

Readlyn Chronicle



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

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Celwein, IA 50662
Permit # 81

Volume 17, No. 11, Compiled by Readlyn Community Club — Designed/Printed by Robin Harms, Tripoli, IA, November 27, 2024

RCC makes Christmas event plans

RCC Meeting - November 7, 6:00 pm, Readlyn Library

Present: Michelle and Ed Harrington, Louie and Ron Hartman, Tiffany Matthias, Bonnie and Rod Wittenburg, Kristie Boeis, Dustin Palmer, Marge Quigley, Kira Stover, John Galyean, Hailey Broten, Ron Leistikow, and Pat Wehr

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Secretary's Report was emailed to the Board and members Tuesday. Moved by Hailey and seconded by Ron to accept the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was presented. Moved by Tiffany and seconded by Ron to accept the treasurer's report; passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Cans

- The process is going well.
- Thank Ron H. and Ed for your dedication.
- Thank you, donors; we look forward to seeing you all on Nov. 30.

School Supply drive – very successful; thank you Readlyn citizens for your donations.

UTV Poker ride – good

- 87 poker cards sold.
- This year's bars would like to be included next year and are very thankful for the business.
- John, Tiffany, and Hailey did a great job organizing the event and collecting amazing donations from 28 businesses for the raffle.

Decorating Main Street

- Great having the Readlyn Elementary kids help
- Include CLS students next year.
- Decorate Friday next year when there is another service-learning day.
- Thank you, Dan Wedemeier, for lending us your leaf vacuum.
- Thank you. Hailey, for organizing this.
- Bonnie proposed buying some new Christmas decorations. Ed seconded. Passed unanimously. Louie and Bonnie will look over Christmas offerings.

New Business:

Christmas with Santa November 30, 2024, at the Readlyn Fire Department

- Fireworks will be set off behind TruServe.
- Fire Department S'mores starting at 3:30.
- Set up time is 10 am, November 30.
- The city will decorate the outside Christmas tree.
- Save boxes and decorate them to put under the tree.
- Inside tree and chair will be brought to the fire station by Ed, Ron, John, and Scott.
- Hailey will bring the backdrop.
- Jessica Anderson is in charge of the parade.
- Grumps will make 160 treat bags November 26.
- Bonnie will do 160 cookie cutouts and volunteers will dec-

orate them Monday, November 18, 9:30, at Bonnie's.

- Hot chocolate
 - o Hayley will ask FFA to help serve it and ask the Booster Club about borrowing their brewer.
 - o John and Ron L. are donating enough hot chocolate for 340.
 - o Louie will order 2 boxes of cups.
- 5:45 the Wapsie Valley Choir will start singing.
- Bonnie ordered 15 hams from Fareway; Michelle will pick them up Nov. 30.
- RCC will have a cart with a trailer for Santa for the parade.
- Tiffany will make posters.
- A free will donation will be appreciated.

Continued on Page 14

Readlyn Community Club's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest!

**Prizes: First - \$75
Second - \$50 Third - \$30**

Judging of homes will take place December 2 – 8. Readlyn homes will automatically be judged unless they were winners last year. Pictures of the winning yards will appear in the December issue of the *Chronicle*.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Saturday, November 30, will be an exciting day in Readlyn! Since Santa had such a good time last year, s/he actually will be at the Readlyn Fire Station from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Santa requested that we once again include these events:

- Treat bags furnished by the former Grumps.
 - Hot chocolate donated by John and Wendy Galyean and Ron Leistikow.
 - S'mores professionally toasted and donated by Readlyn's firemen.
 - Collect hygiene items to keep the high school smelling fresh.
 - Parade at 6:00 p.m.; line up on 3rd Street by the Historical Society at 5:45 p.m.
 - Lighting of the Christmas tree after the parade; donated by Brent and Amy Leistikow. Music will be provided by the Wapsie Valley Choir.
 - Ham drawing once the tree is lit. (Must be present to win.)
 - FIREWORKS thanks to pop can donations.
 - Free-will collection.
- It will be an excellent way to culminate your Thanksgiving!



READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB BRINGS YOU

CHRISTMAS LIGHTED PARADE

30TH NOV 6PM - MAIN STREET READLYN

Reach out to Jessica Anderson to be a part of this Readlyn tradition! 319-504-5903

HELP US CELEBRATE SHARON'S RETIREMENT AFTER 41 YEARS AT RTC COMMUNICATIONS!

WHERE: RTC BOARD ROOM / WAREHOUSE - 121 MAIN ST. READLYN.
WHEN: DECEMBER 4TH FROM 3PM - 6PM
LIGHT SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED





Grump's Grumblings

By Bonnie Wittenburg, 2024 Grump

Good morning, Readlyn. Wow, another month is flying by. Thanksgiving is soon, with Christmas on its heels. We have put the decorations up earlier than usual because we were able to involve the grade school students to assist and make a fun and productive day of it. They were wonderful help and smiled the whole time.

It seems each year our Christmas decorations take a hit. Many become in need of repair or replacement. We investigated and added some to our collection. As expected, the prices are higher and the workmanship less. Gotta join the real world, I guess. I hope you enjoy our additions, and we hope Mother Nature is kind to them.

We completed the annual Poker Run. Once again, the community showed their support and donated prizes for the raffle. The Grump got herself a remote-controlled car. But don't tell, it could be a wonderful Christmas gift!

Loading pop cans happens each Wednesday at 8 AM. It will be posted on Readlyn Talk if there are any changes in the time. If you find yourself feeling that pull to assist your community, it is simple and a great way to get started. Don't be late, it takes only a short time.

And Christmas! It is really shaping up this year. There is a parade being planned. Would you like to be in it? Jessica Anderson has offered to get this organized. Cocoa and cookies, s'mores, and Santa with the Santa bags full of treats, are all part of this year's plans. There will be a drawing for hams - one chance per family. Let's not forget the fireworks! Readlyn royalty will be assisting in the fun. We hope we see all those Christmas-lovers there.

May you all feel and appreciate the blessing this season. It is so easy to be KIND when you do.

Hard to be Grump"y," Bonnie



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Jaylin May

Hello, Readlyn!

Great things have been happening at school and in the community this past month! There are some fun activities coming up as well including the Christmas Santa Event at the Fire Station on November 30 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. I will be in attendance serving delicious cookies, so be sure to stop by!!

My cross country season ended in the best way possible by running at the state meet on November 2 at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge!! It was such a memorable experience and I enjoyed every bit of it. We were lucky to have our whole girls' team qualify for state, placing 2nd at the district meet in Manly. We all knew we ran really well after crossing the finish line at districts, but we wanted to keep it a surprise until awards if we actually made it or not. The moment we found out that we had qualified, we all were jumping up in the air and screaming, as we couldn't believe we made it. We ran at 10:30 a.m. on state day, and it was pretty cold, but still tolerable. Everyone ran a really good race and ended the season with a really big accomplishment. I'm so proud of our team and how much we've grown during the season. I'm sad that my cross country career is over, but I am extremely proud of how I got to finish it at the State Meet with my teammates. Congratulations to Aidan Brady for qualifying individually at the state meet as well! He had to run in the pouring rain with thunder and lightning in the background at the district meet. That will definitely be a race to remember for him.

The volleyball and football teams had really great seasons as well! The volleyball team played in the regional final game at Cedar Falls against Dike-New Hartford on October 30. They lost 0-3, but the girls still worked really hard and should feel very accomplished for all of the effort they

put in all season. The football team made it to the second round playoff game where they went up against St. Ansgar. They beat Lake Mills in the first round at home, to allow them to have the second round game at home, which was awesome. The football team lost to St. Ansgar 0-18, but they gave every piece of heart they had into that game and season. Congratulations to the volleyball and football teams on outstanding seasons.

The basketball season (for the high school girls) officially started on November 11! Practice has been going pretty well so far, but wow, am I out of basketball shape. Yes, cross country helps with the running part, but all of the shuffling and quick movements were not what my body was ready for. But overall, everything seems to be kicking into gear to get ready for the season!!

There was a NICL High School Choir Festival at Denver on November 18, where surrounding schools in the conference would come together during the day and rehearse songs that we would perform later that night. I always enjoy festivals like these, so it was really cool to have such a mass choir. Going with that, I attended the NICL Honor Band along with some of my other band members that also got nominated and selected. We also rehearsed all day, and performed a concert later that night at AGWSR. If anyone hasn't heard yet, our musical this year will be "Grease!" I've already heard so much excitement going around at school and in the community! It will be a fun one for sure!

