

# Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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## Spring cleanup days are May 3, 4 and 5

The City of Readlyn will be having "Spring Cleanup Days," Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3, 4 & 5, 2021. This is your chance to get rid of items not taken by regular garbage pickup. Please have your items at your curb separate from your regular garbage. All items must be at the curb no later than 8:00 am Wednesday, May 5.

Items that will not be allowed are tree stumps, junk car parts, yard waste, batteries, concrete, building materials, hazard-

ous materials, paint, oil, solvents, insecticides, or pesticides.

Again this year, items must have paid stickers on them prior to pickup.

The City will be charging for pick-up for the following items:

- Car Tires ..... \$5.00
- Major Piece of Furniture ..... \$10
- Truck Tire ..... Call for prices
- Mattress ..... \$10
- Tractor Tire ..... Call for prices
- Box Spring..... \$10

- Appliance w/ Freon ..... \$15.00 (Refrigerator, Dehumidifier, etc.)
  - All other Appliances..... \$12
  - Carpet ..... \$20/cubic yard
  - Bathroom Fixtures..... \$10
  - TV..... \$15
  - Grills & Garage Door Openers..... \$10
  - Computers ..... \$15
  - Swing Sets & Trampolines..... \$20
  - Vacuum cleaner..... \$10
- Other items will be picked up free of charge. Fees for the above items must be

paid in advance at City Hall. You will be given a paid sticker & receipt.

No items longer than 10 feet in length will be picked up.

Pick up of all items is subject to the discretion of the City of Readlyn.

**\*\*NO RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

Call City Hall at 279-3411 if you have any questions, if there is a charge for an item.

Larger items must be taken apart (such as swing sets, trampolines etc).



It was a beautiful day for the Readlyn Easter Egg Hunt! A large number of parents and children took to the streets to enjoy the fun.

## Scholarship deadline is May 3

By Kim Brown & Ron Leistikow

The Readlyn Valentine Ball Committee is excited to announce this year's senior scholarship opportunity! All Wapsie Valley High School 2020 seniors with a Readlyn address, Readlyn telephone number, or those who completed grade school at Readlyn Elementary are eligible to apply for this \$500 scholarship.

The subject of this scholarship is "My Readlyn Community Involvement." Please submit a well-written, thought-provoking 300-word minimum essay describing ways you volunteered in Readlyn and have been involved in the Readlyn community throughout the years. Describe how your involvement has impacted you and influenced

your future plans.

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Readlyn Library no later than May 3. The scholarship winner will be announced in the May Chronicle as well as by mailed letter.

The Valentine Ball Committee believes that Readlyn offers priceless opportunities to give roots and wings to our young citizens. Roots to hold them strong in their beliefs and where they can always call home. Experiences to help them spread their wings and contribute to the bigger world outside of our great town.

The Valentine Ball has ended. Money still in the account will provide scholarships for at least four years.

## Save the date

**Readlyn's spring city-wide garage sales will be part of Grump Days – 2021 on Thursday, June 17, and Friday, June 18. You set your days and times to suit your schedule—We will advertise them for you!**

Please plan ahead for the Readlyn City-Wide Garage Sales now scheduled for June 17-18, 2021. The Readlyn Community Club is coordinating this event and will be responsible for ads placed in the newspapers and online. You provide your yard signs. If you have questions or concerns, you may call Louie Hartman at 319-239-0533 or Dani Sauerbrei at 319-

239-5182.

Please drop off your registration and \$5.00 in care of Dani at the Readlyn Savings Bank drive-up window or the night drop box by Monday, June 14 (checks can be made out to RCC). Maps of listings will be on Facebook and can be picked up at the Kwik Star at noon on Thursday, June 17.

## Grumps consider starting a group

By Louie Hartman

Former Grumps gathered Saturday, April 10, at the Center Inn.

Present were Ron & Judy Leistikow, Larry & Janet Ladage, Roland Schmidt, Don & MaryLou Billhorn, Burton & Ellen Thies, Ron & Louie Hartman, Verdeen Pavelec, Delores Meier, Delores Ungs, GaryLee Thurm, Charlie & Wilda Albrecht, Roger & Marlys Deterding.

After a delicious dinner, there was discussion about forming a "Grumps" group to help with the Readlyn Grump Days candidate process for electing the annual Grump. Duties will include contacting

Grump candidates, ordering caps/visors, counting votes taken from the annual membership drive/dinner, and meeting three times a year.

Larry Ladage moved to form this GRUMPS group, Don Billhorn seconded, and the motion carried. Ron Leistikow will serve as Chair, Charlie Albrecht as Vice Chair, and Louie Hartman as Secretary.

At the next meeting, they will discuss entering parades. An idea is needed for a handicap-friendly ride for the Grumps to replace the golf carts. A Sept. or Oct. meeting will be announced later.



Founding members of the Readlyn Grumps Group include, front row, left to right: Louie Hartman, Verdeen Pavelec, GaryLee Thurm; center row: Charlie Albrecht, Larry Ladage, Ron Leistikow, Burton Thies; back row: Don Billhorn, Roger Deterding, Roland Schmidt.

Readlyn City Wide Garage Sales Sign-up Sheet

Cost: \$5.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Days and times of your sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Items you want mentioned: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Business Spotlight Celebrations

The *Readlyn Chronicle* is pleased to welcome a new advertiser in the newspaper — Celebrations.

Celebrations was started in 2002 by Dave and Kay Priebe in our little hometown of Sumner in NE Iowa.

The business started out of necessity as Dave and Kay needed a large amount of seating for one of their children's graduation. In the spring of 2005, they purchased a couple of used tents to go along with the chairs for another family event.

During these events, they received numerous compliments on the setup they had done and even had a few people inquire as to where they were actually renting from. They were a bit surprised when Dave told them that he owned all of the equipment. Many began to then ask if Dave could help them out with their own functions. As word spread locally the Priebe's continued to get more and more requests which eventually led to the beginning of Celebrations.

