

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Connie and Scott Matthias are proud of the garden-like yard they have created at 223 West 4th, Readlyn. Pat Wehr photos

September Yard of the Month: Connie & Scott Matthias

Many of you have probably admired this month's Yard of the Month belonging to Connie and Scott Matthias, 223 West 4th. Each unique garden includes lights so that nighttime viewing is also a treat.

The gardens include bicycles, signs, gazing balls, fountains, flags and memorial gifts, as mentioned in the captions in the pictures, to further enhance her myriad of annuals and perennials. Ambitious Connie took advantage of Shirley Schweer's offer to dig up some of the perennials you see from a yard when Shirley and her husband were razing a house. Connie is fortunate to have a husband who allows her to invest so much time and money in her leisure pursuit.

Connie's love of gardens is endless. When inter-

viewed, Connie was calling Tiedt's Nursery to find a gazing ball for a friend. Not only does she passionately tend the multitude of flowers in her yard and share her talent with friends, she also tends her relatives' flowers at St. Matthew's Cemetery as well as any other flowers in the cemetery she notices, "need watering." Congratulations, Connie and Scott, on your well-deserved honor.

Weeds on Fire would like to congratulate this year's 2021 winners plus the dozens of yards that have been recommended for consideration to win this award. Thanks to all of the residents who take pride in their yards and our Readlyn Gardeners, our community maintains an attractive appearance.



The bench on the right was a gift from Marlene Kuker and Kim and Jeremy Brown in memory of Connie's dad. It was made by Greg Matthias with barnwood salvaged from Betty and Gary Matthias's razed barn.



Matthias's entryway features Connie's Mother's Day plants.



The grandkids' playhouse is from Connie's parents who used it as a tool shed.



Notice Connie's grandmother's headboard!



The hibiscus on the left was Lou Fortsch's, Connie's mother.



The Matthias' patio includes an abundance of flowers and an open fire pit for crisp fall evenings.



Thanks to well-placed lighting, the Matthias's yard can be enjoyed day and night.

CMH to hold community wellness event at the Library

SUMNER – In an effort to make lab testing available to surrounding communities at affordable prices, Community Memorial Hospital is extending its Community Wellness Program to nearby Readlyn.

CMH will hold a Community Wellness Testing Event in the Readlyn Library conference room on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.

To sign up, anyone in the community may call CMH at (563) 578-3275 during the following times:

Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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Here are some things to know in advance:

- **Preparation:** If someone wants the Basic Wellness test, CMH recommends fasting for 12 hours because testing includes blood sugar and cholesterol levels. In addition, abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages 24 hours prior to a blood draw.

- **Tests available:**

- o Basic Wellness Panel – includes blood counts, blood salts, blood sugar, cholesterol, kidney function tests and liver enzymes (\$25)
- o Blood Typing (\$15)
- o Hemoglobin A1c – diabetes monitoring (\$20)
- o PSA – screening for prostate cancer (\$20)
- o TSH – screening for thyroid conditions (\$15)
- o Vitamin D level – essential for bone health (\$40)
- o Hepatitis C (\$25)

- **Payment:** Payment must be received at the time of service in cash or check. Insurance will not be billed.

- **Results:** Wellness results will be mailed to individual's address via USPS within five business days.



This memory tree was a gift 17 years ago in memory of Connie's dad. The chimes are in memory of Connie's mom and brother who recently died.

See more photos
on page 14!



Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Sauerbrei
2021 Grump

This year's Grump Days theme was Expect the Unexpected and since we did not have a 2020 Grump, two grumps were selected - Marlys Deterding and myself. It is an honor to be a grump. I am very proud because my dad, Wes, was the 1997 Grump when he was my age. I was happy for Marlys, too, as she deserves it.

One of the first Grump tasks was to be at the annual ice cream social at the historical society. They had a nice turnout. It was especially nice because the Wilbert Huebner family (sons Bruce, Rick and Dan and families) were there to dedicate the new bench that sits in front of the historical building in memory of Wilbert. Thank you to the family for that. The HighTail ice cream was yummy too...

Then, we (or I should say my wife) had to make a pie for the Bremer County Fair pie auction. Needless to say, she tested out many pies on me, which was good. Deb made a peach pie and Maryls made a strawberry one. I am told they both went for a "pretty penny" which helps the fair.

Riding in the Tripoli parade was the next event. There were five previous year grumps who rode - Larry L, Verdeen, Roland, Ron and Roger, along with Marlys and myself and I can't forget Queen Lydia and Grace. It was fun to see the great turnout in Tripoli. They have some very nice and friendly people. Thanks to R&B for the use of their golf cart!

On Monday, I helped Roger D, Barney W, Austin M and Gene T load up cans. There were a lot of cans! Normally Chris D helps but he was off that day on R&R.

Readlyn Days made the paper! The Iowa Farmer Today paper contacted me and others and wrote an article about our Grump Days, so we got some good publicity here.

It's been nice to watch the Olympics these past two weeks. Go USA! It's interesting to see the different sports that are a part of the summer Olympics. I am going to miss watching this.

