

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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The angel to the left of Lisa is in memory of her father Harlan Happel. Notice the Longaberger baskets, a favorite of Lisa's.



Flowers adorn the steps of the Wittenburg's deck.



The red geraniums are a family tradition passed down from grandmother to mother to Lisa. See another photo on page 12.

Wittenburgs win the June Yard of the Month

Lisa and Barry Wittenburg, 312 Lobeck, are the winners of Readlyn's June Yard of the Month. This prestigious award, plus a monetary gift, is presented by Weeds on Fire to one household each month. A new winner will be selected in July, August, and September. The purpose of this award is to give recognition to Readlynites

whose yards add beauty to our town. With so many beautiful gardens in town, choosing a winner is always a difficult decision.

Lisa considers herself to be a rookie gardener since she took an interest in gardening just five years ago after her kids were grown. Even in the middle of May, when these pictures were taken, the mul-

tiple gardens surrounding their house offer an array of colors and eye-appealing arrangements; quite a feat for a "rookie."

Most of the Wittenburg's flowers come from the Mennonite nurseries; Hoover's Nursery is Lisa's favorite. She credits sister-in-law, Ruth, and mother, LuAnn Happel, for her fine selection of flowers; together they annually find new flowers. Barry readily admits he offers no advice.

Besides enjoying Wittenburg's attractive yard, check out the stunning yards of these former winners. Last year's winners were: Ruth and Mark Happel, 246 Briggs Avenue; Connie and Gary Sauerbrei, 407 Goodell Avenue; Mary Chapain, 209 Highland Avenue; and Brenda Heineman, 292 West Clark Street.

2019 winners were: Abby, Rhino, and Tiptyn Cox, 409 5th Place Avenue; Craig and Janette Hesse, 230 West Clark; Marlys Wittenburg, 406 6th Street; and Ron and Louie Hartman, 246 West Clark.



The old chicken feeder is from the farm.



Grump Days starts June 17

Make plans today to enjoy the 2021 Readlyn Grump Days! The event will be celebrated from Thursday, June 17 through Sunday morning, June 20. For a complete list of events, and the candidates for 2021 Grump and 2021 Miss Readlyn, see page 4.

A special event, Grumpsters Chipped and Treasure Market, will be located on Main Street in Readlyn on Saturday, June 19 from 11 AM-5 PM. Inspired will also be open that day. Here is a list of vendors that will be at this event:

1. Thirty-One
2. The Purple Pineapple
3. Mom's Mice Things
4. Good Enough Crafts by Lucy and Cassie
5. Stover's Crafty Creations
6. Meraki Wicks and Weaving
7. Elizabeth's Extraordinary Scents
8. Q Sciences
9. All Rights Reserved
10. Katelyn's Creations
11. Norwex
12. Power Woods and Crafts
13. Crafts and Creations By Melissa
14. My Sister's Junk
15. Remember To Bloom
16. Pam's Tupperware
17. Paparazzi Jewelry
18. SS Crafts and Candies
19. Coast to Country Home Decor
20. Soaping Science
21. The Giggling Goat
22. Chalking Baker
23. EJ's Naturals
24. Visions
25. Louie Hartman Booth

26. Fizzing and Blinging
27. DoTerra Essential Oils
28. Color Street Love Your Nails with Ashley
29. Handmade Items By Jennifer
30. Born Again Boutique
31. AI Made
32. Messy Marvin Creations
33. Ramona's Bags and More
34. Roeder Powder Coating Metals
35. Nanaley Notions
36. Lasting Impressions
37. Sherry's Shabby Shack

Memorial Day observance in Readlyn

The Wayne Teisinger Post 5661 will observe Memorial Day with a graveside service at the Zion Lutheran Church on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9 am. The general public is invited and encouraged to attend as we pay tribute to heroic patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

For those unable to attend, we ask you to take a few moments of personal silence to honor the nation's war dead. In doing so, we preserve their memory and, thus, their service and sacrifice.

Readlyn Spring City-Wide Garage Sales

Thursday, June 17, and Friday, June 18

You set your days and times to suit your schedule—We will advertise them for you!

Readlyn City-Wide Garage Sales are 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.

NEW OPTION: The Center Inn Event Center is offering space in the banquet room if you are interested in being indoors. Call Bev Collins at 319-961-4736. If you are taking advantage of this, please include this information in your sign-up sheet.

Please drop off your registration and \$5.00 in care of Dani at the Readlyn Savings Bank drive-up window or 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.

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: _____



Business Spotlight Inspired



Readlyn Community Club welcomes new Inspired business owners Lynn Ott and Kim Brown.



The VFW Auxiliary met May 11 at the home of Luann Happel.

VFW Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661 Readlyn met at the home of Luann Happel on May 11, 2021 with 6 members present at 7:30 PM. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read and corrected. The treasurer's report was read and subject to audit. General orders and chairman reports were read. Volunteer hours were turned in.

The Memorial Day Service will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery at 9 AM, with a potluck at 12 PM in the Readlyn Library

meeting room.

The installation of officers was held with past president Marjorie Macken giving the oath to the following: President Verdeen Pavelec, Secretary Luann Happel, Treasurer Ellen Thies, Sr. Vice President Darlene Peters, Conductress Marjorie Macken, and Chaplain Wilda Albrecht.

A motion was made by Marjorie Macken and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to send a love gift for President Sandy Weldon, carried. The Department of Iowa centennial VFW Auxiliary State convention will be June 3-6 at Ames, Iowa. Ellen Thies gave a report on the 3rd District meeting at Marshalltown on April 11, 2021.

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



Fun to share with family and friends.

Take and bake or baked to go!



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Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! Welcome to my section of the paper, the place where you get to see into the mumble-jumble that is my mind. This month, I am focused on one thing and one thing only, and I bet you couldn't guess what that is in the late month of May...

GRADUATION!!! By the time this is published, I will have already walked the stage, given a speech, and earned my diploma. I am so beyond excited to relax after this crazy and hectic year, however, it is so entirely bittersweet. Today (May 12, 2021), was my last day at the high school. It is 9:57 at night and I still don't know how I feel about it. I keep thinking about how time just keeps on ticking and I have absolutely no choice but to tick with it. If I am being completely honest, I really don't think I want to leave high

school, and I know for a fact that I am not ready to actually adult. But, like I said and like I have learned this year, I can't slow down just because I want to. Life doesn't work like that I guess. I am nervous, I am excited, and I am anxious, but I don't think I'm ready yet. Maybe by the time I move out I will be... who knows.

That being said, I cannot wait to see what the real world has in store for me and my classmates. We are all so proud of everything we have done and eager to see what we will do. Thank you all so much for always being so supportive of me and for helping teach me so many life lessons. I love you all and we will talk again next month ;)

With all my love,
Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020



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Readlyn Community Happenings

Community Club meets

The May 13 meeting of the Readlyn Community Club was called to order by President Hailey Broten. Present: Hailey, Jessica Anderson, Roger and Marlys Deterding, Louie and Ron Hartman, Bonnie Wittenburg, and Jim and Bev Collins.

Secretary's report was presented. Moved by Jessica and seconded by Marlys to accept the report; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented. Moved by Louie and Roger seconded to accept the report; passed unanimously.

Grump Days, June 17 - 20

Pat will call Ruth Wittenburg about the sign for the City Park.

Jessica will call Barney about the Highway 3 sign.

Jim will donate 55 gallon garbage bags if we need them.

McCanns will let us use their cattle trailer for storage of empty cans.

Rainbow Clovers will do the clean-up.

Center Inn is open if we need it for anything.

Thursday

Bicycle Poker Run 6-8 pm; 5:30 pm sign up

Movie - tentative

Garage Sales Thursday and Friday; vendors choose their own hours.

Friday

Golf at 8:00 am at Maple Hills, Tripoli

Beer tent opens at 4:00 pm

Pedal Pull 5:00 pm

Crowning at 7:00 pm

Chocolate Crackers, classic rock, is the band for the evening

Fireworks at dusk; increase in the amount spent - \$7,500 from \$5,000

Pepper - Judy Henn and Shirley Kuker in charge

Porta-potties are ordered.