After awhile, demand was so strong that they purchased 4 new tents and several new, higher quality, tables and chairs. In the spring of 2006, Dave again increased their inventory of higher quality tables and chairs along with adding 4 more tents as well as a generator. Year after year the entire staff at Celebrations continued to get a lot of compliments which they attest to their quality of equipment and service. Because of this, Celebrations continues to only offer the best to our clients.

Year after year, more and more inventory was purchased by Celebrations, adding more "Wedding" tents that have the option of solid color wall panels or cathedral settings. They also added dance floor, many lighting options, decorating items, and many other entertainment choices.

In 2007, a special purchase was made for

Celebrations and its loyal customers! It was a piece that we feel makes us unique compared to other businesses like ours. In 2007, we began providing our clients with the option of a luxury restroom facility that we call "The Loo" (Executive Restroom Trailer). We currently have 2 "Loo's" and both come with an attendant for every rental. This is a restroom your guests never forget!

In 2019, Dave's health began to deteriorate when he was diagnosed with cancer. Then followed the disastrous year of COVID-19 in 2020 where most events were canceled. Celebrations began to slow down and make some changes. Dave and Kay needed to make some decisions about the business moving forward.

We have been friends of Dave and Kay Priebe and began to discuss the possibility of purchasing this exciting business from them, as Dave's health continued to slow him down.

One week after Dave lost his courageous battle with cancer, Jeff and Deb Smith purchased Celebrations from Kay --- with the promise to carry Dave's legacy into many more years with Celebrations!

Jeff brings a strong business sense to Celebrations. He worked in the insurance industry before coming to Celebrations. Deb brings her creative side to this exciting business adventure! She has worked in the medical field for over 25 years, but also felt that she had so much creativity inside her and needed a place to share her creative ideas! Celebrations will be that outlet for her!

We promise to give the clients of Celebrations all of the rental services they have had through Dave and Kay, but we also plan to expand the services of Celebrations to party planning, decorating, screen printing, custom art work, and custom embroidery that we can do in-house!



# Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! I hope you are all doing well this fine month.

With all my love,  
Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020

There has been so much going on in and around town and in school recently that I don't even know where to start. First of all, the town Easter egg hunt was absolutely so much fun. I was able to see so many excited little people running around the park while I was helping at the event, and saying that the smiles warmed my heart would be an understatement. I also sponsored 24 eggs for the event, so, when I handed out prizes with my family, I was able to see and talk to even more people.



Grace and Trystan

After the egg hunt, I went to one of my friend's houses to do her and her family's nails, something that has been recurring recently. With prom coming up, I am so excited to say that my schedule will be so full!

My recently acquired hobby, as many of you might already know, is doing my and other people's nails. For my birthday right before quarantine last year, I was given a nail lamp, and, gosh, have I used it.

Other than that, my entire class has been focusing hard on the days left until graduation. We have been filling out many scholarships and figuring out our schedules for college next year, which has proven to be quite the task. I am happy to say that I will be at Hawkeye for only one year, as I have most of my Associate's Degree already finished, and then I will go to the University of Northern Iowa.



Easter egg hunt fun!

The most exciting part of this month for me was the homecoming of my boyfriend, and, as he is sitting here as I am writing this, he wants to say hi.

"Hello there, my name is Trystan Lampe, I am thrilled to be home after a long 11 months. All of us in the 1-133rd IN "Ironman" battalion want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and gifts. We are all looking forward to some time off before getting back to our normal lives. I personally will be going back to college for a police science degree in the fall. I did get my Class A CDL in March of 2020, so if anyone needs help this fall feel free to let me know."

As always, thank you all so much for coming to my section of the paper, and thank you all for the support you have given me in my time in *The Chronicle*.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

This Month

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**Sunday, May 9,** Mother's Day Buffet at Center Inn, 10:30 AM-2 PM.

**Monday, May 10,** 7:00 pm, Fire Station, Grump Days' Committee Meeting

**Thursday, May 13,** 7:00 pm, Center Inn, Readlyn Community Club Meeting

**Monday, May 24,** 7:00 pm, Fire Station, Grump Days' Committee Meeting

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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxillary met at the Readlyn Library at 7:30 PM March 9, 2021. Masks and social distancing were practiced.

The meeting was called to order by Verdeen Pavelec, president, followed by an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The secretary's minutes were passed. The treasurer's report was read. Motion was made by Wilda and seconded by Betty to accept subject to audit. General orders were read and discussed. Third District meeting will be April 17, 2021. Delegates will be Ellen Thies and Wilda Albrecht and alternates are Verdeen and Betty. Motion was made to accept by Wilda and seconded by Betty. Volunteer hours were turned in.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bills Gift Card \$5 and Valentines \$8

Thank You's from Verdeen and Marge were read. Letters from Senator Ernst and Representative Grassley were read. A request from Wapsie Valley Chorus for poppies was discussed. We decided to let Wilda handle this.

Motion to adjourn by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Hostess was Betty Power.

Next meeting will be April 13, 2021.

### April Meeting

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661 Readlyn met at the home of Darlene Peters, April 15, 2021, with 5 members present. The books were audited before the meeting. It opened with prayer and pledge

of allegiance. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Wilma Albrecht to accept the audit; carried. General orders and chairman reports were read. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Darlene Peters to pay the bill. Volunteer hours were turned in. We talked about getting a new ritual book this fall. A letter was read from the National Home and two from Kathryn Schreiber.

A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to unanimously keep the elected officers: President, Verdeen Pavelec; Vice President, Luann Happel; Jr. Vice President, Darlene Peters; Treasurer, Ellen Thies; Secretary, Luann Happel; carried.

Delegates for the state convention are Darlene Peters and Betty Power and alternates are Luann Happel and Wilda Albrecht. Delegate for the national convention is Verdeen Pavelec and alternate is Darlene Peters. A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to accept the delegates and alternates for the state and national conventions; carried.