All of the leaves seem to be off the trees which means winter will be coming around the corner sooner than expected. We better start getting out all of the snow gear to prepare for this winter season. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends!!

Send news to:
readlynchronicle@gmail.com

Readlyn Area Housing
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
62 years of age or older, handicapped/disabled regardless of age

- Very Low or Low-Income Families • One or Two Bedrooms - Ground Level
- Stove & Refrigerator Furnished • Laundry Facilities On Site
- All Electric Units with Thermostat in Each Room
- Ample Closet Space • Rent Based on Income

For More Information Contact
KarTay Apartment Management 319-334-7110

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

Fettkether Fertilizer Co., LLC
fettfarm@dunkerton.net

Dunkerton, IA
319-404-0064

Specializing in starter fertilizer mixes, bulk UAN, Crop Chemicals, Seed & Planter Equipment

WELLS HOLLOW LANDSCAPING

BE THE ENVY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Lawn Application offerings:

- ✓ Weed Control and Fertilization
- ✓ Pest Control
- ✓ Landscape Maintenance
- ✓ Landscape Design/Build

319-404-9133
Ask for Zach Kuhlmann or Matt Wells
— or scan the QR code to get a quote >

BOOK TODAY!

www.wellshollowlandscaping.com

Dillon Law Office, PC
Patrick B. Dillon
209 East 1st Street, Sumner • patdillon@50674law.com
563-578-1850

General practice including but not limited to:
Agricultural law • Taxation & Tax Preparation
• Estate Planning • Bankruptcy
www.50674law.com

BAYER Crop Science

David R. Wheeler
8234 E. Marquis Rd., Fairbank, IA
(319) 230-1029

Readlyn Community Happenings

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for the birthday wishes I received for my 85th birthday. Your cards, calls, visits and gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
Delbert Oltrogge

Senior Citizens discuss Christmas event this Saturday

On October 16, 2024, 20 attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Leistikow before our meal.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries in October to celebrate.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$245.00. Don Billhorn made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Marlys Deterding seconded it. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes for September 18, 2024 were read by Lois Thacher. Larry Ladage made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Janet Ladage seconded it. Motion carried.

No Old Business:

New Business:

November 3, 2024 will be St. Matthew's Fall Dinner from 3-6 p.m. The menu will be: roast beef, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, sauerkraut, orange fluff, cranberry salad, rolls, pies and bars.

October 17, 2024 starting at 5:30 p.m. will be the Poor Farm's Octoberfest dinner and meeting. The dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting and entertainment. The entertainment this year will be the Grace Lutheran's Bell Choir from Grace Lutheran Church in Tripoli, IA.

November 22, 2024 at Grumpy's Bar and Event Center will be the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Dinner and Auction. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. The Live Auction starts at 7:00 p.m.

There was a motion by Ron Leistikow to donate \$100.00 to the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation. MaryLou Billhorn made a motion to approve this donation and Wilda Albrecht seconded it. Motion carried.

On Saturday, November 30, 2024 Santa Claus will be coming to Readlyn from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. Treat bags will be furnished by the former Grumps of Readlyn. Hot chocolate will be donated by John and Wendy Galyean. S'mores will be professionally toasted and donated by the Readlyn firemen. Parade starts at 6:00 p.m.

The lighting of the Christmas Tree will be after the parade. The tree will be donated by Brent and Amy Leistikow. Music will be provided by the Wapsie Valley Choir. A ham drawing will take place once the tree is lit and you must be present to win. Fireworks will follow to end the evening.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA. Wilda Albrecht made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shirley Kuker seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

Deadline for the Dec. 25 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., Dec. 12 at 5 PM
Send news items to:
readlynchronicle@gmail.com



Paul Tiedt

Paul Tiedt/100th birthday

Paul F. Tiedt of Readlyn observed his 100th birthday on November 13, 2024.

Paul was born in rural Readlyn to John and Louisa (Wolfgram) Tiedt. He married Marrillee (Nerge) Tiedt of Sumner on November 7, 1948 at Grace Lutheran Church in Tripoli.

He has seen many changes and advancements throughout these 100 years.

Paul is a WWII veteran having served in Germany as a military policeman, a retired farmer of many years, and the father of 9 children, resulting in numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Paul and his wife, Marrillee, kept active in their retirement years by traveling, bowling, card clubs, V.F.W., and by playing music and singing together in several retirement homes.

Together they reside in their home in Readlyn. On November 7, 2024, they celebrated 76 years of marriage.

A card shower is requested in Paul's honor.

Please send cards and well wishes to:
Paul Tiedt
422 East 2nd Street
Readlyn, IA 50668

Next Pepper Tournament Dec. 7

The November 2 pepper tournament was held at Grumpy's. The winners and their scores were:

- 1st: Sean and Lorna VanNatta - 220
- 2nd: Roger and Connie Buhr - 199
- 3rd: Grace Kuethe and Barb Meyer - 160
- 4th: Doris Hagenow and Therese Schumacher - 137

The next pepper tournament will be Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's. Bring a partner. Entry fee is \$3.00. Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Open House
9 A.M.-3 P.M.
at Readlyn Savings Bank

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

RSB ~ Taking Good Care of You! ~ Since 1904
141 Main Street, Readlyn, IA • 319-279-3321
Website: www.readlynsavingsbank.com
Email: info@readlynsavingsbank.com

ASB ~ The Spirit of American Banking ~ Since 1899
319-882-4279 or 800-853-4294

We will have a Children's Raffle for Christmas Teddy Bears— One boy and one girl will win!

Enter a raffle for a chance to win a turkey!

Member FDIC EQUAL HOUSING LENDER



Readlyn Community Library

WE PUT THE READ IN READLYN

Beth Kingdon - Library Director



Phone and Fax: 319-279-3432 Email: readlynlib@gmail.com Website: www.readlyn.lib.ia.us Text: 319-253-6802

Memorial Donations

In Memory of Colby and Joyce Withers

Nick and Dawn Tobey

In Memory of Mary Oltrogge

Nick and Dawn Tobey

In Memory of Judith Spoden

Jim and Karen Boehme

In Memory of Jolene Meyer

RTC Communications

Pat Wehr

In Memory of Shane Buhr

Shirley Kuker

Donald and Joyce Heineman

In Memory of Bonnie Matthias

Judy Henn

Memorial Books

In Memory of Jolene Meyer

Nana in the Country – by Lauren Castillo – given by Chris and Sharon Davis and family.

In Memory of Shane Buhr

Kevin and the Blackbirds by David Almond – given by Chris and Sharon Davis and family.

In Memory of Shane Buhr

Because of an Acorn By Lola Schaefer and Adam Schaefer -given by Bob and Becky South

It's almost here! The Readlyn Library's annual

COOKIE WALK & BAKE SALE

SAT. DEC 7, 9 AM-12 PM

Free Will Donation!



Meet the Staff

AT THE LIBRARY

Library Director - Beth Kingdon

Greetings! Many of you who are regular patrons are familiar with me as I've worked here at the library since the summer of 2022, and took over the Director position in August of this year. Prior to moving to the area, I was the Library Director for the Marcus Public Library in northwest Iowa. My husband and I live on a farm west of Oelwein, and we have two Samoyed dogs and two horses. I love working in Readlyn and look forward to continuing to serve our library patrons and community.

Librarian - Carmelita Salcedo

My name is Carmelita Salcedo and I am 21 years old. I am originally from Waterloo, but I moved to Readlyn in 2019. I went to high school at Expo ALC, and love learning new things all the time. Some other things I enjoy are reading, animals, music, and drawing. Thank you for welcoming me to the library!

Fill-in Librarian - Lorrie Oldenburger

Most people here remember me as Lorrie Cozart, former wife of the late Tom Cozard. I lived here for 30 years until my husband passed away. I have four grown daughters who graduated from WV High School. I'm remarried and now live in rural Plainfield, and am a retired nurse. I love to read, garden, spend time with family and attend lots of activities with the grandkids. I'm happy to work in a community I love and see the people who were so kind to me and my family. Readlyn really is the friendliest town in Iowa.

Obituaries



Shane Buhr

Shane Buhr, 53, of Denver, Iowa, formerly of Readlyn, died on October 22, 2024, at University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics.

Shane was born on April 26, 1971, in Waterloo, Iowa, son of Gary and Barbara (Zars) Buhr. Shane was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. He graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1989. Following graduation, he worked for Concrete Foundations, Incorporated. He later began his electrical apprenticeship at Denver Electric, which he then purchased in 2004. He was known for his quality work and attention to detail.