Pat's lining up golf carts - 4 for the committee; Grumps?

Saturday

1K - 8 - 9:00 am; \$10 for a souvenir cup and choice of a Bloody Mary, Tequila Sunrise, or Shirley Temple; get drinks at Center Inn; Bonnie in charge

Parade at 10:00 - Hailey, Jenny and Dani Sauerbrei in charge

Food stands open after the parade 11- 5; Vendors: Brazilian BBQ and Mini Donuts, Boyd's Cheese Curds and possibly Burgers, Onion Burger with sides and cookies, FFA Grill, and Zion's Walking Tacos

Chips and Treasures - 37 vendors; on Main Street; 11 - 5

Beer Tent opens at 11:00 am on Saturday.

Center Inn will be open.

Kids in the Park will have little games; hope to get some inflatables

Schafskopf

Minnow races

Bingo - two people needed to help Marlys; prizes - I'll see if Ron Leistikow can help with this.

Bar Flyz is the band; 8:30pm

Sunday

Church; 9:00 am; Zion's turn
Ron and Louie will do the cleanup before.

Many volunteers are still needed; please contact Hailey Broten (319) 415-5797 or Jessica Anderson (319) 504-5903 if you are willing to help.

Next Meetings for Grump Days Thursday, May 20, 7 PM at Center Inn

Next RCC Meeting July 15, 7:00; Center Inn

Meeting was adjourned.



Charlie Albrecht, right, swore in Patrick Brodigan as the new VFW commander.

New Commander at VFW Post 5661

Long-time VFW Post 5661 commander Charlie Albrecht swore in Patrick Brodigan as the new post commander on May 4, 2021.

Patrick Brodigan joined the post 3 years ago when he moved to Readlyn following his retirement from the Air Force. The Wayne Teisinger VFW Post 5661 has operated in Readlyn, Iowa continuously since January 22, 1946.



Senior Citizens meet

On April 21, 2021, 20 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at the Center Inn for the Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting.

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

We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Roland Schmidt, Darlene Peters, and Mary-Lou Billhorn as they celebrated birthdays in April.

No anniversaries this month.

The thank you note from Verdeen Pavelec was read thanking everyone for all the cards and prayers. We all were so happy that Verdeen was able to attend the meeting since her hospitalization and rehabilitation.

The secretary's minutes were read for the March 17 meeting. Motion was made by Judy Leistikow and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to approve the secretary's minutes as read. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account was \$198.00. Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Ten out of the 13 Grumps attended the Grump get-together at the Center Inn on April 10, 2021. The Grumps formed a Grump group. This group will include contacting Grump candidates, ordering caps, and counting votes taken from the

annual membership meeting. They will meet 3 times a year.

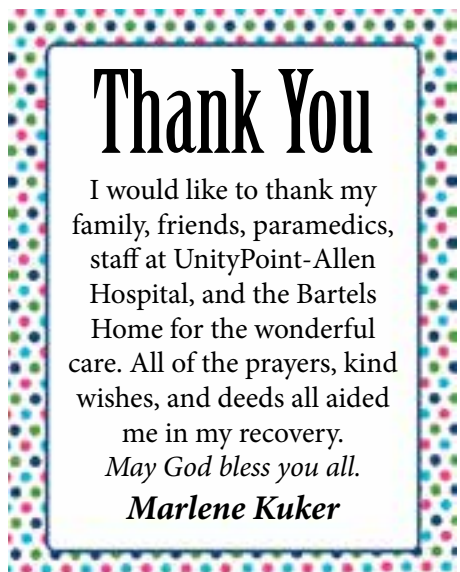
New people that attended the Senior Citizens meeting this month were Don and Joyce Heineman from Readlyn and Carol Wohlert from Sumner. We all welcomed them! We are always looking for new members to join. Come join the fun and get-together once a month!

The next Senior Citizens meeting was to be May 19 at 11:30 AM at the Center Inn.

Marlys Deterding made a motion to adjourn and Roland Schmidt seconded it. Motion carried.

The meeting was ended by serious card playing and fellowship.

Lois Thacher, Secretary



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JUNE is DAIRY MONTH!

Thursday, June 3, 2021

9 AM-5 PM

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- Thursday, June 17**
- 5:30-7pm **Bicycle Poker Run Registration**
Register at Wapsie Elementary entrance 5:30-7
- 6:00-8:00pm **Bicycle Poker Run**
Ride 6-8 PM (adult prize \$150, kids prize \$75)
Cost: \$10 adults (18 & older) \$5 kids (17 & under)
- 8:30 – 10:00pm **Family Movie Night** Readlyn Elementary
- Friday, June 18**
- 8:00am **“Grumpsters” Readlyn Annual Golf Tourney**
4 person best shot; Maple Hills Tripoli Golf Course;
Reservations call soon: (319) 882-4229
- 4:00pm-1:00 am **Beer Tent:** No charge for required wristband;
- 4:30-7:00pm **Ice Cream Sundaes** (@ Gazebo)
- 5:00pm **Vendors’ Food Stands Open**
- 5:00pm **Wapsie Valley FFA Pedal Pull** (between park & school)
Ages 10 and under
- 6:00pm **Crowning Ceremony**
Little “Grumpsters”
2021 Miss Readlyn
2021 Readlyn Grump and Volunteer of the Year Award
- 7:00-8:30pm **Pepper Tourney** (Gazebo). No registration needed.
- 8:30pm-12:30am **The Chocolate Crackers** (Beer Tent)
- 10:00pm **Fireworks:** Seating available on East side of Zion Lutheran Church
Bring your lawn chair.
Sponsored by: YOU & YOUR POP CAN DONATIONS!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!
- 1:00am **Beer Tent Closes**
- Saturday, June 19**
- 8:00 am **.1K Walk/Run** (Bloody Mary Bar, & Shirley Temples for children)
- 10:00am **PARADE**-After Parade - Food Stands & Beer Tent Open.
No charge for required wristband -No coolers or insulated cups
- 11 am-1:00pm **CLS Reunion** at Readlyn Campus
- 11 am - 2:00 pm **Kids in the Park** Inflatables and glitter tattoos
(\$5 entry fee for all children)
- 11:00am-5:00pm **Grumpsters’ Chipped & Treasured Market.**
Vendors welcome. Contact Kim Brown (319)415-9675
- 1:00pm **Schafkopf Card Tourney** (in the tent)
- 2:00pm **Register for Minnow Races** (North end of City Park)
- 2:30pm **Minnow Races Begin!**
- 2:30-4:00pm **BINGO for all ages!** (Gazebo) No charge.
- 8:30pm-12:30am **GTP Rocks Grump Days**
- 1:00am **Beer Tent Closes**
- Sunday, June 20**
- 9:00am **Community Church Service** in the park with Pastor Jean Rabary
from St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church & Zion Lutheran Church.
Remember your lawn chair!

2021 Miss Readlyn Candidates

This year we have two candidates running for Miss Readlyn. To run for Miss Readlyn, qualifications include, but are not limited to: being a junior high school female living in the Readlyn area, having attended Readlyn Elementary and/or Community Lutheran School, and must be willing to represent the town of Readlyn at the Bremer County Fair as well as attend Readlyn activities throughout the upcoming year.

Judges will meet and interview both candidates during this year’s Grump Days celebration. Each candidate will receive a gift basket donated from the Readlyn Community Club. The Queen and Runner-Up will be announced Friday night, June 18, 2021 in the park during Grump Days festivities. Check the Grump Days Schedule for times.

Jada Aiello

Jada Aiello is the daughter of Steve and Jen Aiello. She will be a senior next fall at Wapsie Valley School District. She is sponsored by Readlyn Veterinary Associates. After graduating high school, Jada will go to Iowa State University, as she has been accepted for the spring semester of 2022. She will complete her requirements to enter graduate school in two years. Then, Jada will attend Iowa State’s College of Veterinary Medicine for four years. This will prepare her for becoming a small animal veterinarian.