The installation report was filled out and sent in by Ellen Thies. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Luann Happel to send in our cancer insurance; carried. The state convention will be held June 3-6, 2021 at Ames, Iowa.

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



The Rainbow Clovers 4-H Club met in March for our regular club meeting. During that meeting, we donated food items to prepare a complete Easter dinner to the Oran food pantry. We donated 88 lbs and were able to feed four families. We are grateful that we are able to help those in need!. Written by Historian, Kylie Strottmann.

## 'We'll show you crazy!' was theme of RCC annual meeting

The theme of the Readlyn Community Club's Annual Meeting, held March 27, 2021, at the Center Inn was "We'll Show You Crazy!" And the committee did just that! Committee members for the event were: Louie Hartman (chairlady), Lauri Phelan, Pat Wehr, Dan Sauerbrei, and Hailey Broten.

After signing in, entering the raffle contest, volunteering to supply treats for the Easter Egg Hunt, and adding comments to posters, nearly 90 Readlyn Community Club members were seated at tables decorated with the "Crazy" theme in mind. Keeping with the theme, guests were encouraged to begin the meal by eating dessert first while being entertained with a slideshow Hailey prepared highlighting 2020's events.

Jessica Buck led the prayer after President Hailey Broten greeted and thanked the crowd for attending the dinner. Jim and Bev from Sunrise Catering were thanked next for the fine meal, waiving the usual room rental charge, and discounting the Center Inn gift certificates awarded later to Trivia winners.

Hailey called the meeting to order at 7 PM. 2019 Grump, Roland Schmidt, and 2020 Miss Readlyn, Grace Imbrogno, were introduced; each said a few words of appreciation. 2021 Grump candidates

Marlys Deterding and Larry Sauerbrei each gave a bit of background information about her/himself.

Jessica moved and Eric Johnston seconded to approve the 2019 minutes printed in the program; passed unanimously.

Eric moved and Jessica seconded to approve the treasurer's report provided in the program. Dan Billhorn moved and Mary Lou Ungs seconded to donate \$1,000 to the Food Bank in Oran; passed unanimously.

After providing some short and some long biographies of officers and Board members on the ballot, Jessica moved and Eric seconded to accept the ballot; passed unanimously.

Miss Readlyn drew the raffle winners: Deb Sauerbrei, Brenda Meyer, Janet Ladage, and Aubrey Johnston. Thank you, Randy and Dee Liddle, for donating four \$25 Fareway gift certificates.

"Expect the Unexpected" will be the Grump Days' theme.

Corey Hesse moved and Ben Anderson seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Six groups competed in the Trivia contest. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wehr

Readlyn Community Club secretary

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Ellen and Burton Thies are the two to appreciate for annually conducting Readlyn's Easter Egg Hunt. Thirty years after initiating this awesome tradition, they have decided to turn over the reins. The community cannot thank them enough for the joy they have brought to so many young lives. Their unselfish dedication to the Easter Egg Hunt plus so many other Readlyn events make them true legends of our community.





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

## Easter Egg Hunt

The staff of the Readlyn Community Library had a great time handing out Easter baskets at this year's Easter egg hunt. As always, it was wonderful getting to see everyone out and about. We look forward to seeing you all again for this year's Summer Reading program throughout the month of June!



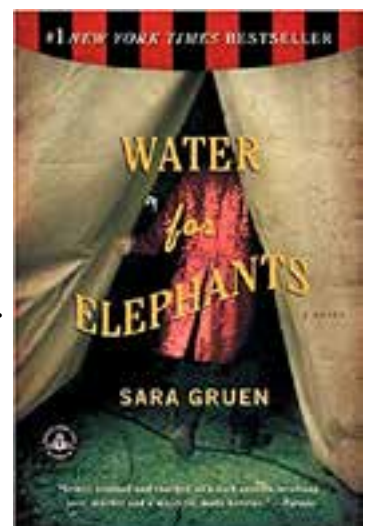
## Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

### May's title: Water for Elephants

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **May 27th**.

Jacob Janowski's luck had run out--orphaned and penniless, he had no direction until he landed on a rickety train that was home to the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. A veterinary student just shy of a degree, he was put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie. It was the Great Depression and for Jacob the circus was both his salvation and a living hell. There he met Marlena, the beautiful equestrian star married to August, the charismatic but brutal animal trainer. And he met Rosie, an untrainable elephant who was the great hope for this third-rate traveling show. The bond that grew among this group of misfits was one of love and trust, and ultimately, it was their only hope for survival.

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Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Dan Gable has connection to Readlyn

At a Readlyn Historical Society meeting, Judy Liestokow stated that she attended country school with Diane Gable, Dan Gable's sister. I had known Dan for many years and did not know that he once lived in the Readlyn area.

I started a Nashua I Club and for many years we had hosted Dan and always presented him half a beef in appreciation of his success as coach of the University of Iowa wrestling program. I proposed that if the Readlyn Historical Society would provide the facility and the meal, I would invite Dan to Readlyn. When invited, Dan was happy to come to Readlyn. He had a connection

with Readlyn, for when he was small he lived on a farm north of town.

The citizens of Readlyn responded by filling the Center Inn. The meal was great! Dick Cousin, Waverly, commented, "That was a fabulous meal for \$6, and we got to listen to Dan Gable, too."

In looking back, there were two things that stood out. As the meal was being served, Dan went up and down the rows of tables to shake hands with all who were in attendance. Also, when Judy presented the composite picture of the students of Fremont# 6 to Dan and his father Mack, Dan, in appreciation of

her thoughtfulness, rewarded Judy with a kiss on her cheek.

It was a pleasure for me to invite Dan Gable to my hometown of Readlyn, to serve as emcee, and to witness the outstanding reception Dan and his family

received. The Nashua I Club provided the beef which was processed by the Ionia Locker. The Readlyn Historical Society hosted a special evening featuring a world famous wrestler and an outstanding person, Dan Gable.