Shane loved doing electrical work. It

was not only his occupation but also his hobby. He spent many hours working out in his shop. When not doing electrical work, Shane enjoyed watching Westerns and movies from the '80s, cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers, going to the river, and hanging out with his family and many friends. Shane is known for his long stories, his uncontrollable giggles, his mischievous smile, and his heart of gold.

Shane is survived by his mother, Barb Buhr and sister, Gina (Barney) Wiersma, of Readlyn, brother, Chad (Dana) Buhr of Greenwood Village, CO; five nieces and nephews - Hanna (Jeff) Ariens of Readlyn, Hallee (Rudy Pineda) Wiersma of Altoona, Elsa (Aidan O'Donnell) Buhr of Seattle, Annika (Will Johnson) Buhr and Errol Buhr of Fort Collins, and one great-nephew, Manny Pineda-Wiersma.

Shane was preceded in death by his father, Gary Buhr, and grandparents, Reinhart and Grace Zars, Carl Buhr, and Berdine (Wittenburg, Buhr) and Harry Watts.

A Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 26, 2024, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. Burial of cremains was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery in Readlyn. There was a visitation from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the church on Saturday. A Celebration of Life was held from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Grumpy's Bar in Readlyn.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family.



William "Bill" Matthias

William "Bill" Matthias, 79, of Denver, died Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at UnityPoint Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Bill was born on December 15, 1944, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Arnold and Dora (Eickelberg) Matthias. He was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Denver and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger, where he also attended grade school. He graduated from Denver High School in 1963 and then attended Ellsworth Community College and Buena Vista University where he earned his teaching degree. His first stop out of college was as a teacher and coach at Lakeview-Auburn High School where he remained for six years. In 1974, he returned to the family farm just outside of Denver where he remained active right up to the time of his passing. On April 5, 1975, he was united in marriage to Barb Oswalt in Collins, Iowa. To this union two sons were born, Kyle and Neil. Life on the farm was central to Bill's life. He raised cattle, hogs and worked the fields. As if farming didn't fill enough of his

day, he was also a substitute teacher in Denver, worked at Advanced Heat Treat in Waterloo and worked security at John Deere, retiring in 2012.

Bill was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Denver where he served in several capacities over the years. He was also active in his community as a board member for the Denver Library and the Denver Sunset Home. He loved sports of all kinds, was an avid Baltimore Orioles fan and was a 25-year referee for Iowa high school football. Bill was a quiet man but never met a stranger. Above all, he cherished time with his family and was especially fond of attending his grandchildren's events.

Bill is survived by his wife, Barb, of Denver; two sons, Kyle (Holly) Matthias and Neil (Kelsie) Matthias, both of Denver; 12 grandchildren, Curren (Hallie), Kyler, Ani, Macy, Myles, Jazlyn, Kaylin and Tripp Matthias, Isabella, Summer, Mila and Will Matthias; one great-granddaughter, Parker Matthias; one sister-in-law, Sandy Matthias of Readlyn; brothers-in-law, Bob (Diana) Oswalt of Collins, Iowa, Bill (Dawn) Oswalt of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, Brad (Roanna) Oswalt of Colo, Iowa; one sister-in-law, Becky (Lindsey) Beving of Wellsburg, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Martin and Allan Matthias.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Denver with Rev. David Menet officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral. Following the service, inurnment was held in the Fairview Cemetery in Denver. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church in Denver or Community Lutheran School in Readlyn. Online condolences may be left at kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver was in charge of arrangements.

THANK YOU to those who donated items for the raffle for the ATV/UTV poker ride! Dan's R/C Hobby House; Matthias Fabrication; Grumpy's Bar & Event Center; Wittenburg Trucking; Scentsy (Elizabeth Thurm); RTC Communications; No Nonsense Prairie Bass Series; Eric and Aubrey Johnston; University of Northern Iowa; Iowa State; Waterloo Black Hawks; Martin Brothers; DR. PowerSports; Rod and Bonnie Wittenburg; Fairbank Locker; Birdnow Motor - Oelwein; Myers Polaris; Iona Locker; Iowa Cubs; Oran Locker; Costa's; Community Chevrolet; Mary Oakley; Readlyn Savings Bank; Ron and Louie Hartman; Dan Deery; Riverside Casino; Tenenbaum's Jewelry.



STOKES WELDING

Find us on Facebook


www.stokeswelding.com

Services:
Custom Welding
Power Equipment
Hydraulic Hoses

STIHL TORO

412 7th Street, Janesville
(319) 987-2801 • Cell: (319) 230-7770
 email: shop@stokeswelding.com

Owner
Jon Elsamiller



"Family owned and operated since 1983"

101 39th St. NE
 Waverly, IA **319-352-3917**

Electrical Wiring of all Types:
Commercial
Residential
Farm
Industrial

www.elsamillerelectric.com



TOWN & COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

Connie Rochford, Broker
 215 N. Railroad, Sumner, IA
563-578-8899
 www.towncountryhome.com

Agents:



Louie Hartman
319-239-0533



Gary Guether 319-415-9874

Christopher Tibbott 319-404-9435

Serving the needs of our communities matters!



GINGERICH

Roofing Solutions

Metal • Flat • Roof Coating • Outbuildings
 Siding • Pole Buildings

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

319.505.3938

1501 Fairbank Amish Blvd.
 Hazleton, IA 50641



Member SIPC

Contact me today. >

Troy A. Delagardelle, AAMS®
 Financial Advisor
 4901 University Ave - Suite B
 Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
 319.277.4446

Edward Jones

**KAISER
CORSON Funeral Homes, Inc.**

www.kaisercorson.com
 205 Highland Avenue, Readlyn, Iowa 50668
 (319) 279-3551



Paul Smith
 319-269-0952
 1417 Whitetail Ave., Sumner
 smith.x.inc@gmail.com

- GPS Grade Control Tiling
- Onsite Concrete Crushing
- Site Preparation
- Septic Systems
- Waterlines
- Demolition
- Waterways
- Excavation
- Drainage

Build Confidence.
Build Wealth.
 I can help.



Create something that your future self will thank you for.
 Like prioritizing your financial goals. Putting together a financial plan and investment strategy today can help you achieve your dreams tomorrow.
Let's get started.



David C. Matthias
 2018 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA
 319-415-5989
 davidmatthias.fbfsagents.com



Securities & services offered through FBL Marketing Services, LLC, 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877/860-2904, Member SIPC. Advisory services offered through FBL Wealth Management, LLC, Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, West Des Moines, IA. *Affiliates. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. PR-WMA-A (8-21)

Hillcrest Living
Friendly. Trusted. Proven.



Three levels of care that are:
 -all on the same campus, under the same roof
 -adjacent to Community Memorial Hospital (UnityPoint Health)



HILLCREST LIVING
 Terrace Assisted Living • Hillcrest Skilled Care Nursing
 Southview Apartments

915 W. First St., Sumner • 563-578-8591 • www.hillcrestsumner.com



RTC Communications

SMART RURAL COMMUNITY

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1907

- ▶ 100% fiber - a Gigabit Capable Community
- ▶ Providing broadband, local and excellent customer service
- ▶ Additionally offering digital video and phone services

121 Main Street, PO Box 159, Readlyn, Iowa
www.readlyntelco.com
 (319) 279-3375

Barb Jacobs earns Allen's DAISY Award

Congratulations to Barb Jacobs, RN, in Ambulatory at UnityPoint-Alten Hospital – she's our latest DAISY Award winner!

Barb graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in 1983. She is the daughter of Charlie and Wilda Albrecht of Readlyn.

The DAISY is a national-level award given periodically to locally nominated nurses who deliver exceptional care. Our local committee received separate nominations about Barb:

"This past summer I was a summer nurse extern on the ambulatory surgery unit and Barb was my preceptor for eight weeks. The care she provides touches the lives of many patients. She is able to calm and relax the patient before surgery and relate to them in many ways. Her bedside manner is a quality that I look up to the most. Barb is the reason that I applied for a position in this unit because I admire her knowledge and skills in her 36 years of nursing! I am so thankful to have been able to learn from her and now I am able to work alongside her!!"

"I had my first procedure ever on May 16. I was extremely anxious about being put under, but Barb made sure to make me feel as comfortable as I could be. She talked me through her first experience being put under, which made me feel more at ease. Barb and the other nurses (Lauren, Loretta and Sarah) walked me through everything they were doing and why they were doing it. Barb really made me feel at home by connecting with me on personal matters. My experience being put under wasn't nearly as scary as I thought it would be, thanks to Barb. She even gave me a call the day after my procedure just to make sure I was feeling alright. I couldn't thank her enough for all the reassurance she gave me and for turning this into a positive experience for me. She went above and beyond my expectations. Thank you!"