Jada Aiello

Readlyn has positively impacted her life in so many ways. She was born and raised in this welcoming town. Throughout her childhood, she spent a lot of time at the Readlyn Library. The library felt like her second home. Jada learned so much during her trips to the library and it helped her blossom into an avid reader. The City parks provided lots of enrichment and experiences. She loves biking on the bike trails and walking her dog around town. She loves to volunteer for the community club and being a part of the community.

This summer, Jada will continue to work at the Readlyn Vet as kennel staff, caring for all the animals staying at the clinic. This will help her to gain experience for getting into veterinary graduate school in the future. Jada will be taking more college classes, and will be attending a virtual summer camp provided by Iowa State called “AgDiscovery.” This experience will get her even closer to her dream career as a small animal veterinarian.

At Wapsie Valley, Jada is in FFA, art club, book club, the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program, and Silver Cord program. Currently, she is the Personal Growth Chairperson for the FFA. Jada loves to volunteer and has done so for many places. She has volunteered at Cedar Bend Humane Society and Retrieving Freedom as well as the Readlyn Community Club and the Readlyn First Responders. Jada also volunteered virtually for VocalID, a company that makes unique voices for those who need to use a computer to speak. She has donated her voice

and organized a Voice Drive in her school to get more voices donated. In Readlyn, Jada has participated in the Easter Egg Hunt, visiting Santa Claus during Christmas on Main, and Grump Days in the parade, and The Kids in the Park.

Jada loves so many things about Readlyn, it is hard to choose just one. She loves the small-town feel and all the small businesses. The small-town feel makes her feel safe to walk and bike around alone. Jada has many great memories of gatherings with family and friends downtown. The Veterinary Clinic has inspired her to become a veterinarian. Grump Days has provided a lot of fun during the summer. It is amazing to see how much life comes to the community in the park during Grump Days. When Jada was young, she would use her tickets she earned at Kids in the Park to get a present for her father for Father’s Day. The community and environment are the best parts of Readlyn.

Jada’s character strengths that make her a good candidate for Miss Readlyn is her creativity, ideas, and collaboration. She will bring leadership and teamwork skills that she has learned through her school activities.

Lydia Imbrogno

Lydia Imbrogno is the daughter of Rocco and Teresa Imbrogno. She will be a senior next fall at Wapsie Valley School District. She is sponsored by Truserve. After graduation, she has committed to Upper Iowa University to continue playing volleyball and complete a four-year degree in an undecided major.

Readlyn has positively impacted her family and her when they moved from a bigger city in Colorado. Lydia has been able to experience positive, personable interactions with community members working at The Center Inn, St. Matthew’s Church, and from Warrior fans cheering on her many Wapsie achievements in and out of the classroom. Readlyn is a friendly and safe community to grow up in and has helped to build her own individual strengths while family and friends support her success, as well as comfort her



Lydia Imbrogno

in difficult situations. The positive relationships Lydia has made through the many activities that she is involved in have allowed her to establish friends, teammates, and additional impactful relationships in and around the Readlyn community. Her mom

always says to surround herself with good people and this community has plenty of good people!

This summer Lydia plans to play sports, work at the Fairbank Aquatic Center, and spend time with family and friends. She will continue to play club volleyball preparing for the USA Volleyball Junior National Championship in Las Vegas July 1 - 4. She and her family will enjoy a quick vacation in Vegas around her tournament schedule! Lydia will also be playing softball this summer for high school, as she is the catcher on the varsity team. For the third summer in a row, she will be working at the Fairbank Aquatic Center as a lifeguard and swimming lessons instructor. Some leisure activities Lydia hopes to enjoy in her downtime are golfing, longboarding, hanging out with family and friends, and attending the many events during Readlyn Days.

Lydia is involved in high school and club volleyball, basketball, golf, and softball. A school activity that she participates in will be the Wapsie Valley Honor Society. She and her family attend church at St. Matthew’s here in Readlyn. For the last two years, she was fortunate to be a student coach to the Wapsie Valley girls’ youth basketball league for grades 5th & 6th.

Lydia’s favorite parts about Readlyn are the well-kept roads and yards as well as the amazing people. Everyone is so friendly and inviting; it is easy to smile when you walk by someone. She also loves the small-town pride that is demonstrated when everyone pulls together to celebrate Readlyn Days and other fun events like the Glow Run. The level of commitment to helping each other, availability of activities for youth to learn and experience many different sports and interests, and the great school district with a tradition of Warrior pride for generations are other unique things about Readlyn.

Lydia’s character strengths she feels she will bring if she becomes 2021 Miss Readlyn are her willingness to be extremely hard-working, passionate, and dedicated to her commitments. Lydia is also a leader and role model to youth in the community, has a great eye for details, and loves being organized.

Who will become the next Grump?

There are two candidates for the title of 2021 Grump. Who will it be?

Marlys Deterding

I was raised on a farm east and north of Readlyn, my parents were Ervin and Marena Petersen. I had a sister, Marilyn, and brothers, Robert and Roger.

After graduation from Wapsie Valley in 1961, I went to work at Schoitz Hospital in Waterloo. In 1964, I married Lawrence Brogan and lived in Waterloo. In 1972, we moved to the Lawler area, my husband worked at the Kitchens of Sara Lee. My husband died in 1989, I continued to live in New Hampton and worked at Mercy Medical Center

in Physical Therapy. In July of 2003, I started working as a Lab Assistant. I retired from the hospital in 2008. I am a lifetime member of the auxiliary.

In 2005, I married Roger Deterding. We have 3 daughters, Dawn of Tripoli, Dahne, Mason City, Shawn of Fairfield. We have 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



Marlys Deterding

I am a member of St. Paul’s Church, member of the Mary Martha Circle, currently I am secretary, I have held several offices. I am past president of the Westgate Zone.

The Readlyn Gardeners keep me busy during the summer. I belong to the Community Club.

I enjoy playing cards, gardening, canning, and spending time with grandchildren, friends and family.

Larry Sauerbrei

I was born on December 6, 1954, a few minutes after my twin brother, Gary. Although we are identical twins, I tell people I am the “better looking, smarter one.” However, I’m sure Gary says the same thing. Wes and Delores were my parents, and Gary, Cheryl, Jerry, and Teresa are my siblings.

On February 1, 1975, I married Deb Heineman. We have four children: Brent, Tara (Schaes), Brandon (BJ), and Danielle (Miller). We also have twelve wonderful grandchildren whom we enjoy watching as they participate in their various events.

I am an active member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Readlyn where I have held various council positions over the years.

I started working for Burton Thies learning the carpenter trade during the summer while I was in high school. This experience led me into my hobby of “flipping (buying, fixing up and reselling) houses.” I have flipped quite a few houses in Readlyn. My goal is al-

ways to make the yard, house, and thus the community a much better place to live in.

My wife and I bought The Center Inn in 1996 from Erv and Lou Forstch. We have many wonderful memories providing events for the community such as: bringing in comedians, hypnotists, sumo wrestling, and NASCAR. We also hosted many wedding receptions, as well as providing “small town” food for the community.

I worked at the Readlyn Elementary School from approximately 2000-2016 as the maintenance worker/custodian. I really enjoyed working with the staff and loved being around the kids at the school, many of whom were my grandkids. I also enjoyed helping with community events in the gym such as Memorial Day services.

My parents, Wes and Delores, were avid volunteers in Readlyn, and I hope to follow in their footsteps. My dad was the 1997 Grump, and I know it meant a lot to him. If selected as the 2021 Grump, I would fulfill all the obligations and would happily represent our great town.



Larry Sauerbrei

Obituaries



Dawn Marie Bergmann

Dawn Marie Bergmann, 55, of Tripoli and formerly of Readlyn, passed away on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at the Tripoli Nursing Home.

Dawn was born on June 8, 1965, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Roger and Connie (Lampe) Deterding. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. She attended Community Lutheran School and graduated from Wapsie-Valley High School in 1983. After graduation, Dawn moved to Colorado where she attended floral design school. She was united in marriage to Mitch Bergmann on October 29, 1988, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn.