### —News from Readlyn—

### Coach Gable at Readlyn (1997)

By Brenda Buenzow

Iowa Head Wrestling Coach, Dan Gable was welcomed at a dinner held Oct. 2 at the Center Inn, Readlyn. The dinner, attended by 250 guests from Readlyn and the surrounding communities, was sponsored by the Nashua I Club and hosted by the Readlyn Historical Society.

Other guests in attendance beside the speaker, Dan Gable, were his wife, Kathy, their children, his father, Mack, former members of his squad, along with wrestling coaches from Wartburg and surrounding high schools. Dinner for the guests was provided by Larry and Deb Sauerbrei, owners of the Center Inn.

The evening began with a social hour where Dan signed autographs followed by dinner and drawing of raffle prizes of Hawkeye wrestling and Dan Gable memorabilia. Guests then listened as Coach Gable spoke of athletics and what it takes to be a team member.

At the conclusion of the meeting Readlyn resident Judy (Mrs. Ron) Leistikow presented Mack and Dan Gable with a class composite picture of their daughter and sister, Diane Gable, who once attended Fremont #6 country school with Judy as her classmate. They were also shown a farmland picture of the land on which the Gables once resided northeast of Readlyn on the property now occupied by Gordon Ragsdale which the Leistikows own.

Dan could recall where he once played as a child and where the Wapsipinicon River flooded their farmland. The family moved to Waterloo where Dan's wrestling career began and thus to the success he now holds. Once the family's lives began to adjust from the struggles of the farming community to the bigger city life came the devastation of the death of family member Diane, a teenager, who was murdered.



Above is the former Gable home near Readlyn. At right is Diane Gable. Photos provided by the Gable Family.



### Excerpts from 'A Wrestling Life'

In a conversation with Dan Gable, he stated that when he was small he lived on a farm near Readlyn. The following paragraphs are from the book, *A Wrestling Life*. Although Dan does not specifically mention Readlyn in this book, I assume these incidents occurred while he and his family were living near Readlyn.

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The cornstalks swayed in the gentle Iowa summer breeze above me. I was about four years old and was hiding in a cornfield, giggling as my mother, Katie, and my big sister, Diane, called my name. They were searching the stalks for me, but whenever they got too close, I scurried deeper into the field. The corn was about six feet high, so it was hard to find me, and I knew it. I was determined not to be found. They were pretty mad at me, and rightfully so.

Earlier that day, I sat in the backseat of our family's convertible as my mom and sister drove down a long road flanked by cornfields. It was a perfect day for a drive with the top of the car down. I was bored just sitting there, so I grabbed Diane's purse and started playing with it. I held it up in the air. The wind from the drive caught it, and it went flying away.

My mother immediately hit the brakes and Diane started to chastise me. I knew I was in trouble, so I did the only thing I could think of and ran off to hide in the cornfield. My mom and Diane quickly found the purse in the ditch next to the road, but finding me was another question. The late-season cornstalks were a perfect place for a little boy to hide, and so the search began.

It took them over an hour to finally find me, and when they did, I was really in trouble. This being many decades ago, the punishment was fast and swift. Let's just say there were definitely consequences.

\*\*\*  
My cornfield adventure was not my first, nor my last. I was never one to hurt people or do anything illegal, but I was a little devil. I certainly kept my parents on

their toes.

On one occasion, when I was about five years old, our family made a trip to Black's department store in downtown Waterloo. Back then, the elevators were run by an operator. As the four of us crowded into the store's elevator with several strangers, the operator asked, "Which floor, please?"

I was the smallest in the group and knew where we were going, and I quickly yelled out, "Fifth floor ... bastard!" Swearing was a common part of my parents' vocabulary, but my mother quickly shushed me, and my father scowled, embarrassed. No one else said anything as the elevator moved slowly from floor to floor. At each level, a bell sounded and upon reaching the fifth floor, the elevator stopped, and the door opened. Some people walked out, and I followed them. Then I looked back and saw that my family was still on the elevator as the doors were closing. They were angry with me for embarrassing them, and stayed on the elevator to teach me a lesson.

Things were certainly different then than they are today.

I was so mad and upset. When I turned back around, there was an older lady bent over right in front of me. I just reacted and took a chomp on her rear. To this day I don't really remember why. She screamed, and that was the end for me. I knew I was in really big trouble.

A small crowd of store employees and shoppers came quickly to see what all the fuss was about. I had just bitten a complete stranger and was now in the hands of even more strangers. Fear began to wash over me, and I didn't know what to do. I was scared to death.

Finally, my parents and sister came back to the fifth floor to claim me, and when they found out that I had bitten a lady, they were even madder than they were before. This being the 1950s, when we got out to the car, my father popped me on the head with his ring finger. Later at home, my mom used a ruler to show her displeasure



Mrs. Ron (Judy) Leistikow presenting a composite picture of classmates that included the late Diane Gable to Mack Gable (left) and Dan Gable. Photo contributed

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## Warrior Way & More



Springtime in the school world comes with many different activities and events. We are in full swing for the spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," which will be performed on April 9, 10, and 11. Tickets are available here: [https://www.wapsievalleyschools.com/301186\\_2](https://www.wapsievalleyschools.com/301186_2).

Track and golf meets are in high gear and hopefully warmer, dry weather will cooperate in the weeks to come.

The Wapsie Valley Prom will be held this year on Saturday, May 1. The Grand March will begin at 6:00 pm at the high school with the Prom Dance to follow from 8-11:00 pm at IC Hall in Fairbank. Post-Prom celebrations will occur from 11:30 pm-3:00 am back at the high school. The Wapsie Valley Post Prom Committee hosted a drive-through meal fundraiser on April 9 in the high school parking lot starting at 5:00 pm until food was gone. Hot dogs, brats, chips, and a cookie were available for purchase in the form of a good-will donation.

