place. Now don’t get me wrong,

Adam and I had a fantastic day of fishing. But the competitive side of me analyzes where we went wrong. This was a big lesson and one that I’m still doing a palm to face on. In a lot of my articles I talk about photoperidism (amount of daylight in a day) and how it affects animals habits. The same applies for fish, especially bass. Because we had such a late spring, I had it in my head there was no way the largemouth would be shallow with the cold water. I should have kept a more open mind on that and it’s something you can apply to your fishing. While water temp is a big deal in the spring as far as bass moving shallow to spawn it’s just one factor in the process. What I didn’t take into consideration is the water was rising, (moves fish shallow), the water temp was rising a little bit each day,(moves fish shallow), and the moon phase was nearly full, (moves fish shallow to spawn). I had three key ingredients to move bass shallow and I didn’t put it together. As I would later find out the tournament was won shallow on largemouth bass. A big lesson learned for me and believe me, all this was written down for next year. Keep all this in mind as you bass fish each spring. Those three ingredients are key in the spring. Especially photoperidism, the amount of daylight is what triggers all wildlife. Current weather alters it slightly, but much like the whitetail rut, the bass spawn is triggered by the amount of daylight. That tournament taught me a lot about seasonal patterns and following them. This year’s opening day will be April 24. But this year will be a little different. My tournament partner Adam Farmer and I have started our own business, No Nonsense Prairie Bass Series L.L.C. This will be a bass tournament series out of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and something we’ve planned for many years. Not only will we be owner/operators, but will fish the series consisting of a five tournament season and have brought our wives in on this as well. It will be a true family effort to create a fun and exciting tournament series for bass anglers to fish. We have great sponsors and support and the best equipment we could get! So, needless to say, there’s a lot of nervous excitement building in the Johnston household! Check us out on Facebook by typing No Nonsense Prairie Bass series in the search bar to find our page. I’m looking forward to a great bass tournament season 2021! Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!

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Future of Wapsie wrestling looks bright

The 2020-2021 wrestling season ended on a very positive note for Wapsie's youth wrestlers. Numerous members of the WWC (Wapsie Wrestling Club) participated in USA State, AAU districts, AAU state, Super Pee Wee state and a few dual tournaments between the end of January and the end of February, after a long break due to COVID.

Competing at USA state in Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 24 were Chase Ackerman (1st), Kaiden Belinsky, Kiptyn Cox, Kanen Decker (6th), Cooper Frost, Jonah Frost, Landan Frost, Jase Jones, Drew Lansing, Ty Martin (1st), Garrett Miller, Dallas Tissue, Wes Wangsness and Krayton Zimmerman.

AAU districts are held the first Sunday each February at Waverly Shell Rock high school for grades 3-8th. To advance to the state tournament in Des Moines, a wrestler must place in the top 4 at his weight. Competing for WWC were Chase Ackerman (1st), Cooper Adair (4th), Kaiden Belinsky (3rd), Kiptyn Cox (2nd), Kanen Decker (2nd), Drew Destival, Cooper Frost, Jonah Frost, Landan Frost, Reece Hagenow, Hayden Hilsenbeck, Jase Jones (2nd), Sawyer Krall (4th), Evan Kleitsch (2nd), Drew Lansing (1st), Ty Martin (1st), Andrew Matthias (2nd), Garrett Miller, Brennan Pagel (2nd), Wes Wangsness, Zak Willems (3rd), Dallas Tissue and Krayton Zimmerman (3rd).

The team had a great time in Des Moines the last weekend in February, enjoying team/family meals together and staying at a hotel near Wells Fargo arena. Signs



Practicing till the end...last practice before the big dance in Des Moines!



Ty Martin

were hung up on the doors recognizing the wrestlers and teammates supported each other over the course of the three-day tournament. Thankfully, there was no limit on spectators so there were plenty of fans there to cheer on the boys! WWC had five place winners: Chase Ackerman (1st), Drew Lansing (3rd), Kaiden Belinsky (6th), Ty Martin (4th), and Zak Willems (4th). WWC finished in 2nd place for 1A youth teams and 20th overall, following mostly super club teams that are comprised of kids from many different school districts. This is the highest WWC has finished at the AAU State tournament! The boys have worked extremely hard over the last year in order to make it to where they are today. Even when Wapsie was unable to practice, a handful of our boys continued to attend IAWC practices to get better! The coaches continue to be very proud of them and "the future of Wapsie wrestling looks brighter than ever!"



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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Mrs. Shedenhelm's 3rd graders created their own Boom Town. They did research on the California Gold Rush and the effects it had on the growth of San Francisco.



Preschoolers are enjoying recess in the snow!

Wapsie Valley FFA takes on Sub-District competition

By Mary Bodenstener, Chapter Reporter

Through FFA, students have the opportunity to be involved in numerous career and leadership development events, otherwise known as CDEs and LDEs. These individual and team events require hours of preparation to compete at different levels of competition. It all starts at Sub-Districts, where participants can advance on to districts. After that, State Convention, then the best of the best, can move on to Nationals in Indianapolis Indiana.