Dawn owned and operated Flowers by Dawn; was a cook at Community Lutheran School and worked in the floral department at HyVee. Most recently, she was a student aid at Tripoli Community Schools.

Dawn was a passionate fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Cubs. Viking Purple became her favorite color and

was a true symbol of Dawn. She enjoyed bowling, camping, flowers and baking. Her true enjoyment was her grandchildren and was known to them as "Grandma Dawn."

Dawn is survived by a daughter, Hailey (Scott) Broten of rural Readlyn; a son, Michael Bergmann of Readlyn; a daughter, Maci Bergmann and a son, Tanner Bergmann, both of Tripoli; her grandchildren, Layla, Addison and Wyatt Broten; her father, Roger (Marlys) Deterding of Readlyn; her sister, Dahne Deterding of Mason City; her father-in-law, Mel Bergmann of Tripoli; a brother-in-law, Monty (Jeanette) Bergmann of Sumner; a sister-in-law, Misty (Dean Lantow) Bergmann of Waucoma; a brother-in-law, Dallas (Melinda) Bergmann of Readlyn; a brother-in-law, Herb Krueger of Minnesota; a step-sister, Shawn Diddy of Fairfield; and also several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitch Bergmann; her mother, Connie Deterding; her mother-in-law, Elaine Bergmann; a sister-in-law, Dawn Krueger; niece, Brandi Deterding; her paternal grandparents, Clarence and Erna Deterding and her maternal grandparents, Art and Elda Lampe.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jean Rabary officiating. Burial was in Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Tripoli. Visitation was on Monday, May 3 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and also for one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Memorials may be directed to the family or to the Tripoli Nursing Home.

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



Loren Reiher

Loren Reiher, age 82, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2021 at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

He was born March 3, 1939 in Allison, the son of John and Lydia (Trepp) Reiher. Loren attended and graduated from Allison Community School. After high school, Loren proudly served in the United States Army from 1962-1963. He married Kathy Herman on December 10, 1967 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Klinger. Loren was as an owner-operator with Warren Transport from 1965-1968. Loren and Kathy farmed from 1968-1977 in both Missouri and Iowa. Loren then returned to Warren Transport working in the recruitment and safety department from 1977-

2000 when he then retired.

Loren is survived by his wife, Kathy; two sons, Lon Reiher (Chris Wescott) of Fairbank and Patrick (Nicole) Reiher of rural Tripoli; five grandchildren, Hailey Reiher (Dillon DeLong), Jessi Reiher (Tyler Hanson), Justin Reiher, Dylan Reiher (Dylyn Powell), and Courtney Dinsdale (Levi Stockdale), and two great-grandchildren, Bennett and Ledger; his mother-in-law, Mildred Herman; one sister, Marilyn Cole; three brothers-in-law, Laverne (Terri) Herman, James (Celia) Herman and Karl Herman; and one sister-in-law, Margaret (Roger) Kistler. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, John; three sisters and their husbands, Phyllis (Lyle) Hansen, Ruth (Lavern) Brocka, and Carol (Darwin) Buhman, and one brother-in-law, Dean Cole.

During his retirement, Loren and Kathy spent their winters where it was warm, first Florida and, most recently, Arizona. The rest of the year they spent in Prairie du Chien where Loren loved to fish and spend time with friends and relatives. His greatest joy, without a doubt, was the time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation/Celebration of Life was from 3:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at Woods Funeral Home, Fairbank.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic face coverings were suggested along with social distancing. Military rites were conducted by Amvets Post 88 of Allison. Interment was at Allison Cemetery.

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Readlyn, Long Ago

Outdoor Summer Movies

We looked forward to the movies, held outdoors, Wednesday nights in both Readlyn and Denver. Wayne Kuethe and Marv Schumacher give us their recollections of this weekly summer highlight

The band would play. The first reel was a comedy, sometimes hard to see because it was not quite dark. Then the feature. After visiting with others, about all I remember about the movies being shown were that almost all were westerns starring Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and his wife Dale Evans, Hoot Gibson, Lash Larue, etc. I remember three plots:

1. Wagon trains were chased by Indians, who were always the bad guys. The wag-

ons were circled. Finally the cavalry came charging, bugles blaring, to the rescue. We, in the audience, would cheer loudly at their arrival.

2. Cattle being rustled, leader of the outlaws being a respected businessman in town, hero comes to untangle the situation, all ranchers grateful. There was always a chase. We would yell and cheer the posse.

3. Pretty, young, single damsel being taken advantage of by an unscrupulous relative attempting to steal her ranch, hero arrives, foils plot, sheriff informed, posse formed, a chase, culprit captured. Young maiden is awestruck with hero. In last

scene, a tender farewell, the hero rides off into the sunset without looking back, damsel waving. We cheered and clapped at the end of the movie. Another fun Wednesday night.

In these westerns, good guys usually rode white horses, bad guys rode dark horses, good guys wore white hats, bad guys, black hats. Bad guys' last names often were McCree or Slade. A shortcut was always available.

We, as an audience, cheered loudly during the chase. Although the ladies and heroes were fond of one another, never, to their great disappointment, were the ladies ever kissed.

Favorites: Gene Autry, Roy Rogers & Dale Evans

Of the many cowboy heroes appearing in westerns on movie nights in Readlyn and Denver, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers were the most popular. Both were cowboy singers who played the guitar and had their own radio pro-

grams and, on early TV, had their own shows.

Gene Autry was the original cowboy singer. His talent made him a very wealthy man. He owned radio stations and for many years owned the Los Angeles Angels Baseball team. He made over 300 movies, wrote and introduced many songs such as "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer." He demanded more payment per picture, an excessive amount the movie studio was willing to pay. The studio countered by creating a new hero, Roy Rogers.

Roy was plucked from the popular western vocal group, "Sons of the Pioneer," was promoted into stardom and later became more popular than Gene Autry. He met Dale Evans on location in a film in which they were cast together. Dale Evans was an actress, singer, author and songwriter. Their marriage was a team both off and on screen. Roy and Dale along with Roy's horse, Trigger, were immensely popular on radio, TV and on film.



Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

What They Thought About the Movies

Roger Deterding--Our folks went to town grocery shopping on movie nights. It was a treat to get off the farm and go to town. I liked the westerns.

David Wittenburg--Oh Man! It was exciting. It was really enjoyable when we went to town.

Ruth Thurm Wittenburg--I was quite small but remember it was the highlight of the day. It was fun.

Gary Matthias--Jerry Meier had a popcorn stand. It was a fun time, a special time. When it would rain we would hurry out for shelter and after the shower we would come back in, turn over the planks, and watch the rest of the movie.

Elton Schutte--My brother, Orlyn, and I were part of the orchestra that played on movie nights. Cap Crawford taught music at Readlyn High School and the orchestra members were his students. While we were playing, if there were a few drops of rain, the place would empty. Orlyn and I also played in Denver.

Arlene Matthias Broadway--We looked forward to movie night. There was a serial movie that ended and made you want to come back the next week. It was quite a thing to see movies. We saw mostly westerns. I remember the benches and the cinders.

R. J. Freitag--I thought the movies were wonderful, that's all we had, no TV, and the band played before the movies.

Duane Schlomann--We lived halfway between Readlyn and Denver. On movie nights we went to Readlyn and traded eggs for groceries. The movies were neat, but I enjoyed seeing the pretty girls more, and there were a lot of them. I remember Yvonne Dettmering as one.

Art Kuhrt--When we were small, the movies, mostly westerns, were great, but, as we grew older on movie nights, mingling with the girls was also fun.

Readlyn Movies

By Wayne Kuethe

What I remember about the early movies in Readlyn goes back 80 years or so. The first years, the shows were put on by a Warneke. Then, for several years, Paul and Rose Good from Arlington brought movies to town. Wouldn't you know, in later years my wife's brother, Alan Wescott, would marry their daughter.