The High School Music Department Showcase performance will take place on May 3 at the high school. There is also an elementary music and band concert on May 10 at the high school. Information for the times of these events will be sent in school newsletters and will be placed on the school events calendar on the WV website as information becomes available. The Fine Arts Department celebrates Christopher Tibbott's performance of "Mothers," which earned Christopher an IHSSA All State Honor for his individual Literary Program.

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter will again be hosting the annual spring plant fundraising sale for hanging baskets and annuals. This sale will start in late April or early May and span for a two-week period. More information will be available in the near future on the Wapsie Valley School website, in local newspapers, and in school newsletters.

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# The amazing Ellen & Burton Thies

Readlyn Community Club (RCC) members Ellen and Burton Thies are the two who should receive accolades for conducting Readlyn's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. After 20+ years, they have decided to turn over the reins. The community cannot thank them enough for the joy they have brought to so many young lives.

In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt, Burton has been the go-to man for all electrical and carpentry needs. He is the one we can thank for bringing electricity to the gazebo and City Park. Not only does the electricity light up the park for Christmas, it also enables vendors, as well as refrigeration and loud speaker systems, to hook up during Grump Days. One of the first things you learn when joining the RCC is that if an RCC project requires carpentry skills, "Call Burton." Without the blink of an eye, he always took care of it.

In addition, Ellen and Burton have been the key members for decorating Main Street for countless years. One year when Burton was busy, 80+-year-old Ellen showed up trailering a flatbed to haul items for the Main Street decorating. Ellen and Burton's unselfish dedication to Readlyn events makes this couple true legends of our community.



Ellen and Burton Thies



# Dog poop bag opportunities

The Readlyn Community Club purchased 3 dog poop bag dispensers. The City guys installed them in the following locations:

- (1) Between the concession stand and splash pad,
- (2) The park intersection of 4th Street and Lobeck Avenue,
- (3) The bike trail "Welcome To Readlyn" entrance where you can also borrow a book and fix your bike.

Please use the bags—we have plenty of them—and carry them to a garbage can. Be proud of our clean community. Thank you.

# Grace Kuethe to note her 85th birthday

Grace Kuethe will be celebrating her 85th birthday on April 28, 2021.

She has been blessed with three children, Todd and Kris Kuethe, Readlyn, Troy and Paige Kuethe, Geneseo, IL, and Sara and Steve Breuers, Readlyn; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Birthday greetings may be sent to her at: P.O. Box 253 Readlyn, IA 50668

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# FEMA to provide assistance with funeral costs for COVID-19-related deaths

Readlyn, IA – The staff at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes want the citizens of Readlyn to be aware, that beginning on April 12, families that experienced the death of a loved one due to COVID-19 may be eligible for up to \$9,000 in funeral assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Two pieces of legislation recently passed by Congress – the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – authorized FEMA to provide financial assistance to families that incurred COVID-19-related funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

“This has been an extraordinarily difficult year as hundreds of thousands of families throughout the country have unexpectedly had to plan a funeral when a loved one died of COVID-19,” said Darren O’Donnell, Funeral Director and Co-owner of Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home. “Our hearts are with, not only the families we have served, but everyone in this community who is grieving the death of a loved one or friend due to the pandemic. While this assistance cannot take away their pain and grief, it will make a tremendous difference by enabling them to meaningfully honor the life of their loved one and lay them to rest with dignity.”

Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral and memorial services, and burial, interment or cremation. 1-844-684-6333 is the dedicated phone number established to help individuals who apply. FEMA encourages families that may be eligible to start gathering the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.

- Funeral expense documents (e.g., receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant’s name, the de-

ceased individual’s name, the amount of funeral expenses and dates the funeral expenses were incurred.

- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance; financial assistance received from voluntary agencies; federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies; or other sources.

If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant(s). Applicants can also apply for assistance for more than one individual who died.

“FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance covers eligible expenses for the services you’ve already paid for when your loved one died,” said O’Donnell. “And, as our community becomes safer, your family may choose to plan a memorial service in your loved one’s honor that all of your family and friends can attend – something that many families are finding to be a meaningful experience. Those expenses may also be eligible.”

While families can apply for assistance at any time, if they do wish to have a memorial service when it is safe to do so, FEMA recommends waiting until after all services have been contracted to avoid the hassle of amending an initial application.

The FEMA website has complete information about eligibility requirements, documentation applicants will be required to provide, and how to start the application process. Visit <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.

“If there is anything we can do to assist families with the application process – such as by ordering copies of a death certificate or providing copies of receipts or contracts showing the expenses that were incurred – please call us,” said O’Donnell. “Our staff can also speak with families at any time about planning a memorial service for your loved one that all of your loved ones and friends can attend when it is safe to do so.”



**Wapsie Valley FFA Members Attend NE District Convention:** Back Row: (Left to Right) Austin Hesse, Brody Kleitsch, Mr. Forsyth, Mary Bodensteiner, Kaylee Kleitsch, Kali Lampe, and Mady Richards Front Row: Lily Schwickerath, Ava VanDaele, Caitlyn Rechkemmer and Reese Pine

## Wapsie Valley FFA fares well at District Convention

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

On Saturday, March 13, Wapsie Valley FFA members traveled to the Independence High School to compete at the Northeast District Convention. To attend Districts this year, members had to compete in an event or to serve as their chapter’s delegates for District officer elections. Competing at Districts requires countless hours of practice for competition and preparation of the three officer books to be judged.

Our chapter’s President, Kalyee Kleitsch, received first gold in Job Interview Saturday and is excited about the opportunity to compete at State her senior year. “I am planning on getting in as much practice as I can with a lot of mock interviews.” She is looking forward to seeing how the Convention will be set up differently, since it will be held in Des Moines this year rather than at Iowa State University, as in previous years.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, all quizzes were taken in Ag classes preceding the in-person Convention. Everyone worked extremely hard and represented Wapsie Valley FFA very well! Congratulations to all who competed, and good luck

to those advancing to the State Convention this April!