In August we will travel to Denver to be in their Denver Days Parade. I am looking forward to seeing all the people I know from Denver for that one. Next month Marlys will be writing the article. Take care everyone!



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lydia Imbrogno

Hello! This is month two of my Readlyn object guessing game. Last month's mystery item was a CROWN!

This is my crown that I received during Grump Days for being named Miss Readlyn 2021.



Below is this month's zoomed in mystery item and the 3 clues:

1. Its length is 6.3 miles.
2. Once a year four wheels are allowed

3. This used to be a railroad
Come back next month to see the revealed item! Good luck and have a great month!



Monday, Sept. 6

Happy Labor Day!

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Community Wellness Testing Event, 6:30-8 AM, Readlyn Library conference room, sponsored by Community Memorial Hospital.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Craft & car shine & show. 9 AM-3 PM, Oran School, 24878 Pleasant St., Oran, Iowa.

Sunday, Nov. 7

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn, annual Fall Dinner.

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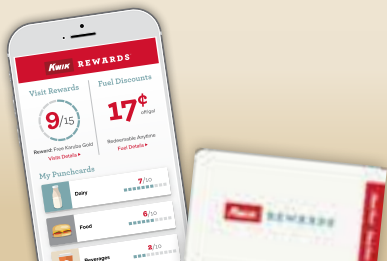
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Readlyn Community Happenings

Readlyn Senior Citizens meet

On July 21, 2021, 26 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at The Center Inn for the Senior Citizens lunch and meeting.

President Ron Leistikow called the meeting to order.

We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Marilyn Lampe as she was celebrating a birthday this month. Many more!

There were no anniversaries to celebrate this month.

Sonja Bast was in the hospital a couple of days but is home again. Judy Leistikow is still recovering at home. Many prayers are sent for both ladies to be on the road to recovery.

The Treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$258.00. Larry Ladage made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Don Billhorn seconded it. Motion carried.

The Secretary's minutes from the June 16, 2021, meeting were read. Marlys Deterding made a motion to approve the Secretary's report and Roland Schmidt seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

July 25 from 4 to 6 PM will be the annual Ice cream social at the Readlyn Historical Society. They will be serving 4 flavors of Ice cream and it's still only 25 cents. Mark your calendars!

It was decided to not go and tour the Poor Farm after the meal and meeting to-

day as only five could go. We will decide later when we can try to reschedule to go again.

New Business:

The Grumps will be deciding if they will be in the Tripoli Days Parade on July 31 and the Denver Break-Away Days Parade on August 21. They will also determine if they will be riding on golf carts or cars in both parades.

Bob Thran, who compiles the Readlyn Long Ago in the *Readlyn Chronicle* each month, attended our meeting and spoke about the German game, Schafkopf. Sheepshead is the term a lot of Americans call this game. Schafkopf or Sheepshead is most commonly played by five players, but variants exist to allow for two to eight players. There are also many other variants to the game rules. Schafkopf is actually a masculine noun (der) Loggerheads, Dummkopf; a stupid person or a blockhead, idiot; incompetent, foolish old man, Sheepshead. Bob Thran is always full of all kinds of knowledge. Thank you to Bob for explaining the meaning of this card game to the group.

The next meeting date was scheduled for August 18, 2021 at the Center Inn Event Center at 11:30.

Motion was made by Verdeen Pavelec and seconded by Roland Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

VFW Auxiliary gets together

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661 Readlyn met at the Readlyn Library on August 10, 2021 with 7 members present at 7:30 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to accept the audit on July 29 by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Melissa Brodigan, carried. The Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were read and accepted. The General Orders and Chairman report were read. Our Auxiliary's membership is 100%.

The poppy wreath is going to be taken to the Third District meeting at Mason

City on September 11, 2021. The burial of Mary Lockard, a chapter member, will be September 18.

Each member will send 2 letters to congress to support veterans. Letter #1 supports the Honoring Our PACT Act and letter #2 tells your Senator to support the Cost of War Act.

We received a bond for the Auxiliary. The Big 10 conference is October 22-24, 2021 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

A motion was made to adjourn by Betty Power and seconded by Darlene Peters, carried. Hostess was Ellen Thies.

From the family of Dawn Bergmann

We would all like to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and the Readlyn/Tripoli communities for the many expressions of support, love and kindness during Dawn's illness and recent passing. All of the calls, messages, visits, meals and prayers were very appreciated.

Sincerest heartfelt thanks goes to Cedar Valley Hospice and Tripoli Nursing Home for the exceptional care given to Dawn in her last few months for which we will be eternally grateful.

Special thank you to Pastor Jean Rabary, Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for kindness and compassion during all of the funeral planning.

Dawn will be remembered by her fantastic cooking, passion for her family, love for the Vikings and hatred of the Packers.

Thank you again to all and this amazing community we are blessed to call our home!
Love: **Scott, Hailey, Layla, Addison & Wyatt Broten; Michael, Maci and Tanner Bergmann; Roger and Marlys Deterding.**



Westendorf Reunion held

The 27th Annual Leo and Mildred Westendorf Reunion was held Sunday July 18, 2021 at the Readlyn City Park. Attendees enjoyed donut holes, kringle, and coffee at 10:30 A.M.