Structure

The outdoor area, with cinders covering the ground to avoid mud, was located where the community building was erected. At that time, it was between the old bank building and the tavern owned by Bob's father, Oscar "Butch" Thrane. It had a high back fence, but a much more elaborate front. The front structure was also about 10 or 12 feet high and had a ticket window and an entrance gate. There was an elevated bandstand and a projection booth. Seating was planks on sawhorses. The seating was three rows across with two aisles and was about 15 or 20 rows in length. Seating was for maybe 300 and was usually filled. Yes, seats were hard with no backs, but we didn't mind.

Movie Night

Because we had to wait for nearly dark, movies started rather late. As I remember the high school band played for maybe an hour or so before the movie started. Finally it was about time, so we would buy our 10 cent ticket and go in. Movies began with a comedy cartoon, then a chapter of a continuing serial and in the early '40s some World War battle scenes. Then the movie. Many of the movies would be westerns or maybe mysteries or adventure types. I would say our favorites were the westerns. Who wouldn't like the westerns when you had heroes that I remember like: (See if you ever heard of or remember these) Buck Jones--Hoot Gibson--Johnny Mack Brown--Ken Maynard--Tim McCoy--Tim Holt--Buster Crabbe--Zorro--Rocky Lane--Hopalong Cassidy--Rex Allen--Monte Halle and Wild Bill Elliot.

Other heroes--Tom Mix and his horse, Tony--The Cisco Kid and Pancho--Red Ryder and Little Beaver--Gene Autry and his horse, Champion. Also, Frog and Little Frog--Roy Rogers and Dale Evans (Lutherans), horse Trigger, also Gabby Hayes--Lone Ranger and Tonto, horses Silver and Scout--Lash Larue and his whip.

Oh yes, halfway through the movie reels would be changed and there would be a drawing, \$3, \$2, and 5 \$1 winners.

Denver Summer Outdoor Movies

By Marvin Schumacher

In the mid 1930s to the early 1950s, on Wednesday evenings in summer, Denver had free outdoor movies preceded by a band concert. The band would play until it was dark enough to show the movie. We saw mostly Western movies.

Law offices and the American Legion building are now on the former vacant lot on which the movies were shown. The movie screen was attached to the east side of Chill Krueger's meat market, and the building now houses a spa.

People would come early, park their cars on the street, sit in their cars and listen to

the band concert and watch the movie. There were parking spaces for about 12 cars. Wooden planks set on cement blocks were our seats.

Willard Prestien had the movie projector and sound system and was the person in charge of the show. Art Kurtt's mother, Tina, made popcorn and sold it for 5 cents per bag. She set this up in front of the Kurtt shoe shop, now Newy's Moto.

Occasionally, talent shows sponsored by the Denver merchants were held before the start of the movie. Art Kurtt met his future wife, Millie Diercks, the night she appeared in the talent show with her cousin, Vivien Matthias.



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This year's events are on Mondays at 10:30 and include:

Event Schedule

- 7 June - Bremer County Naturalist
- 14 June - Tee-shirt Coloring (please preschedule)
- 21 June - Magic Show
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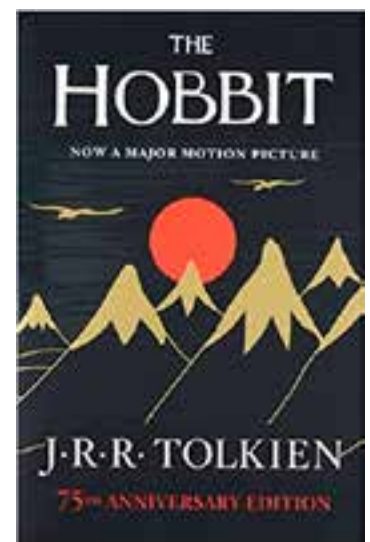
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Warrior Way & More

I am truly amazed at the show of positive support for Wapsie Valley students and staff from so many different groups within our community. I experienced firsthand an opportunity to attend the Wapsie Valley 44th Annual FFA Awards Banquet this past month. Our FFA officers, student members, and teacher, Mr. Wyatt Forsyth, presented a wonderful meal and hosted an outstanding banquet that showcased program achievements from the past year. Even during a year of restrictions due to COVID-19, this organization found a way to continue to forge ahead with their goals in mind. They demonstrated the many skills and dispositions that define an FFA member; leadership, trust, integrity, superior communication skills, organization, and at the forefront, friendships. The amount of emotion, pride, and commitment to the Wapsie Valley FFA Program was very heartfelt within this group. Many parents, community members, past leaders, and staff attended this banquet to show their appreciation and support of this outstanding program.

Thank you to the 2020-21 FFA officers for this year; Kaylee Kleitsch - President, Nick Grober - VP, Courtney Schmitz - Secretary, Ethan Oltrogge - Treasurer, Mary Bodensteiner - Reporter, and Austin Hesse - Sentinel. Our new officers for the 2021-22 school year will be Mary Bodensteiner - President, Nick Grober - VP, Lily Schwickerath - Secretary, Brok Grober - Treasurer, Kaliya Lampe - Reporter, and Austin Hesse - Sentinel.

Our new CAPS Program (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) taught by teacher leader, Haley Tiedt, was supported in many ways by local businesses, clubs, and agencies. A particular thank you to Van Daele Insurance for supplying a location that CAPS called home for the 2020-21 school year.

Our local banks, Northeast Security Bank and Readlyn Savings Bank, are always willing to support school-related projects.

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and Readlyn Telephone, continue to support projects at schools and funding for competitive state events.

Our local newspapers, *Readlyn Chronicle* and *Fairbank Islander*, are always willing to promote school events, organizations, and activities.

A huge supporter also centers around the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation that pours thousands of dollars of funding directly into classrooms and programming for our students.

Our local PTOs continue to support the classroom teacher needs and student activities within their elementary schools.

The Wapsie Valley Booster Club at the 7-12 grade level continues to support many different areas of improvements to facilities, sporting equipment, lighting projects, and most recently, a large donation to a new concession stand for all our sports.

Our Fine Arts Boosters continue to support the programming within the music and band areas.

The contributors to the FFA Test Plot advance the agricultural knowledge base of our students.

Local organized clubs, including Wapsie Valley Archery Club, MatPac Wrestling Club, and many additional local youth clubs and activities, provide valuable skill-building and leadership opportunities for students in the area.

The volunteers and individual supporters who spend their time and energy in so many different ways with our students. My apologies if I've missed other entities that offer their services to this community and students.

This tremendous amount of positive community support has afforded our students the best possible learning environment and culture, and is deeply felt and much appreciated by all involved. On behalf of WVCSD students and staff, I thank you!

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,
Dave Larson - Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

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Jayme Hurley



Tina Kaufman

Two new teachers join WV staff

Wapsie Valley CSD would like to welcome two new members of our staff for the 2021-22 school year.

Jayme Hurley

Jayme Hurley will be our new elementary principal at Readlyn Elementary and Fairbank Elementary Schools. Mr. Hurley has many ties to the Wapsie area. He is an Oelwein High School graduate and has lived and taught in the Independence CSD for the majority of his career. He also taught in the Oelwein and Dyersville Beckman school districts in the past. He is currently finishing a 7-12 Principal position in the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District. Mr. Hurley's broad range of educational experiences include, teaching physical education, special education, handling At-Risk Coordinator duties, and strength/conditioning duties. Jayme and his wife, Rachael, have six children, Katelyn, Meg, Julia, Elliot,

Sophia, and Lillian. Mr. Hurley owns and operates Precision Drive LLC which is a driver's education business with classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. Jayme has been heavily involved as a football, track, and volleyball coach in previous positions. Please welcome Jayme Hurley and his family to the Wapsie Valley community and school district!

Tina Kaufman

Tina Kaufman has been hired as our new Human Resources Director. This position will be a shared position with the Dunkerton CSD. Mrs. Kaufman has close ties to the Wapsie Valley area. She is a current resident of Fairbank with her husband, Todd, and children, Traeton and Kaitlyn. Her family owns and operates Jerry's Auto in Fairbank. Tina has a wealth of experience in the human resources/payroll field. Please welcome Tina Kaufman to the Wapsie Valley CSD!