Results from Saturday are listed below:

Chapter Website: Austin Hesse - Gold  
 Conduct of Meetings: Lily Schwickerath, Kali Lampe, Reese Pine, Brody Kleitsch, Ava VanDaele, Mady Richards, Caitlyn Rechkemmer - Silver

Extemporaneous Speaking: Sydney Matthias - Silver

Job Interview: Kaylee Kleitsch - 1st Gold, Advance to State

Reporter’s Scrapbook: Mary Bodensteiner - 2nd Gold, Advance to State

Secretary’s Book: Courtney Schmitz - 3rd Gold, Alternate to State

Treasure’s Book: Ethan Oltrogge - 3rd Gold, Alternate to State

Greenhand Quiz: Kali Lampe - 2nd, Mady Richards - 2nd, Livie Shannon - 4th, Matilda Miller - 5th, Lily Schwickerath - 5th, Reese Pine - 7th, Noah Richards - 8th

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# Donations delivered to Oglala Lakota Tribe, Kyle, SD

Thank you so much to the communities of Hawkeye and Readlyn for generously donating the many wonderful items recently delivered to the Pine Ridge Reservation by Kyle, South Dakota.

Keith and Marilyn Westpfahl and Ron and Louie Hartman took advantage of the beautiful weather March 7-9 to make the 12-hour drive with two fully loaded trailers to the appreciative Oglala Lakotas Tribe.

It was a rough winter for the community. Because of the COVID lockdown, the donated winter coats and boots remained in storage in Iowa, most of the community garden could not be harvested, and 60 of their 20,000 residents lost their lives to the virus.

Director Rose Fraser, her staff, and several volunteers were excited to unload the household items, furniture, bedding, clothes, books and school supplies into the youth center building for distribution. As spring arrives, the Lakotas are busy with the seedlings that are growing and will be moved to the greenhouse hoop build-

ings awarded from one of the many grants Rose Fraser applies for.

Because the Oglala Lakotas support themselves, a project called Oyate Teca, organized through the youth center, is vital with its adult classes in gardening, sewing, and canning. Grants awarded from companies like Wal-Mart and Kellogg's have purchased a pickup, tiller, small baler and hoop houses. Land has been purchased and plans are made for a new building with enough space to allow for a café and farmer's market using the vegetables they are now growing. The energy of this group to improve their lives is very inspiring.

Another trip to the Lakotas is being planned this summer with needed donations of beds/bedding, towels/bathroom items, kitchen items, cookware, rugs and canning supplies.

Thank you, Dan and Connie Wedemeier, for the loan of the Weeds on Fire trailer. Also appreciated were the Westpfahl friends and family in Hawkeye that excel at packing and organizing.



This greenhouse was funded by a grant to the Oglala Lakota Tribe.



This is the crew that worked hard to unload the supplies.



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- 1 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 -12 oz package of chocolate chips.

Cream shortening, sugar, add eggs, add rest of ingredients, mix well. Drop by tsp. on cookie sheet  
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More details will follow.

## Karen Sadler, ARNP to offer ENT services at BCHC Oelwein

(Oelwein, IA) – BCHC Family Medicine in Oelwein will soon have access to another ENT service provider. Karen Sadler, ARNP will provide many services, including identifying and treating skin cancers, managing patients with allergies, sinus infections, sleep apnea, cerumen removal from ears and other ENT related problems. Sadler will be available in Oelwein every other Friday starting April 30.

ments from BCHC, visit [BCHealth.org](http://BCHealth.org), or follow "Buchanan County Health Center" on Facebook.

"I am excited to join Meg Heatley, PA-C in providing additional services for ENT, allergy, and skin cancer screening to patients from the Oelwein area," said Sadler.

Sadler works in Dr. Congdon's office at Cedar Valley Medical Specialists. She attended Mount Mercy College and received her Bachelor of Nursing Degree 26 years ago. Then returned to school to receive her Family Nurse Practitioner Certification from Purdue University Global in 2020.

As an RN, she has nursing experience in labor and delivery, school nursing, and hospice. Sadler was raised in Fairbank and is a graduate of Wapsie Valley High school. She currently lives in Waverly, enjoys watching her children grow into adulthood, doing activities outside and Internet shopping.

For more information, or to stay up to date on the latest news and announce-



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By: Eric Johnston

**"Catfishing"**

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As many of you know through the years of my articles, I love bass fishing and tournaments. And, yes, that part of the sport of fishing makes my world go round through the open water season. But what many don't know is I love to catch anything that swims, I absolutely love fishing for all species! One of my favorite species to fish growing up is catfishing. And it just so happens we have some great catfishing opportunities right in our backyard. This month, I'm going to talk about a fun, inexpensive species to fish for -- the catfish.

I still remember following my dad down an old dirt path along the Cedar River, the hot sun beating down and the grasshoppers jumping out of the dry grass as we made the long trek to our favorite catfishing hole. It was always so exciting for me.

Back then, I only got to see my dad on the weekends and I would wait all week in excitement to get to go to dad's as I knew we would be catfishing all weekend. I was probably only nine or ten years old at the time and I'm sure dad was just using this as a way to inexpensively get some fishing in when my family didn't have a lot of money.

But what he probably didn't realize at the time is he was creating some of my favorite memories fishing growing up. It was always so cool to me to ride to the local bait shop for catfish bait. I was always in awe at the large bait tanks full of all the different sizes of minnows, chubs, and crawdads. I loved the smell, and the sounds of the tank pumps as we visited the

store for our bait of choice for the day. It was my wildest dream to one day be involved with that shop. That shop is Hank's Live Bait and Tackle and now currently one of my biggest sponsors on the tournament scene. It's funny how things work out sometimes.