"Barb has been wonderful. She knows you're scared and on edge. So, she gets you laughing. But she is business. She keeps things rolling to get you ready for surgery. Lots of questions. She is always upbeat and ready to get things done. She is a keeper."



Barb Jacobs (in the black shirt with a stethoscope, holding the DAISY award) was celebrated by family and church friends. At left is Barb's son, Levi and his fiancée, Brittany. Next to Barb in the orange shirt is her sister, Colleen Piehl; behind Colleen is Barb's husband, Michael Jacobs, holding their granddaughter, Anniyah, and to the right of Barb is her daughter, Erica Reyes, and Barb's parents, Wilda and Charlie Albrecht.

NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Iowa Student Performance Profiles

Wapsie Valley Community Schools is celebrating impressive growth and achievement as reflected in the recent Iowa Student Performance Profile. With strong performance across the district, our schools are setting the standard for academic excellence and student success.

Fairbank and Readlyn Elementary have been recognized as High Performing schools, highlighting the exceptional work happening at these schools in fostering a positive learning environment and supporting student achievement. The Junior High/High School and Rural Buildings have earned Acceptable ratings, reflecting solid academic progress and a commitment to continuous improvement. (The rural schools automatically get the same designation as the JH/HS as they do not have enough students to populate their own data)

We are doing the right things, at the right time, with the right people. This success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families. The growth we are seeing is a direct result of collaboration and a focus on meeting the unique needs of each student.

The Iowa Student Performance Profile, which measures key areas such as student achievement, growth, and readiness, is an important tool for assessing school performance. With continued support and dedication, Wapsie Valley is poised for even greater success in the future. Well done, Warriors!!

Our community can be proud of these accomplishments as we continue to work together to ensure every student's success.

Iowa School Finance

This month's article on Iowa School Finance focuses on the

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the primary fund for school districts and is used to finance most of the operational costs. It covers salaries, benefits, instructional materials, classroom supplies, transportation, and other day-to-day expenses necessary for the functioning of the district.

• Revenue Sources: The bulk of funding for the General Fund comes from the state's school aid formula, which includes property taxes, state general fund appropriations, and sometimes local option sales tax revenue. Additionally, the district may levy a tax rate that contributes to the General Fund.

• Restrictions: The funds in the General Fund can only be used for instructional and operational purposes. They cannot be spent on capital projects or debt service.

• Use of Funds: PPEL funds can be used for building repairs, construction, purchase of school buses, equipment (e.g., computers), technology infrastructure, and other long-term physical improvements.

2. Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)

The PPEL fund is used for capital improvements and maintenance of school buildings and facilities, as well as the purchase of equipment, vehicles, and technology.

• Revenue Sources: The PPEL is funded by a

specific property tax levy (often capped at a certain amount per \$1,000 of property value). In addition to the regular PPEL levy, some districts may also receive funds from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund, which is a portion of sales tax revenue.

Next month I will discuss the Management, Nutrition, and SAVE funds and how they work.

Thank you for your support and please let me know if you have questions or concerns.



Wapsie Valley Class of 1964 Holds Reunion — Members of Wapsie Valley High School Class of 1964 met at Grumpy's in Readlyn for a class reunion on August 17, 2024. Pictured are front row, left to right, Karen Frame Pint, Sharon Kerns Menke, Kathy Herman Reiher, Jane Becker Coons. Second row: Duane Kehe, Gloria Wehling Schmitz, Sandra Lockard Duregger, Shirley Kuker Schweer, DiAnne Clendenen Meredith, Gail Haberkamp Judisch, Mary Richards Seeley, Tom Strumpel. Third row: Rueben Krebs, Al Myers, Elaine Warneke Duecker, Gary Schellhorn, David Judisch, David Miller. Fourth row: Wayne Meyer, Jay Schweer, Loren Hartman, Eugene Heineman, Richard Goldsberry, Gary Westendorf, and Carmella Kehe Rodby. Photo contributed

Tripoli Nursing & Rehab is a non-profit 28 licensed bed long-term care setting certified by Medicare and Medicaid. We are committed to providing excellent care and support to residents, families, the community and our employees. We provide skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapy services, continuous nursing care, social services and activity programs designed to meet various types of individual needs.

Independently Owned & Operated
Tripoli Nursing & Rehab
 604 3rd Street SW, Tripoli, IA 50676
319-882-4269
 trnuhome@butler-bremer.com

MEMBER FDIC

FIRSTBANK
Serving You First

Cedar Falls | Plainfield | Waverly
www.FirstIowa.bank

News from Community Lutheran School

On October 31, the students celebrated Reformation Day by learning more about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Pastor Miguel is shown in the photo below with the first through eighth grade

students wearing red on Reformation Day!

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8.



Isabella cut out a Luther's seal from paper.



Indy created Luther's seal on the flannel board.



CLS Students Travel to Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum

Community Lutheran School did something a little bit different this year to celebrate Veterans Day. Instead of having a program at the school, the CLS students in grades 5-8, along with teachers Mr. Kuecker and Mrs. Kaufman, and parent drivers, travelled to the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum in Waterloo. Their morning session consisted of a guided tour covering the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I, while the afternoon session covered World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War with the primary focus on Waterloo's own Sullivan Brothers. Students were treated to various historical artifacts (clothing, supplies, weapons, etc.) from that time period and interesting facts pertaining to that particular conflict, such as what the soldiers, nurses, and society experienced, and the causes and effects of those events in American history. Students were also given some free time to explore and see video accounts of that era.

by a member of the Legion. Following that, former Waterloo Mayor Tim Hurley told of Waterloo's contribution to the war effort in World War II, citing such companies as John Deere, Rath Packing, and Chamberlain. Mr. Hurley also pointed out that Waterloo was one of the few cities in America and the only one in Iowa to be designated as an American WWII Heritage City.

All in all, it was a wonderful experience for students to grasp the true meaning of Veterans Day.

Between the two sessions, the Veterans committee introduced their Veterans Day program. After the ROTC from East High School presented the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the national anthem was played on a trumpet



Tatroe ELECTRIC, INC.
 215 3rd St. NE, Waverly, IA • 319-352-3664
www.tatroelectric.com

C AND K GARDEN SOLUTIONS LLC
 2508 Viking Ave., Fairbank IA 50629
 Phone: 319-939-4112
 Email: ckjeanes@gmail.com

Garden Tilling – Plowing – Cultivating
 Lawn Mowing – Snow Removal - Backhoe

QUALITY DISTRIBUTORS

FAIRVIEW Ag

1508 190th Street
 Waverly, IA

Seth Walker
 CELL 319-352-1619

Tyler Hemer
 CELL 319-269-7675

Crop Protection
 Custom Application
 Third Party Agronomy
 Chemical & Fertilizer Sales
 & Trucking

Ready to find your new home?
 I'm here to connect you to life's next chapter!

Wendy Stromer-Mohlis, Realtor
 Cell: (319) 269-5089
 wendymohlis@gmail.com
 300 S. State Street, Denver, IA

Born and raised in Bremer county!

RE/MAX ALLIANCE

STUMME, COLLINS, GRITTERS & EPLEY, PLLC

303 1st Ave. NE
 Waverly, IA 50677
 319-352-1637

171 E. Main St.
 Denver, IA 50622
 319-984-5479

www.waverlydenverlaw.com

TruServe INSURANCE GROUP

We are DRIVEN to help you SUCCEED
 Providing: Commercial and Trucking For-Hire coverages to our clients.

125 W. 1st St., Readlyn, IA 50668
 319-238-7775 • 877-418-3090 (Toll Free)
www.truserveins.com

Send news to:
readlynchronicle@gmail.com

Gloria!
Presented by
Community Lutheran School

COME JOIN US IN A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AS OUR STUDENTS PROCLAIM "GLORIA" BECAUSE GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE OUR SAVIOR. HEAR OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JUST AS SCRIPTURE IS WRITTEN IN LUKE CHAPTER 2. GLORIA! OUR GOD HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO GREAT THINGS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 6:30 P.M.

Located in the Gymnasium
WITH A FREE-WILL DONATION BAKE SALE

Trusted Accounting Services
for Individuals & Businesses



Jeffrey F. Arians, CPA
Quality Accounting Services
1002 Broadway Street
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-234-2813
www.qasiowa.com

MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

I CAN HELP!