Wittenburg recognized by Governor Reynolds for academic excellence

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA – May 6, 2021 –Dallas Wittenburg, a student at Wapsie Valley, Fairbank, was recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg for outstanding academic achievement at the 19th Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony April 25 at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines.

The statewide program, sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and its title sponsor the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honored 424 high school seniors from across Iowa.

"Iowa Farm Bureau members are proud that their organization showcases its commitment to youth and education in many ways, including the half million dollars in scholarships we provide each year. Our 19-year title sponsorship of the Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony is just one way we celebrate Iowa's exceptional high school students," said IFBF President Craig Hill. "We all recognize the need for supporting youth, because they hold the keys of Iowa's continued innovation and economic success," said Hill.

Each high school was invited to select a senior student with the highest academic ranking, based on grade point average for their first seven semesters. Students selected for the award also had the opportunity to recognize their favorite/most influential teacher and will receive a photo plaque of their meeting with Governor Reynolds and Lt. Governor Gregg.

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"The principles learned through academic success, like those learned from participation in education-based activities, help develop outstanding leaders and citizens," said IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating. "The partnership between the IHSAA and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with the great cooperation of the Governor's Office has made this prestigious event possible for many years."

Ninety-eight percent of those recognized also participate in extra-curricular school activities, with more than 75 percent participating in at least one interscholastic sport. More than 63 percent of the group plan to continue their education in Iowa.





The middle steel container in the yard of Brian and Lisa Wittenburg came from the farm. Its name and purpose are a mystery.



Dallas Wittenburg (center) is shown with Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg.

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March has been a productive month! All associates have picked up a project, and have gotten a good start on their goals. Here is a look into each associate's current projects. Currently, Olivia Oldfather and Elly Schares are working with VanDaele Insurance to create new marketing. They are updating current marketing strategies as well as making new ways to reach customers.

Some of the media Olivia and Elly are currently working with are Facebook, a new website with updated pictures, and business cards for the agents.

Garrett Barnes is finding new discoveries in the business field while working within the CAPS program. He is currently working on a video to promote the CAPS program. Garrett has learned a lot from the CAPS program

that he didn't expect to, and wants to share that with future CAPS associates.

D'laynee Ritter has had and plans to have many placements within different classrooms throughout the Wapsie Valley Elementary school. Through visiting these classrooms she has learned that she enjoys working within the special education/behavioral classroom. Classrooms that D'laynee has visited include Fairbank's 4th grade classroom, Fairbank's special education and special behavioral classroom, and Readlyn's 6th grade classroom.

Olivia Hershey and Asa Kelley have worked with the Superintendent of Wapsie Valley, Mr. David Larson, to create new signs for the exterior of the school and district staff t-shirts. They have offered their input as well as added different designs to the current option for exterior signage. Olivia and Asa have also sent out surveys and requested feedback for district staff to create a shirt that all of them will enjoy. Asa Kelley has also been working with the elementary general music teacher, Ms. Lyn Howerzyl, to get experience for the field he is planning on going into.

Kaylee Kleitsch and Makenna Porath are currently working with the Bremer County Conservation to create a nature playscape. They have been working on creating a list of materials and a price list for this project. Kaylee and Makenna hope to gather actual materials to bring to the Tripoli Conservation Office to start the process of building the playscape.

Sydney Martin and Christopher Tibbott have started working on the process of building a bike trail in survey. They have created a survey for Fairbank residents to share their thoughts on this addition to Fairbank. They are hoping that this project will be able to be almost fully designed and created by the CAPS team in future semesters. Sydney has also created quarter zip sweatshirts for the CAPS team.

Christopher has also partnered with Olivia Hershey to build an after hour pick-up box for the United Way in Waverly.

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

UScellular provides \$1,000 sponsorship to Wapsie Valley CAPS

FAIRBANK, Iowa – The Wapsie Valley CAPS (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) received a \$1,000 sponsorship from UScellular's Community Connections program. The Community Connections program provides sponsorship support to STEM programs, sports teams, marching bands, dance teams, arts and a variety of other groups.

Wapsie Valley CAPS is a new program to the district. CAPS is a collaboration between business and education that allows a partnership between students and business professionals. Seniors and juniors enrolled in the program leave the classroom fully immersed in a professional environment and are provided with value-added projects from local businesses to build on professional skills necessary for the next step after high school. Innovation, problem solving, professional skills and career exploration are the four CAPS pillars.

Wapsie Valley CAPS signed up on UScellular's website. Within 14 days, Wapsie Valley CAPS rallied their friends, families and social followers to complete digital activities, such as watching a video or follow-

ing UScellular on its social channels that earned them the money.

"Groups like Wapsie Valley CAPS provide meaningful experiences for youth in our community, and we're proud to be able to provide funds to support their activities," said Matt Kasper, UScellular's director of sales for east Iowa. "The Community Connections program offers an easy, virtual platform for community youth organizations to raise money throughout the year and helps kids achieve their goals."

Since launching the program in 2015, UScellular has awarded more than \$1.4 million to 3,100 groups nationwide to support their needs from equipment purchases to field trips. For more information and to view the official rules, please go to uscellular.com/communityconnections.

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The new 2021-22 officer team gets inducted at banquet (left to right) Austin Hesse, Kali Lampe, Brok Grober, Lily Schwickerath, Nick Grober, and Mary Bodensteiner

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter holds 44th annual banquet

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter President

On Sunday, April 25, FFA members, parents and special guests, gathered together, at a safe distance, to celebrate the accomplishments of the chapter throughout the 2020-2021 year. The festivities started out with a delicious dinner catered by the Fairbank Food Center as guests mingled and caught up with each other after this crazy year. The awards banquet itself was held in the Wapsie Valley High School auditorium. The 2020-2021 Chapter officer team shared their last few hours together as they recognized their peers for their outstanding achievements and thanked their supporters. As the banquet came to an end, the 2020-2021 officer team said their goodbyes to the past year and welcomed a new group of leaders to take their places as the 2021-2022 Wapsie Valley FFA chapter officers. Both teams, old and new, would like to graciously thank everyone for their continued sup-

port of our chapter! Without the support from the community, and of course parents, this chapter would not be as successful as it is today.

The following individuals received special recognition at the banquet for their support of this chapter. The Blue and Gold Award was presented to Mike Duffy, Wapsie Superintendent Dave Larson received the Honorary Award, and Mick Kane of Stine Seeds was given the Distinguished Service award. The Star Greenhand Award was presented to Lily Schwickerath, Star Sophomore was awarded to Tyce Hagenow, Star Junior this year was Mary Bodensteiner, and the Star Senior was Courtney Schmitz. The Overall Star Award recipient was Kaylee Kleitsch and Courtney Schmitz was recognized as Top Fruit Salesperson.

Congratulations to everyone who went above and beyond for this chapter! Thank you!



The 2020-21 chapter officer team (left to right) Austin Hesse, Mary Bodensteiner, Ethan Oltrogge, Courtney Schmitz, Nick Grober and Kaylee Kleitsch.

Homestead Tax Credit, Military Exemption due by July 1

The Bremer County Assessor's office would like to remind property owners to sign up for the Homestead Tax Credit if you have purchased or built a new home within the last 12 months. To qualify for the credit you must own and occupy the property as a homestead on July 1 of each year, declare residency in Iowa for income tax purposes and occupy the property for at least six months each year. Once

a property owner qualifies for the credit, the credit continues until the property is sold or until the owner no longer qualifies. Please refer to Iowa Code, Chapter 425.

Property owners may be eligible for a Military Exemption if you are a resident of Iowa, have been involved in full-time active duty during a war or conflict, or served 18 months active duty and have been honorably discharged. (The original

or a certified copy of the DD214 must be recorded in the Bremer County Recorder's office by July 1 the year exemption is first claimed. Your DD 214 needs to show release from active duty during a qualified time for other than training purposes.) Surviving spouses remain eligible for the exemption as long as they do not remarry and exemption continues until the property owner is no longer eligible. Please refer

to Iowa Code, Chapter 427.