Anyway, back to following dad down that path, as I said it was usually hot and it was all my little arms could handle carrying the bucket of chubs and our gear down the path. Dad and I had kind of "built" our favorite fishing hole. There was naturally a rocky point that had created a current break, but we added to it. We carried rocks and piled them further out into the water, creating an even bigger current break and a deep hole in the water where catfish like to live. On the bank, we found a bunch of bricks and built a makeshift fireplace. A lot of our fishing would go well into the night and a small fire was a necessity as we would usually bring some hot dogs or a can of beans for a snack while fishing. If I recall correctly, that's even where I got to share a sip or two of dad's Old Milwaukee "when I ran out of pop," sitting side-by-side on the river bank. [Insert winking emoji face here.] We would sit there for hours with two poles each, propped up on sticks with a different bait on each rod.

Dad taught me at the time how to target the two different catfish species in the Cedar. If you targeted channel catfish, we generally used dead chubs or stink bait, and if we were after flathead catfish, we needed to use live chubs, as flatheads would only bite live bait. We both became obsessed with catching a big flathead.



Our goal was always to break that twenty pound mark, and I still remember the night we did. We were in our usual spot and it had been a slow evening with only a few fish caught. Dad had decided that he wanted to try some bigger bait and had thrown a night crawler out on the bottom to try to catch a sucker or carp to have that bigger bait. He had cast out a small spinning rod to do this and propped it up. We put some hot dogs on the fire and heard the drag on that little rod take off! Dad grabbed the rod and the fight was on. What had been put out to catch bait was now the tool to get our elusive twenty pounder in!

The drag on that little reel was screaming and we both feared it would run out of line. Dad expertly took his time and the fight lasted at least twenty minutes. As the giant flathead started to tire out, dad handed me the rod and waded into the water and grabbed the fish and threw it up on the bank! We high-fived and hugged over that fish. We had achieved a goal, and, as long ago as that was, I still remember every detail.

It's very easy to get into catfishing, and as I said earlier, our local Wapsi River and Cedar are absolutely full of them. To get started, I recommend a rod at least 6' 6" and no lighter than medium-heavy action. I prefer heavy as catfish fight hard! I like to use no lighter than 20 lb. test line and you can use either spinning or casting

reels, whichever you prefer. For a bait set-up, use a heavy barrel sinker with a split shot behind it as a sinker stop. Stop the sinker at least a foot and a half above the hook to let the bait float up off the bottom.

Baits of choice are chubs, nightcrawlers, crawdads, chicken liver, or stinkbait. Stinkbait can be purchased in jars and use a sponge or stinkbait holder on a treble hook. If you use chicken liver, I like a treble hook for that as well, as it holds the liver better than a standard hook. For all the other baits, I like to use a 1/0 wide-gap hook. Cast your baits along current breaks that create slack water behind them. I like to cast right where the current meets the slack water. Dead trees in the water are great places for catfish to hide as they create current breaks and deeper water.

There are many great accesses nearby to start finding these type of areas for catfish. A good place to start is with an *Iowa Sportsman's* atlas and, generally, wherever there's a public area along the river, you will find good catfishing. Or, simply take a family drive along the river and you can find great areas to start. When catfishing, bring the kids along as it's a very relaxing way to fish -- throwing your bait out on the bottom and relaxing along the river. Bring snacks and you'll more than likely make some great memories just as I did all those years ago.

Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!



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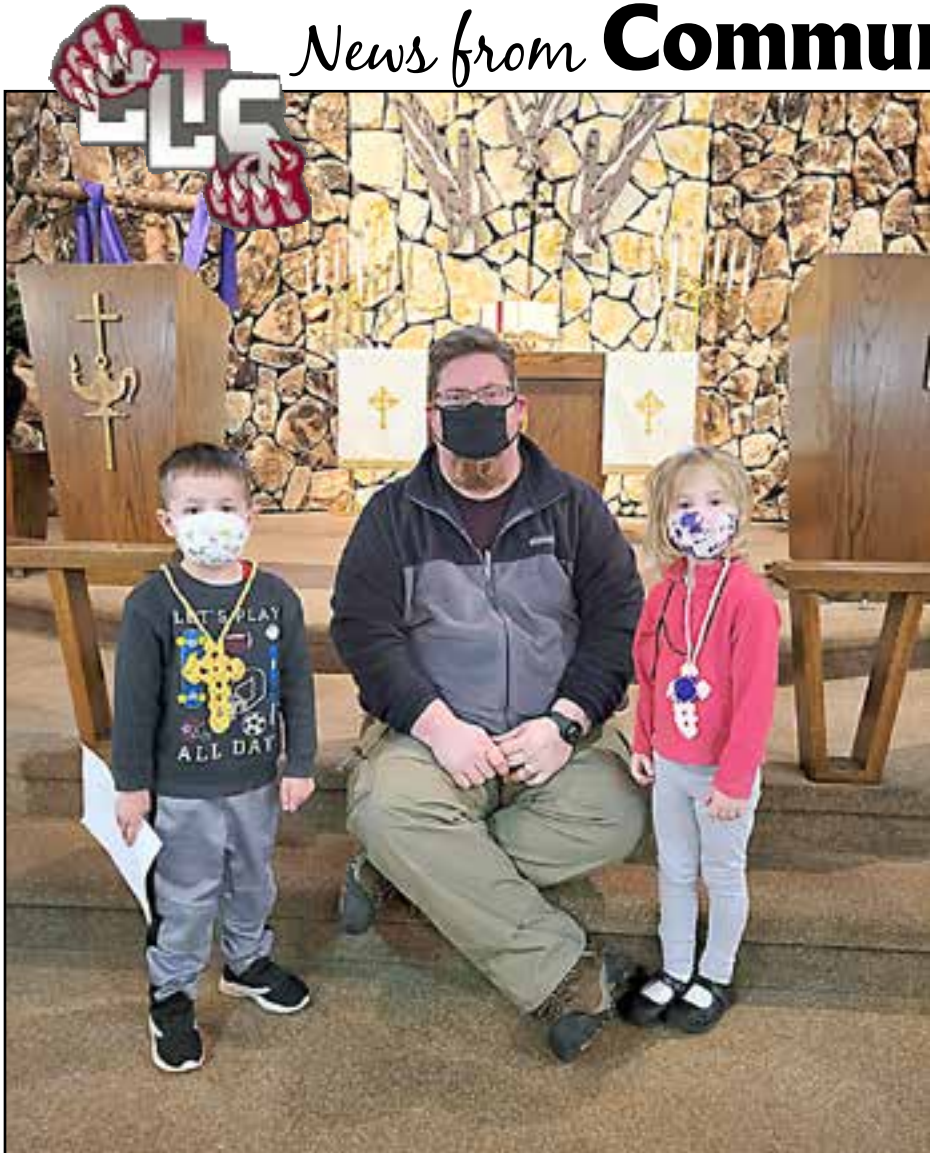
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# Readlyn City Council Meeting April 12, 2021