Call me, your **LOCAL** Expert!
OPEN ENROLLMENT IS OCTOBER 15TH TO DECEMBER 7TH
Review or change your plan during that time!

Amy Rechkemmer
319-635-2526 | amy@vandaeleins.com

VanDaele Insurance
119 E Main St. Fairbank, IA

Be prepared for all changes happening in 2025!
Call or E-mail me, I'll help answer all your health insurance plan questions!

Currently I represent 10 organizations which offer 51 products in your area. You can always contact Medicare.gov, 1-800-MEDICARE, or your local State Health Insurance Programs for help with plan choices.



INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS INC.
VANDAELE INSURANCE, INC.
greatrates@vandaeleins.com
For all your insurance needs.

Farm • Home • Auto • Commercial
Crop • Health Insurance

119 E. Main Street • PO Box 467 • Fairbank, IA 50629
319-635-2526 • Fax: 319-635-2162

Being prepared with the right insurance for your farm and crop matters.

Call us to talk to one of our experienced AgriBusiness Advisors today at 319.483.4854 or visit our website at acceladvantage.com.





Siblings provide overview of their Readlyn heritage

The end of October, siblings Dan Tiedt of Iowa City, Sue Rife of Palm Bay, FL and Janice Mozingo of Manchester, Iowa visited the Historical Society in Readlyn Iowa.

Their grandparents are Clarence Ganske, 1907-1990, who married Hazel Buenger, 1912-1991. They lived north of Readlyn.

The photos shown on this page and the next were submitted by the siblings as an overview of their family's history.



Left to right, Janice Mozingo, Sue Rife and Dan Tiedt.



Hazel Buenger Ganske is shown with her ducks at the farm where Clarence was born.



This is a threshing machine in a farmyard - 1941.



Shirley Ganske stands by the brooder house in 1945. A brooder house is a small building for newly hatched chicks. It provides warmth with a light, protection and food. The chicks stay in it for about six weeks.



The Clarence Ganske farm, circa 1970, is located north of Readlyn.



John Ganske, around 1946.



Ganske farm, 1935. Holstein cows are used for milking.



Security
MUTUAL
INSURANCE

PROVIDING
POLICY HOLDERS
SECURITY & SERVICE
FOR OVER 280 YRS

A GRINNELL
MUTUAL MEMBER.

319-279-3893
319-267-2035
securitymutualins.com

234 Main Street • Readlyn, IA



Weeds On Fire
LAWN CARE SERVICES

• FERTILIZING • WEED CONTROL • AERATING • THATCHING • SEEDING • MOWING

CONTACT
DAN WEDEMEIER 319-269-6753
READLYN, IOWA weeds.onfire@yahoo.com



PIONEER
BRAND • PRODUCTS

Spring Center Farm
Dean Buhr & Kyle Devoe
2034 Vintage Ave., Sumner, IA 50674
(319) 240-2432



MOVING THE AGRICULTURE
INDUSTRY FORWARD.

At Nutrien, our purpose is to grow our world from the ground up. As the world's largest provider of crop inputs, services and solutions, Nutrien plays a critical role in feeding the future by helping growers increase food production in a sustainable manner.

We're moving our agricultural industry and the world forward - today and for generations to come.

Nutrien
Feeding the Future™

(319) 352-4421
www.nutrien.com
3601 E Bremer Ave
Waukegan, IA 50672



Jennifer Jaschen
Attorney At Law

4817 University Avenue, Suite D
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
jaschenlaw@outlook.com
Phone: 319-553-3400

Legal Focus: Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, Estates, & Business Administration.



Shirley (driving) and Beverly Ganske, 1941.



Fritz Buhrow, Della's son, on the tractor and John Ganske cutting oats, 1941.



Threshing on the Ganske farm, 1941.



This is the crank phone I used at my grandparents' farmhouse to call home to Cedar Rapids. It is a Stromberg-Carlson. Shirley Ganske Westendorf, their daughter, told me their ring was short-long-short-long. You would crank the phone half for short and all the way around for long.

Photos and information contributed by Sue Rife



Kindness Cart outside TruServe

Once again the Kindness Cart is spending December outside TruServe. This year the Readlyn Community Club is hoping to collect winter coats, snow pants, mittens, plus any other outdoor items; underwear and socks will also be appreciated. Thank you in advance for showing your Christmas spirit.

If you have an interesting story about Readlyn's history, share it by sending it to the Chronicle at readlynchronicle@gmail.com.

PHI PLATTE
Home Improvement
319-208-0539

HANDYMAN SERVICES

SAM

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Smoke Detector Batteries
- Clean ceiling fans
- Clean outside dryer vents
- Break down recycling
- Furniture Assembly
- Window coverings
- Small home repairs
- Rearranging furniture
- Change out lightbulbs
- And More!

Contact Sam Platte
319-505-0539
plattehomeimprovement.com

Call or email to set up a visit today!

KEN'S ELECTRIC INC.
ELECTRICAL • HVAC • SOLAR

CALL TODAY!
Generator & HVAC Maintenance Memberships

Ken's Electric Inc.
319-208-3382

For all your HVAC, Geothermal, Electrical, Solar and Generator needs!

Licensed HVAC and Electrical technicians. Certified Generac Service Dealer.

Parkview Assisted Living Center
Fairbank, Iowa

Parkview ASSISTED LIVING

Caring For Our Family, One Loving Heart at a Time.
Stop in for a tour anytime.
Check us out on Facebook, or our website
www.fairbankparkviewassistedliving.com, or contact us at
319.635.2585, email: parkviewassistedliving@gmail.com

WINDOW WASHING POWER WASHING GUTTER CLEANING

FREE Estimates!

DREW SAUERBREI
WINDOWS AND GUTTER CLEANING SPECIALIST

Call Now!
(1)-319-559-1136

Pricing Based on The Following:
Type of Window, Quantity, Window Accessibility, Length of Gutters

“Financial Fitness”

WITH ASHLEA (KLEITSCH) JONES

How is it already December?! So much to do, so little time!

This time of year can bring a lot of joy mixed with a little angst. Finishing up fieldwork, planning for holiday gatherings, Christmas shopping... anything that can be put off for later gets tagged with “try me after the first of the year”.

Something that we, as financial advisors, keep on our radars this time of year are RMDs or Required Minimum Distributions. Penalties for failure to take these distributions are 25% of every dollar not taken, so if you’re due to take yours, it isn’t something you want to put off until “after the first of the year”. Especially with Inherited IRAs, which must be taken out within 10 years of the decedent’s death.

- Traditional IRAs
- SEP IRAs
- SIMPLE IRAs
- 401(k) plans
- 401(b) plans
- 457(b) plans
- Profit sharing plans
- Other defined contribution plans
- Roth IRA beneficiaries



The age you must begin distributions is changing in the future but at the time of this writing it is 73. The amount you are required to withdraw is based on your prior end-of-year balance divided by a life expectancy factor published by the IRS. If you’re working with an advisor, they will have taken the liberty of calculating and executing the RMD on your behalf. If you’re doing it on your own, there are tons of helpful calculators online to make sure you’re taking the right amount.

Now, what to do with these funds? Some people earmark them for Christmas shopping or family vacations. Some use them for income. Some simply transfer them to a brokerage account to continue to invest in the market. Growing in popularity is using the RMD for charity gifting.

Even if you’re still working and saving, charity giving can benefit both the recipient and the donor. When you donate cash to an IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) public charity, for example, you can generally deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income. For most of us in small communities, we’d rather see our hard-earned money go to deserving organizations that directly serve us and our communities rather than to distant government taxation. Fire departments, churches, legions, memorial funds, etc. are often completely reliant on these generous gifts.

Whether you are in a saving phase, drawing from your portfolio, or even legacy planning, there are ways to make your money reflect your values.

Let us help!

Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones

Financial Advisor
Prime Capital Investment Advisors
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
pciacedarrapids.com
(319) 269-7143



RSB GRÜMPTOBERFEST! 2024

Readlyn Savings Bank Thanks All Who Came to Party

Thursday, October 24, was Readlyn Savings Bank's 18th Annual Community Appreciation Party, GRÜMPTOBERFEST! which has been held annually on the Thursday before Halloween since 2005. Only COVID-19 could break the streak in 2020, so it's been nice to get things back on track the last few years. Thanks so much to everyone who came out to celebrate our wonderful community. It is the bank's pleasure to serve a free meal and put on the party as a small token of gratitude for the trust that the customers in the community have in the bank. For everyone to share in the good cheer is something that truly makes our community such a special place. Plus, the kids get to fine-tune their costumes before the "main event" of Halloween – and everyone loves seeing the kids decked out! RSB is proud and honored to serve and support our wonderful community.