The Wapsie FFA Chapter takes competition seriously. Members at Wapsie have been working extremely hard before and after school, for the past few months, to represent their chapter the best that they can. All their work was put to the test at Sub-Districts on Wednesday, February 24, at Hawkeye Community College. Wapsie was represented in seven different events. No other members or spectators were able to attend, due to COVID-19 concerns,

unlike in past years. The results from Wednesday are listed below.

Ag Broadcasting: Clayton Hershey - Gold

Creed Speaking: Brock Kleitsch - 4th Gold, Alternate

Job Interview: Kaylee Kleitsch - 1st Gold, Advance

Public Speaking: Bridget Seemann - Silver

Extemporaneous Speaking: Sydney Matthias - 2nd Gold, Advance

Conduct of Meetings: Lily Schwickerath, Kali Lampe, Reese Peine, Brody Kleitsch, Ava VanDaele, Mady Richards, and Caitlyn Reckemmer - 1st Gold, Advance

Ag Sales: Cannon Joerger - Silver

Congratulations to all who competed! Good luck to the contestants who moved on to compete at Districts on March 13 at Independence High School!



Wapsie FFA members attended Sub-Districts in Waterloo. Pictured are, front row, left to right: Mady Richards, Bridget Seemann, Reese Peine, Lily Schwickerath, Kali Lampe, and Caitlyn Reckemmer. Back row: Mr. Forsyth, Sydney Matthias, Kaylee Kleitsch, Cannon Joerger, Brock Kleitsch, Clayton Hershey, Brody Kleitsch, and Ava VanDaele.



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Readlyn City Council Meeting March 8, 2021

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:45p.m. for Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 p.m. for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Jason Franck, Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the February 8, 2021 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Treasurer/clerk reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve the budget and

library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the FY21/22 Budget. Notice of time and place had been published in the *Waverly Newspapers* on February 25, 2021. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard, motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to introduce Resolution No.851 entitled

"RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FIS-

CAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Whereupon the declared Resolution No. 851 was duly adopted.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 852 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA, AWARDING AN OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION CONTRACT TORYAN SMITH PLUMBING & HEATING FOR PROJECT #4 OF THE READLYN CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM." Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 852 duly adopted.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Spring Leaf Burning from April 1 to June 1, 2021. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Scott Broten, Jr as a member of the Readlyn First Responders. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones,

Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Franck to approve EMS training for Andrea Buehler and Scott Broten, Jr. Roll call vote AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.


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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve an annual contribution of \$600.00 to the UWRWMA beginning FY22. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve water and wastewater recertification for Bernard Wiersma and Austin Matthias.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor
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Fifteen members attended the 11:30 AM meal at the Center Inn for the Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting on March 17.

Ron Leistikow led everyone in prayer before the meal and called the meeting to order after lunch.

We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Don Billhorn, as his birthday will be the March 29 and Sonja Bast will be having a birthday on March 31. We also called Verdeen Pavelec and sang "Happy Birthday" to her over the phone as she was unable to attend the meeting. Verdeen's birthday was the March 16.

No one had an anniversary this month.

The secretary's minutes were read by MaryLou Billhorn for the February 17 meeting. Motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Marlys Deterding to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after zero expenses was \$177.00. Motion was made by Marlene Kuker and seconded by Roland Schmidt to approve. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Wehr gave a report that, at the Annual Community Club Meeting on March 27, 2021, those attending will be able to purchase one or all 3 kinds of COVID Shots (liquor that is). There will be four \$25.00 gift certificates to Fareway Grocery Store given away that evening. The certificates were donated by Liddle Tiling. New members are always welcome to join in the fun!

Amanda McCabe, Sheila Boevers, Deb Sauerbrei and Courtney Hesse will be having the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Year for Readlyn. Thank you to Ellen Thies for all the years she spent working on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Town of Readlyn.

NEW BUSINESS:

The thank-you letter was read by MaryLou Billhorn from His Hands Food Pantry. The Senior Citizens had decided to send money to the Food Pantry last month out of the treasury.

The next Senior Citizens meeting will be April 21 at 11:30 AM at the Center Inn.

Don Billhorn made a motion to adjourn and Larry Ladage seconded it. Motion carried.

MaryLou Billhorn, Secretary

Deadline for the April 28 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., April 15 at 5 PM

Send news to ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com

I want to thank everyone for the cards, food and phone calls I received after my fall. Thanks to Pastor Rabary for his calls and visit. Special thanks for the anonymous gift sent to me. God bless you all.
Jane Meyer



Taylor Physical Therapy Welcomes Maddy Matthias, PTA to our Denver Clinic!

Maddy is no stranger in the communities surrounding the Denver Clinic! She is a Wapsie Valley High School graduate (May 2014) who then later returned to play an active role in the community! Prior to her return, she studied Kinesiology, Health Promotions, and Psychology at Grand View University while competing on the volleyball team. Maddy obtained her associate degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant from Hawkeye Community College in September 2020.

While not in the clinic, you can find Maddy teaching group fitness classes in Readlyn, coaching club volleyball, and spending time with her favorite little humans - Liv, Lawson, and Luke!

Maddy will work closely with our physical therapists to help you move better, feel better, and get back to doing what you love! Her passion to serve and help others achieve their goals makes her an ideal member for your care team!

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	<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>

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