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. for Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Barnes in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Rocco Imbrogno. Absent: Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Hailey Broten, Scott Sweet, Garrett Barnes.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the March 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 Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Treasurer/clerk reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Council received an update on planned activities for Readlyn Grump Days from Hailey Broten.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon approve use of the city park for a beer garden and other activities by the Readlyn Community Club for Readlyn Grump Days. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve a beer license and Sunday sales permit for the Readlyn Community Club for Grump Days June 17 -20, 2021 subject to completing necessary paper work. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve cost share with the Readlyn Community Club for insurance. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received a presentation from Scott Sweet, with WHKS & Co. for engineering services. Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to approve reimbursement to property owner at 225 W 4th Street, Readlyn, IA in the amount of \$1,724.09 for personal property loss due to sewer back up. Roll call vote. AYES:

Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve purchasing a remote control for the ball diamond score board at a cost of \$365.00 plus shipping. Roll call vote AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve Spring Clean Up Days for Readlyn residents for May 3,4 & 5, 2021. The latest items may be placed at the curb is 8:00 AM on May 5. Items that are not free must have a sticker on them and paid for before pick up. Rules will be posted at city hall. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve having Dunkerton Coop apply two applications of dust con-

trol this year. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to set the public hearing date for amending the FY21 Budget for May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

City insurance renewal tabled until May meeting.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to approve Austin Matthias attending IAMU water distribution and leak detection workshop. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

*Nicole Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem*  
 ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

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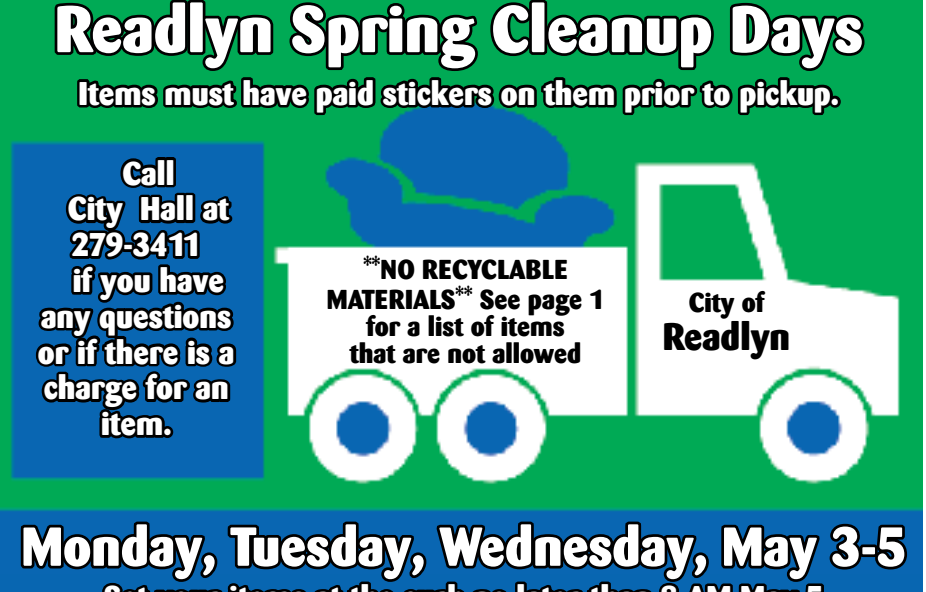


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# Another Successful Wapsie Valley FFA Omelet Breakfast

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

On Sunday, March 28, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter, once again, hosted their spring omelet breakfast in Readlyn.

To show our gratitude for their support of the chapter, many hours were spent preparing for the breakfast in order to give the community the best experience possible. The menu consisted of made-to-order omelets, hash browns, sausage, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, and of course, for the

town of Readlyn, rinderwurst.

Members and parents had a great time talking with the community while making omelets, serving and working in the kitchen. In order to keep everyone healthy and comfortable, masks were worn and take-out was available.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the breakfast and to all who attended. The amazing support is always greatly appreciated!



It was so wonderful to see the families out on such a beautiful day. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community. I have to say a huge thank you to our local businesses for their donations and support. Without them we would not be able to have our events throughout the year. I would like to acknowledge Ellen and Burton Thies who have organized and set up the Easter egg hunt for the last 30 years. They are turning over the mantel and were invaluable guiding us through all the steps. It takes a group in order to pull off and special thank you to Pat Wehr, Deb Sauerbrei, Courtney Hesse, Brandy and Duane Wilcox, Lucas Boyle, and Megan Kuker. If you see any of these people, let them know they are appreciated. It is a great experience to meet and get to know people in town when helping in our town's activities. It has been fun learning from our longtime residents with all their knowledge, experience and connections that is the base for all that we can do now and our traditions that hopefully will continue for years to come. If you're ever looking to get involved, the Community Club hosts all of the events and activities. It is a great way to meet people and get to see how everything works. This is a great town with wonderful people and local businesses.



Wapsie FFA Advisor, Mr. Forsyth, cooks omelets for supporters alongside his students at the Omelet Breakfast in Readlyn.

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