The Party at Grumpy's Event Center attracted a great many revelers and a host of volunteers from the Readlyn community. The Party is a good opportunity for friends, family, and neighbors to gather for a harvest-time celebration. Indeed, a great many to-go meals are packaged up for farmers out in the fields, in addition to everyone attending. In all about 300 meals were served.

Every year there are many people that help RSB make the party such a big success. RSB thanks the co-operators of Grumpy's Bar & Event Center, Mike & Samantha Keeran and Mike "Yogi" & Karrie Nicolaus, as well as their great staff and bartenders, especially Tanya Bruncheon! The brats were perfectly charred with sauerkraut on the side, freshly roasted hot dogs, mac'n cheese, baked beans, German potato salad, chips, and huge cookies.



Readlyn Firefighters and EMT served beer to the GRUMP-TOBERFEST crowd while receiving tips and donations. Left to right: Dan Blaylock, Nick Kuker, Scott Broten and Cassy Hesse.

Thanks also to our entertainment for the night, Nick "DJ with a Beat" Tobey. The Bank really appreciates not only the sweet tunes but also the positive energy and good vibes you bring to your show! Great food, cool atmosphere and fun music make all the difference!

Readlyn Savings Bank also wants to thank all the volunteers within the community that make GRÜMPTOBERFEST! so successful year in and year out. Thanks to the elementary schools and Churches who helped again with spreading the word of the event to kids and their families. Also, thanks to the Readlyn Firemen and First Responders who every year help serve the "German Beer." Thanks to all who sampled the beer – the bank pays for the keg and all of your "beer donations" go straight to the Readlyn Firemen and First Responders. Way to drink up!

Undoubtedly, the "main event" at every RSB ~ GRÜMPTOBERFEST! is the Costume Contest. There are 5 age groups with each one receiving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cash prizes and piggy banks. While not everyone receives a trophy all contestants do get a little treat. Thanks very, very much to the children and everyone who came so wonderfully costumed – it's always fun to see the creative and spooky ideas y'all dream up! Along with traditional witches, werewolves, zombies and killer clowns, we had vast array of characters. There were unicorns and princesses, dead princess and rainbow unicorn princesses. Mr. Dwight Schrutte from "The Office," Happy Gilmore and his caddy, Chubbs Peterson, Tay-Tay, Maverick, Darth Vader, a Hobbit and two Sonics were also in the house! With so many totally awesome costumes, the tricky part of the contest is the judging. Thank you so very much to our three judges: Mayor Dan Wedemeier, The 2024 Old Grump*, Bonnie Wittenburg, and Miss Readlyn Runner-up, LeeAnn Oltroge. (*A total of 8 Old Grumps were in attendance!)

Finally, thank you to RSB Directors and Staff who served the meal and hosted our guests, including Directors LaVerne Leistikow and Ed Traeger as well as their respective wives Judy Leistikow and Kathy Traeger. RSB staff also served the meal, decorated the hall and cleaned up afterwards. What teamwork from Doug Shepard, Dani Sauerbrei, Kim Alcantara, Mackenzie Joerger, Cassie Grober, Dustin Gaede, Brady Sauerbrei, and Andy Sexton. It's a lot of extra work and it is greatly appreciated every year.

The Bank hopes everyone had fun and hopes to see you all again at next year's GRÜMPTOBERFEST! Prost!



0-1-year-old winners — Left to right: Emmett Kleitsch-Traffic Cone, Tate Powell-Bull, & Paulsyn Cabalka-Chicken.



2-3-year-old winners — Left to right: Miles Kleitsch-Construction Worker, William Happel-Maverick from "Top Gun" & Isaiah Happel-Dwight Schrutte from "The Office."



4-5-year-old winners — Left to right: Toma Slaubaugh-Cheetah, Dallas Schwartz-Witch, Embry Shultz-Horse.



6-7-year-old winners — Left to right: Leighton Ball-Killer Clown, Easton Wehling-Alien, Theodore Mason-Werewolf.



8-9-year-old winners — Left to right: Addison Broten-Zombie, Brielle Boyle-Dead Princess, Braxton Ball-Fishstick. (Fortnite).

(At left) 10-year-old to Adults winners — Left to right: Drake Heinze-Chicken, Evelynn Boyle-Alien, Emersyn Powell-Granny.

0-1 Age Group				8-9 Age Group					
1	Kleitsch	Emmett	Traffic Cone	1st	38	Boyle	Brielle	Dead Princess	1st
2	Powell	Tate	Bull	2nd	39	Broten	Addison	Addison from Zombies	2nd
3	Cabalka	Paulsyn	Chicken	3rd	40	Ball	Braxton	Fishstick	3rd
4	Foley	Kathryn	High Seas Cutie		41	Broten	Wyatt	Alien Kid-Theif	
5	Gates	Luke	Winnie the Pooh		42	Gothard	Macie	Sally	
6	Slaubaugh	DJ	Hobbit		43	Gothard	Mira	Witch	
2-3 Age Group					44	Gothard	Miro	Sally	
7	Kleitsch	Myles	Construction Worker	1st	45	Hesse	Kaden	Happy Gilmore	
8	Happel	William	Maverick	2nd	46	Knight	Cullu	Rust Lord (Fortnite)	
9	Happel	Isaiah	Dwight Schrutte	3rd	47	Kuker	William	Dinosaur	
10	Becker	Rowan	Paw Patrol		48	Powell	Hadley	Tiger	
11	Cox	Kynlee	Owlette		49	Schwartz	Laramie	Warden - Minecraft	
12	Gates	Jack	Dinosaur		50	Wittenburg	Jaxson	Police Officer Wittenburg	
13	Grace Listo	Woodman	Scooby-Doo		10+ Age Group				
14	Hogan	Riley	Chase - Paw Patrol		51	Boyle	Evelynn	Alien	1st
15	Schwartz	Dayton	Fire Fighter		52	Powell	Emersyn	Granny	2nd
16	Slaubaugh	Ladi	Ballerina		53	Heinze	Drake	Chicken	3rd
4-5 Age Group					54	Bruncheon	Reed	Baseball Player	
17	Slaubaugh	Toma	Cheetah	1st	55	Forsyth	Madeline	Blue M&M	
18	Schultz	Embry	Horse	2nd	56	Hesse	Kyle	Chubbs Peterson	
19	Schwartz	Dallas	Witch	3rd	57	Kleitsch	Reid	Spicey Dill Pickle	
20	Becker	Archer	Sonic		58	Mason	Ellie	Red M&M	
21	Becker	Grace	Unicorn		59	Meyer	Silvi	Ms. Trunchbull	
22	Destival	Drake	Cowboy						
23	Gates	Violet	Rainbow Unicorn Princess						
24	Happel	Gabriel	Sonic						
25	Kleitsch	Morgan	Anna (Frozen)						
26	West	Spinlee	Witch						
6-7 Age Group									
27	Ball	Leighton	Killer Clown	1st					
28	Mason	Theodore	Werewolf	2nd					
29	Wehling	Easton	Alitri	3rd					
30	Becker	Liam	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle						
31	Happel	Sophia	Taylor Swift						
32	Hutschenreuter	Hoyt	Darth Vader						
33	Jaschen	Violet	Unicorn						
34	Kleitsch	Paulsyn	Halo Soldier						
35	Kuker	Wyatt	Kevin the Minion						
36	Powell	Taya	Unicorn						
37	West	Sutton	Cheerleader						



Read the Chronicle online at:
<https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us>

Wapsie Valley School Board - October 21, 2024

Wapsie Valley CSD Work Session & Regular School Board Mtg Minutes
October 21, 2024
Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order at 6:00 PM.
- A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe. Declared a quorum
- B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principals Forsyth, Myers, & Murphy
- C. Others Present: Brian Stark, Vaughn Gross, & Danny Adams
2. Facilities Projects-Brian Stark discussed HVAC upgrades, lighting, & fee structure to the FCS, Art, Music classrooms, & the Auditorium.
3. Other Items: None
4. President Wolfe adjourned the work session at 6:24 PM
1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 PM.
- A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe. Declared a quorum
- B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principals Forsyth, Myers, & Murphy
- C. Others Present: Brian Stark, Vaughn Gross, Danny Adams, & Virtual

Participants

2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
3. Public Comment-Mr. Gross discussed the science budget and increasing levy at budget time if needed.
4. Spotlight on Education -Mr. Adams discussed JH exploratory class options including Fish Iowa, Hunter Safety, & Archery.
5. Consent Items-Moved by Sauerbrei, seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Aiello and open enrollments: Tracey Szurley requests to open enroll her kindergarten son to WV from Sumner-Fredericksburg, Tess Irvin request to open enroll her kindergarten & 2nd grade sons to WV from Jesup due to a family move, and Alyssa Wiest request to open enroll her kindergarten son to Dunkerton, open enrollment deadline was met as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Board-None
- Superintendent-Report included Safety Grant, Enrollment, & WVEF Fundraiser.
- District-Report included Parent/Teacher Conferences, Homecoming Activities & Professional Development Principals-Report included Fire prevention, Parent/Teacher Conferences, District Career Academic Planning,

Service Learning Day, WE Time, & Activity Updates.