Filing deadline for the Homestead Tax Credit & Military Exemption for the 2021 valuation is July 1, 2021. (After July 1 all applications would be considered for the following year.) Property owners may apply in the Bremer County Assessor's office 8-4:30, Monday-Friday or online at <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com>. For any questions please call 319-352-0145.



By: Eric Johnston

“Turkey Season Recap”

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The alarm startled me out of a sound sleep, as I sat up I thought “here comes another day of work.” I have been putting in so many hours at work I had forgotten what day it was. It took me a second to realize I had a day off and it was Opening day of Iowa’s second season turkey! I was instantly wide awake as the thought popped in my head. I had everything ready to go the night before and it didn’t take long to get on the road! I barely had time for a few sips of hot coffee and I was at the entrance to the little lane to access where I would be hunting. As I eased down the lane in the darkness an owl flew down out of a tree right in front of the hood of my truck. Any sleepiness that was left had now exited the building! As I neared the timber I shut off the headlights to not “shine” the timber and spook any roosted turkeys. I quietly exited the truck, slid on my turkey hunting vest, grabbed a few shells and quietly loaded my shotgun. Being short on time this season, I elected to gun hunt for turkeys this year and forgo the bowhunting until deer season. As I left the truck the woods were dead calm, with every step I felt as though I was spooking everything in the timber. I had been watching a flock of turkeys all winter in this area through trail cams and from a distance with binoculars. This is the second spring I had been turkey hunting these properties, so I had a very good idea where the birds roosted each night and where they wanted to go when they flew down. I wanted to get close to their roost and with every painful step I hoped I wasn’t spooking them. As I rounded a corner of a thick hedge to begin the final 100 yards of my walk into the river bottom an owl let out a loud series of hoots, a big ol’ tom instantly responded with a thundering gobble! He was roosted exactly where I thought they would be. “Game on” I thought to myself as I slowly and carefully made my way to where I wanted to position myself. This month I’m going to take you through probably one of the more successful and short Iowa Turkey seasons I can remember.

Alright, back to the story. I carefully worked my way in the dark through the thick underbrush to where the timber opened up in the river bottom. As I stepped down into the low ground I was home free and knew I wouldn’t spook the birds as the ground was now mostly sand and I could move quietly. I eased to within 75 yards of where the birds were gobbling. As I sat down against a tree, more turkeys start-

ed gobbling. I could hear six different toms up in the trees. The timber began to wake up, with the turkeys gobbling, birds chirping, and rooster pheasants crowing in the distance. As the woods started to get lighter I knew the toms would soon fly down. I let out three soft yelps with my mouth call and all six toms gobbled back at the same time, truly music to my ears! I decided to not call anymore as they knew where I “the hen turkey” was at. Soon after I began to hear the sounds of wingtips brushing against tree limbs and the turkeys were on the ground. I had no idea the show I was about to take in. One by one I started to spot each bird on the ground. Usually patience is something I struggle with, but this particular morning I kept telling myself take it all in and you’ll get a chance. The toms were on the ground for a few minutes and about 75 yards in front of me when the hens started to hit the ground. Soon I was literally surrounded by turkeys, they were dropping in everywhere and to my count, I had 26 hens and six toms all around with some jakes mixed in. All six toms were now full strut about 60 yards out and all together. It was like a painting with the sun backlighting their fans from the east. They kept strutting as the hens moved around and scratched in the leaves. Eventually the hens started to make their way to the west as I had seen them do many times on my trail cameras. The toms were soon to follow. The hens all passed by me at 35 – 40 yards and my heart was racing, it was all I could do to stay still. Typically I don’t get too nervous anymore around turkeys, but this hunt had me worked into a frazzle! As the toms started to take the same path the hens did, I readied myself for the shot. As the lead tom stepped into an open lane I clicked off the safety, let out a couple loud clucks to get him to poke his head up, aimed, and fired! The big tom turned and ran away..... “What happened?” I thought. I could not believe it, I had missed... with a shotgun at 40 yards. I was stunned, I didn’t know what to think for a moment, I had this beautiful show and I ruined the moment. I sat there for a while and reflected on my shot. I came to the conclusion that I was so worked up with excitement in that moment I didn’t settle the gun before I pulled the trigger. As I walked back to the truck, I started to feel better as I realized I had a wonderful show in the timber and now I would get to go again in second season! I gave the timber a rest for a day, as I had spooked all those birds. My next hunt would be Sunday morning, my plan was to get right back near the same roosting area

and get just a bit closer to change the shot from 40 yards to hopefully around 20 yards. Sunday morning came a bit warmer with a small chance of rain so I knew I needed to make it happen before the rain arrived. I was up around 4am and made my way to the timber. I had a slight breeze so my walk in was a little easier as the wind helped conceal my noise. I carefully made my way through the darkness using a small light here and there to avoid tree limbs and sticks on the ground. It had warmed up enough since Friday that I had broke a sweat by the time I neared the area I wanted to setup. As I sat down and readied my calls a Tom gobbled loud, only problem was I now felt too close to the roosting area. He was a mere 30 yards from where I was sitting! Getting too close can be a big problem, while on the roost, a turkeys constantly scan the ground with their best defense, their eyes. I now had to remain completely still until he flew down. As the glow to the east started to become more light, I could see turkeys all around me in the trees. Three of them were gobblers and the rest, hens and Jakes. When one would gobble, all three would



gobble! It was a thunderous rock concert in the timber, when all three gobbled it was so loud being that close, I could almost feel it in the ground. My heart was pounding and the tension was high as I waited for them to fly off roost to the ground. All three toms were right in front of me in plain view. I kept thinking to myself, take your time on the shot. As the timber woke up the turkeys began stretching their wings and moving around on the tree limbs. The first tom that gobbled started to bob and lean out and down he came, he hit the ground about 40 yards to my left. I let out just a couple soft yelps hoping to not spook the birds still on roost and he gobbled along with the two toms still in the tree. He went into full strut and started to come right at me. I could hear him spit drumming as he neared. I clicked off the safety as he crossed the 30 yard mark. He was still full strut, so I let out some loud putts on my mouth call. He went out of strut and poked his head up. I settled the bead of my shotgun and fired. He was done right where he stood. The other birds still in the trees were flying everywhere away spooked. As I walked up to the tom, I just slowed down and took the moment in. I tagged him and set up my phone for pictures. As I slowly walked back to the truck, the rain started to fall. I had gotten it done before the rain and was back at the house by 7 am. I now had the two-week wait for 4th season to arrive. In Iowa, a hunter is allowed two turkey tags and my next tag was 4th season. As the day neared for 4th season, my wife, Aubrey, and I did a lot of driving the gravel roads to watch the turkeys from a distance to see how their patterns and movements were changing as the spring rolled on. Aubrey doesn’t hunt, but she loves to help in the scouting process. The night before the next hunt, we spotted some toms in the same area as my previous hunts so I knew they were still using the same routine and the plan was set to once again be in there early and get near their roost. The alarm went off much earlier now that May neared. Although tired, I was fired up to get back in the timber. Much like before, I eased down the lane with the truck carefully not shining the timber with my headlights. This morning was much warmer than 2nd season and I felt very mobile with the fewer layers I needed to wear. The plan was the same and the timber was once again so calm the old cliché “you could hear a pin drop” is needed to describe it. I slowly made my way carefully and every step deliberate and thought out in hopes of not being too loud and spooking everything. I made my way to a nice tree that gave me great cover and was fairly close to where I thought they were roosted. This morning, however, was different. The day before was very windy out of the Northwest and when the first gobble came in the pre-dawn darkness, the Tom was roosted across the river. As I sat there, I hoped when the other birds gobbled one would be on my side of the river. Soon after five different toms were gobbling and all on the other side. The windy day before had repositioned where they roosted. I started to think this hunt might be a bust. In my experience it has been very difficult over the years to call a tom across water once he’s on the ground. I had thought about