7. Resignations-None
- Contracts-Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the following contracts, Jennifer Gross-24-25 Yearbook Advisor-Base 1/Year/0-\$1,203, Logan Flack-JH Boys Basketball-Base 1/Year/0- \$1,955, Gina Wiersma-Special Education Associate-\$15.92 P/H up to 37.5 Hrs per week, Blayde Bellis-Assistant Boys Basketball Coach-\$2,707 Base 1/Year 0, Elizabeth Bergman-JH Girls Basketball-\$2,100-Base 2/Year 7, Nicole Barnes-Assistant Girls Basketball-\$2,707-Base 1/Year 0, & Volunteers: Gunner Rodgers-HS Wrestling, & Easton Krall-Wrestling as presented. Motion carried 5-0
8. New Business-Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to decline all bids for the 2008 uplander as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement & Transportation Report presented by Arndt. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the Limited English Proficient allowable growth cost of \$61,124.79 as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the 24-25 early retirement packages for Certified and Classified staff accepting up to 5 applicants from each group as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the sharing of HS Girls Wrestling with Sumner-Fredericksburg (\$750) for the 24-25 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the sharing of Boys Swimming with Waterloo West CSD for the 24-25 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the sharing of Boys Soccer with Cedar Falls CSD for the 24-25 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the mandatory board policy and exhibits as follows:
503.08, 605.03R1, 605.3E1, 605.3E2, 605.3E3, 605.3E4, & 605.3E5 as presented. Motion carried 5-0
9. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to go into closed session at 7:09 with a Roll Call Vote-ALL AYES Closed session 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to come out of closed session at 7:17 with a Roll Call Vote-ALL AYES
10. Board Talking Points-None
11. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion carried 5-0
1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order at 7:20 PM.
- A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe. Declared a quorum
- B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principals Forsyth, Myers, & Murphy
- C. Others Present: Vaughn Gross, Jesse Lizer (Emergent), & Mike Brocka (Modus Engineering)

2. Facilities Projects-Mr. Lizer & Mr. Brocka discussed HVAC upgrades, lighting, & fee structure to the FCS, Art, Music classrooms, & the Auditorium.
3. Other Items: Discussed hiring Martin Gardner Architects for the HVAC project and possibly looking at Emergent for the Athletic-track upgrades.
4. President Wolfe adjourned the work session at 8:03PM.

Respectfully, Kim Arndt

RCC finalizes plans for Christmas event

Continued from Page 1

- Since plenty of hygiene products are still available, the high school is collecting coats, snow pants, mittens, plus any other outdoor; underwear and socks will also be appreciated.
- o These winter items can be put into the Kindness Cart which will be at TruServe.
- o Ron H. and John will transport the cart to TruServe.

The Christmas on Main sign is done; city guys will hang it up in the City Park.

Pat and Kristie will stake the fallen decorations at 9:30 am, tomorrow, Friday.

Lighting Contest

- Tiffany will make a poster.
- Hailey will bring the checkbook on Nov. 30.
- Judges are secured and letters sent out.

We adjourned to Grumpy's where Ed and Michelle used their costume winning gift certificate to treat all who attended the meeting to pizza. Thank you!!

WE NEED YOU! **READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP** *Only \$30 per year*

JOIN US TODAY!

VENMO CODE



OR

MAIL TO:
READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB
P.O. BOX 34
READLYN, IA 50668

How to get involved:

- Sponsor an event
- Volunteer to help at events
- Attend meetings (Announced in the minutes in the Chronicle.)

The mission of the Readlyn Community Club is to provide a variety of events to enhance the lives of our residents. We welcome you to be a part of the RCC.

PHONE: (319) 352-4112
EMAIL: contactus@tenenbaumsjewelry.com
www.tenenbaumsjewelry.com

TENENBAUM'S JEWELRY

219 EAST BREMER AVE.
WAVERLY, IOWA 50677



SECURITY State Bank

PO Box B, 103 3rd St., Frederika, IA 50631
(319) 275-4301
or 1-800-428-5808






Farmers Cooperative Company

Readlyn: 319-279-3396
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F

We carry food for:
Rabbits, Cats, Dogs, Chickens, Sheep, Horses & More

Softener Salt:
Delivery in town to those needing assistance

Cedar & Pine Chips
Bird Seed • Grass Seed • Lawn Fertilizer
Bagged Shell Corn

Stop in today!



WILEY CONSTRUCTION

Siding, Roofing
Home Remodeling
Ag Building Repairs

Nick Wiley
Cell 319-404-3518
Home 319-279-3518

DENVER, IA



340 S. State St.
Denver, IA 50622

319-984-5691

denverdrugandphoto.com

Care you can trust.

YOUR LEADING INDEPENDENT PROVIDER

ELEVATORS
Manufacturing, Installation, Service
Passenger, Freight, and Specialty Elevators



Denver, Iowa Since 1936

One Schumacher Way • 800-779-5438 • www.schumacherelevator.com



DENVER FAMILY DENTAL

"OUR FAMILY CARING FOR YOURS"

Robert R. Pipho, D.D.S. • Brendon T. Boerm, D.D.S.

Call (319) 984-6191 or (319) 342-3622 to schedule your appointment in Denver today!

131 Tower Street, Denver • 319-984-6191



Douglas Den

1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield

For reservations, call **319-275-4528**

Available for rent for graduations,
small parties, wedding receptions & more.

40'x72', full kitchen, freezer, refrigerators,
air conditioning and restrooms.

CHRONICLE *Sponsorship* DIRECTORY

Ag Resources

Bayer Crop Science

David R. Wheeler, 8234 E. Marquis Rd.,
Fairbank, IA (319) 230-1029

Farmers Co-op

223 E. 1st St. • (319) 279-3396

Fettkether Fertilizer Co. LLC

7634 N. Ordway Rd., Dunkerton, IA
(319) 404-0064 or (319) 939-8339

Nutrien

(319) 352-4421 www.nutrien.com
3601 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA

Precision Planting - Mike Heineman

2919 270th St. • (319) 279-3136

PRime Ag Services - Channel Seedsmen

Brian Pottebaum (515) 290-4098
Steve Rathe (319) 269-8083

Quality Distributors-Fairview Ag

1508 190th St., Waverly
Seth Walker (319) 352-1619
Tyler Hemer (319) 269-7675

Readlyn Vet. Association

2636 230th St. • (319) 279-3867

Rock On Wheels

Roger Wheeler (319) 404-0407
Randy Wheeler (319) 231-3859

Smidt Crop Management, Inc.

Thomas B. Smidt, President
303 North 2nd St. PO Box 594, Greene
(641) 823-4817 or cell (641) 330-6717
smidtcrop@iowatelecom.net

Spring Center Farm

Pioneer - Dean Buhr
2034 Vintage Ave., Sumner, IA 50674
(319) 240-2432

Stokes Welding - 412 7th St.,

Janesville • (319) 987-2801
Cell: (319) 230-7770

Weeds On Fire Custom Application

LLC - Dan Wedemeier, Owner
Dan at (319) 269-6753

Wittenburg Truck Line, Inc.