moving closer to the river, but decided to be patient and listen to where they go after they flew down. The gobbling was once again thunderous through the river bottom, I let out a couple soft yelps with my mouth call and all the toms immediately responded with gobbles. I began to have hope I might have a chance to get one to fly from roost to my side of the river. My hopes were dashed as I could tell from the change in tone of their gobbles they were now on the ground. I let out a series of fairly loud calls and one of the toms quickly responded. I kept my eyes locked towards the river that was around 75 yards away from my position. I soon saw the flutter of wing tips, the tom had flown across to my side! I readied my gun towards his path and took in the show. The big tom came up the river bank and went into full strut, the glow from the east of the not yet risen sun backlit his fan to make what looked like a painting. He gobbled and looked for the hen “me” he had heard. He went out of strut and quickly started coming to me. As he neared the 30 yard mark I putted on my call and he poked his head up and I fired. He was done quickly and as I walked up to the tom I was excited and could not believe it was over that quickly. Legal shooting time was 5:27 am and I was done and bird tagged at 5:48 am. I sat there, snapped a couple pics and took the moment in. Moments like these don’t come nearly often enough. This year was probably by far and away the quickest turkey season I’ve ever had in 25 years of hunting. I hunted a total of two hours in the three mornings I hunted. The keys to my success, first and foremost, are good areas to hunt. The turkeys have to live there to be successful. The next biggest thing is scouting, my trail cameras and our family scouting trips from the road had these birds pinpointed.

I can’t thank the landowners where I hunt enough for not only their generosity in allowing me to hunt their farms, but also for the friendships we’ve made. I’m sure they get tired of hearing “Thank You.” Get out there and make some memories, and, until next time, GET OUTDOORS!!





News from Community Lutheran School

The first and second grades searched for tadpoles at a pond field trip with Bremer County Conservation Naturalist Heather.



Three-year-old preschoolers enjoyed a number of activities. They explored earth worms (above) and learned the important jobs they do for garden soil.

(Below) The preschoolers released butterflies after they watched them change from caterpillars to chrysalis and finally to butterflies.

(Bottom) The kids grew beans from seeds and transplanted them into dirt to grow in home gardens.



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News from **Community Lutheran School**



Preschool through sixth grade students praised God with their talents performing at our spring musical! Thank you to our directors, Mrs. Pat Hogan and Jaci Hogan, in supporting our students as they shined bright performing "Ultimate Superstar!"




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May baptismal birthdays-Klinger campus (at right)

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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Mrs. Busch's 5th grade class participated in the HyVee KidsFit Challenge. Each day for one week, they watched a motivational video, set goals that challenged themselves, cheered each other on, and enjoyed the extra movement this challenge provided. They did a total of 22,365 squats. They were one of the top 25 classrooms out of 200 that had participated in this challenge! For all of their hard work, they each received a t-shirt, face mask, snacks, and a first aid kit.



We were excited to be able to have an in-person spring concert for elementary kindergarten through 6th grade! Mrs. Howerzyl and Ms. Redden put on a great performance of singing and playing instruments for families. It was also live streamed for extended family to enjoy!



Wapsie Valley 5th grade students experienced 2 days full of adventures at EWALU and Backbone State Park. They participated in zip-lining, geocaching, team building, and canoeing!

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Part 1: To our Pastor Rabary

“Now we ask you to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you” (1 Thessalonians 5:12).

God gives all people various talents and has a special place for each of us to share his saving love in Jesus Christ through words and deeds. Pastor Jean Rabary heard God’s call in a very surprising and amazing way. God’s goodness has drawn him ever since to proclaim God’s love in Christ and equip

God’s people to share that love in so many ways for the good of all.

Unique! Both Pastor and his calling to the ministry ...

1982: Jean Rabary was a senior in college majoring in economics. Upon returning to Madagascar from a world championship soccer tournament in Mexico, he had his first epiphany. He dreamed the same dream three nights in a row. In it he saw a hill overlooking an unending football field with light so bright nothing could be compared to it; it was a joyful place with people singing. A friend from the university bible fellowship brought him to a Christian lady who could interpret dreams. She pronounced that he would become a minister someday.

The long, winding road to have this dream materialize began the same year when he served an insurance internship with a gentleman who was also the head of his church’s

men’s group. Pastor did this for six months. Another man in the church needed someone to fill a vacant position in a financial sector headed by a Norwegian consultant. The organization purchased medical equipment from overseas for Lutheran health centers and hospitals.

1986: Pastor married Angeline Marie Cecilia, the love of his life.

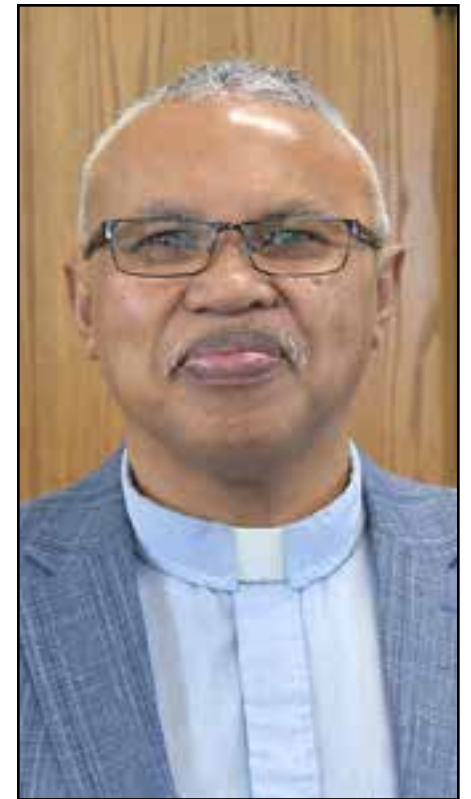
1987: This same Norwegian consultant mentioned above offered to help coach Pastor to interview for a scholarship in Telecommunication Management sponsored by Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Luckily, the consultant also knew the inner working of the LWF which helped Pastor compete for and successfully earn the scholarship. Despite Pastor’s English proficiency of 525/550 minimum, some German sponsors made an exception and financed a six month intensive English course to boost Pastor’s TOEFL score for graduate study.

1988: Daughter Lalaina was born on April 30 of that year. Four months after her birth, Pastor traveled to Carbondale IL, to attend Southern Illinois University for a six-month English as a Second Language course and also a few undergraduate business courses. The goal was to start an MA degree in telecommunication management in the fall 1989.

1989: Angeline and 14-month-old daughter Lalaina joined Pastor in the United States that summer. Pastor started his graduate study in telecommunication management in the fall.

1991: Jonathan was born with a heart condition, cleft palate and multisensory impairment, which caused the family to remain in the United States for Jonathan’s treatment. This proved to be an influential occurrence that helped nudge Pastor into entering the ministry.

While Pastor was writing his Master’s thesis and commuting from Carbondale, IL, to St. Louis where Jonathan had two heart



Pastor Jean Rabary

surgeries and then near death when he contracted the flu, Pastor broke down sobbing since he was in such a dark place. Another epiphany occurred on I-64: A sudden silence filled the car. It was a peace he had never experienced before; he knew Christ was in the car. Still sobbing, Pastor praised the Lord for all He had given him. The Lord also used a group of women to “lift him up;” the nuns from the hospital supplied food and cared for Lalaina. Pastor now recognized the importance of a community of believers.

Pastor’s physical dream predicting his entrance into the ministry in 1982 would soon become a reality. Jonathan’s health issues proved to be God’s mysterious way to make it happen. The next of Pastor’s journey will be publicized in the June edition of the *Chronicle*. Stay tuned!



Bonus! In addition to learning gardening tips, members exchange their excess plants and flowers with one another.

One of the twelve gardens the Readlyn Gardeners plant and care for is shown (above left). Care to help keep our gardens looking great while learning gardening skills from our master gardeners? Contact Pat Wehr @ 319-415-2001 or 319-279-3001. We meet each Monday morning for about an hour; time depends on the temperature. Unable to help physically? Donations are always gladly accepted.

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

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