117 Malone Ave. • (319) 279-3371

Attorneys and Realtors

Advanced Realtors®, LLC

814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242

Dillon Law, P.C. - Patrick B. Dillon

Attorney at Law
209 E. 1st Street, Sumner, IA 50674
(563) 578-01850 • Fax: (563) 578-1312
patdillon@50674law.com

Jennifer Jaschen - Attorney at Law

4817 University Ave. STE. D
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
jaschenlaw@outlook.com
(319) 553-3400

Join us in becoming a *Friend of the Chronicle!*

Randy Abbas
Readlyn Senior Citizens
DA Acres - Leistikow Family
LaVerne Leistikow
Dani Sauerbrei
Charlie Albrecht
Mike & Sue Kirchoff
Grace Kuethe

Call Ron Leistikow for details! (319) 279-3548

Fischels Residential Group

Joe Leehey, Residential Broker
(319) 415-7349
joe@fischelsgroup.com
www.fischelsgroup.com
3510 Kimball Ave. Ste. H, Waterloo, IA
50702 • Tel: (319) 234-5000

Re/Max Alliance

Wendy Stromer-Mohlis, Realtor
319-269-5089
300 S. State St., Denver
wendymohlis@gmail.com

Stumme, Collins, Gritters & Epley, PLLC

Attorneys
171 E. Main, Denver, IA 50622
Phone: (319) 984-5479
www.waverlydenverlaw.com

Town & Country Real Estate

Louie Hartman 319-239-0533
hartmanlouie@gmail.com
www.towncountryhome.com
215 N. Railroad, Sumner, IA 50674
Connie Rochford, Broker
Office 563-578-8899

Auto Sales and Repair

Del's Auto Repair Inc.

2308 Piedmont Ave. • (319) 279-3785

Larry's Skelly Inc.

430 E. 1st St. • (319) 279-3307

Building and Repairs

Crystal Heating Plumbing and Excavation

1210 W. Bremer Ave., Waverly
319-352-0513

Edgeton Hardware & Repair

5104 Main St., Oran (319) 638-7206

Elsamiller Electric Co.

101 39th St. NE, Waverly
319.352.3917

Gingerich Roofing Solutions

1501 Fairbank Amish Blvd., Hazleton
319-505-3938

Ken's Electric Inc.

Electric • HVAC • Solar
319.283.4221 • kenselectric.com

Meyer Construction

1781 Viking Ave., Sumner, IA
(888) 578-5985 Or: (319) 231-9022

Platte Home Improvement

Dustin Platte - Readlyn, Iowa
(319) 230-1618
or plattehomeimprovement.com

Smith Excavating, Inc.

1417 Whitetail Ave., Sumner
(319) 269-0952 Fax (563) 578-1008

Tatroe Electric, Inc.

215 3rd St. NE, Waverly
319.352.3664
www.tatroelectric.com

Wiley Construction

Denver, IA
(319) 404-3518 • (319) 279-3518

Family Needs Denver Drug and Photo

340 S. State St., Denver
(319) 984-5691 • (800) 974-5691

Denver Family Dental

131 Tower St., Denver
319-984-6191

Edward Jones-Troy Delagardelle

4901 University Ave., Suite B, Cedar Falls
(319) 277-4446

Fidelity Bank & Trust

Adam Schaufenbuel Waverly
319-483-1001
Megan Niewoehner Oelwein
319-283-2524

First Bank (fka First National Bank)

(319) 352-1340 www.myfnbbank.com

Hillcrest Living

915 W. First St., Sumner•563-578-8591
www.hillcrestsumner.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home

205 Highland Ave. • (319) 279-3551
www.kaisercorson.com

Parkview Assisted Living

Fairbank, Iowa • (319) 635-2585

Prime Capital Investment Advisors

Ashlea (Kleitsch) Jones, Financial Advisor
Cedar Rapids, pciacedarrapids.com
(319) 269-7143

Quality Accounting Services

1002 Broadway St., Waterloo
(319) 234-2813 www.qasiowa.com

Readlyn Community Library

309 Main St., Box 249 • (319) 279-3432

Readlyn Savings Bank

141 Main St. • (319) 279-3321
American Savings Bank-Tripoli
312 S. Main St. • (319) 882-4279

RTC Communications

121 Main St. • (319) 279-3375

Security State Bank

103 3rd St., Frederika, IA 50631
(319) 275-4301

Smiley's Family Dentistry

2024 3rd Ave. NW, Waverly
319-352-2270

Tripoli Nursing Home

604 3rd St. SW, Tripoli, IA
319-882-4269

Food and Restaurants

Douglas Den

1195 Hilton Ave., Plainfield
(319) 275-4528

Hair and Beauty

Mane Event Family Hair Salon

239 Main Street, Readlyn
Salon: 319-279-3060
Becky South ~ 319-464-2614

Insurance Services

Farm Bureau - David C. Matthias

Office: (319) 352-3667
Home: (319) 279-3545

Security Mutual Insurance

234 Main St.
319-279-3893, 319-267-2035

The Accel Group

Waverly • Cedar Falls • Denver
(800) 369-3525
www.AccelAdvantage.com

TruServe Insurance Group

125 W 1st St., Readlyn, IA 50668
877-418-3090

VanDaele Insurance, Inc.

119 E. Main St., Fairbank, IA
319-635-2526

Landscaping & Nursery

C&K Garden Solutions LLC

2508 Viking Ave., Fairbank
(319) 939-4112

Tiedt Nursery

2419 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly
(319) 352-0418

Wells Hollow Landscaping

(319) 404-9133
Ask for Zach Kuhlmann or Matt Wells
www.wellshollowlandscaping.com

Machine/Tractor Repair

L&L Ag Repair

2220 Reed Ave. (319) 279-3363

Schuldt Repair

2261 Reed Ave. (319) 279-3539

Specialty Businesses

Drew Power Washing

Windows & Gutter Cleaning Specialist
319-559-1136

Myers Polaris

304 E. Main, Fairbank, IA
(319) 635-2311 (888) 282-9992
www.myerspolaris.com

Schumacher Elevator Company

One Schumacher Way, Denver, IA
800-7795438 www.schumacherelevator.com

Tenenbaum's Jewelry

219 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly
319-352-4112



Immanuel Lutheran Church
 2683 Quail Avenue
 Readlyn, IA 50668
 (319) 279-3977
 Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano
 Divine Service 10 a.m.



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
 Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor
 2649 230th Street
 Readlyn, IA 319-279-3758
 Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Sunday services 10:00 AM
 Martha Circle, 1st Wednesday of month
 Women of Life, 3rd Tues. of month, 7 PM



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



Zion Lutheran Church
 240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, IA 50668
 Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary, Pastor
 (319) 279-3643
 Sunday Services 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:05 - 9:45 a.m.
 Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday
 Ruth Circle 1st Thursday 1:00 p.m.

#3 Ag Lender in Iowa*
Top 50 Ag Lender in the Nation*
*Source: Top 100 Farm Lenders Ranked by Dollar Volume, FDIC, Data as of 3Q 2023.

FIDELITY BANK & TRUST
 www.bankofidellity.bank 1-800-403-8333

Adam Schaufenbuel
 Vice President, Waverly

Megan Baumgartner
 Loan Officer, Oelwein

Smiley FAMILY DENTISTRY
 Restoring Health. Celebrating Smiles.

Jonathan Smiley, D.M.D

NEW LOCATION:
 123 2nd St. SW
 Waverly, IA 50677
 319-352-2270
 SmileyFamilyDentistry.com

New patients welcome!
 Proud to continue Dr. Rettig's tradition of excellent dental care.

Helping Hands Clothing Closet
 2029 Viking Ave.
 Hwy. V56 - Sumner

Hours: Tuesdays, 9-11 AM
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM
 First Saturday of the month 9-11 AM

Brief application required; providing FREE clothing to those in need

His Hands Food Pantry

5002 Main Street
 Oran

Hours: Tuesdays, 5-8 PM
 Fridays 9 AM-12 Noon

Brief application required
 Currently serving Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Westgate area residents
 319-638-4357

Deadline for the Dec. 25 Chronicle is Thurs., Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.

Happy Holidays & Best New Year
Make a Move on One of these Listings!

1115 2ND ST. SE, OELWEIN
New price **\$219,000**
 3 Bedrms, 1.5 Baths, 2 Car

730 PROSPECT ST., LAMONT
New price **\$219,900**
 Move into Luxury Character! 4 bed, 2 baths, New Updates!

16283 50TH ST., 1 MILE N. OF OELWEIN
New price **\$275,000**
 Bigger than it Looks Ranch, 2 Car 'Tuck Under' Garages, 3 L Bedrms, 2 baths up, 3/4 bath LL, Lg Family Rm, Extra Gar / Hobby Shop.

33 5TH AVE. SE, OELWEIN
New price **\$75,000**
 2-3 Bedrms, 1.5 baths, 2 Lots

503 KING ST., FAYETTE
\$110,000
 Close to UIU, 4 Bed, 1-3/4 Bath, Gar., Wood Floors, updated windows

ADVANCED, REALTORS® , LLC
 814 S. Frederick, Oelwein 283-2242
Lori Beierschmitt, Broker/Owner
Cell: 319-238-1700

REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM REALTOR.COM