A mini church service was led by Renee Happel, guitar played by Steve Pavelec, and a message was given by Edward Pavelec. At noon, there was a potluck dinner with 58 members from: Montello, Milwaukee, Racine, Madison, WI; Marietta, GA; Minneapolis, MN; Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Charles City, Denver, Des Moines, Janesville, New Hartford, Oelwein, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, Waterloo, and Waverly, IA.

The oldest family member was 86-year-old Verdeen Pavelec of Readlyn, and the youngest family member was 5-month-

old Charlotte Whitt, daughter of Travis and Kathy Whitt of Racine, WI. Traveling the longest distance was Jon and Rita Happel and Jane from Marietta, GA.

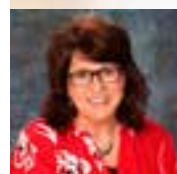
Many members played bean bags and the winners were David Becker of Cedar Falls and Brett Pavelec of Cedar Rapids.

On Saturday, six men ate breakfast at our neighborhood grill and then golfed at Beaver Meadows in Parkersburg. The winners were Robert Thiele of Waterloo and Steve Pavelec of New Hartford.

At 11:00 A.M., 23 attended lunch at Barn Happy by Cedar Falls, followed by playing a guessing game. At 5:30 PM, there was a grill-out at Cedar Bend Park with 25 attending. Hosts were Renee Happel, Ronda Happel-King, Jon and Ritza and Jane.

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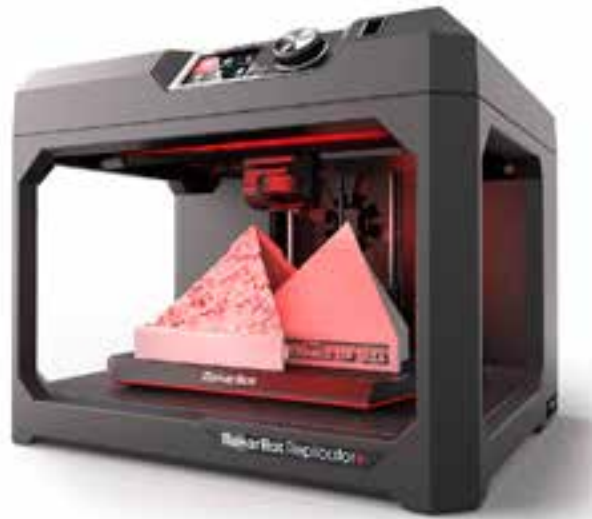


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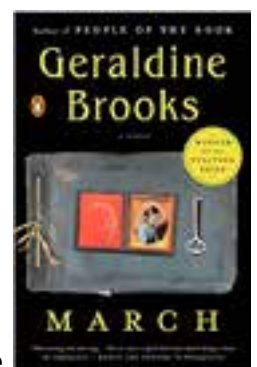
The grant that we have received will go towards purchasing a MakerBot Replicator+ 3D printer for public use at the Readlyn Library.

Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

September's title: March

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize--a powerful love story set against the backdrop of the Civil War, from the author of The Secret Chord.

From Louisa May Alcott's beloved classic Little Women, Geraldine Brooks has animated the character of the absent father, March, and crafted a story "filled with the ache of love and marriage and with the power of war upon the mind and heart of one unforgettable man" (Sue Monk Kidd). With "pitch-perfect writing" (USA Today), Brooks follows March as he leaves behind his family to aid the Union cause in the Civil War. His experiences will utterly change his marriage and challenge his most ardently held beliefs. A lushly written, wholly original tale steeped in the details of another time, March secures Geraldine Brooks's place as a renowned author of historical fiction.



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Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

Klinger, Iowa: A historical treasure

We citizens of Readlyn and Denver and the surrounding area have a historical treasure in our backyard. Three miles south of Readlyn and seven miles southeast of



1895 Klinger Iowa Brass Band - Front row, left to right: John Timmerman, W. J. Kehe, Louis C. Warneke, Louis Dorn, Henry Schweer, Henry Otto, Herman Buehman; back row, Henry Schutte, John Meier, William Moeller, William Schweer, Fred Kraft, Edward Meyerhoff, William Kehe, Louis Widdel, Ernst Timmerman, Christoph Schutte.

Diekmann General Store

I had previously believed that Fred Diekmann, my great-grandfather, opened the general store in Klinger in 1888. However, his obituary states that he built the Klinger creamery and his brother built the Klinger store. They traded businesses a few years later.

The Klinger General Store is perhaps the last remaining store of its type in Iowa. In 1955, general stores were located in Artesian, Bremer, Horton, Buck Creek and Westgate. They slowly faded away. Klinger now stands alone.

The general store could be described as a miniature Walmart. Shoes, clothing, material to make clothing, groceries, hardware, feed, farm supplies, etc., were available. Farmers could exchange eggs for merchandise.

General stores were not great in size because there were fewer products and brands for each product available. They sold mostly necessities. The grocery section consisted of staples: butter, spices, lard, flour for baking in 49-pound bags, etc. There were few canned foods. Families had huge gardens. Fruit and vegetables, as well as meat, were canned at home.

Merchandise for sale was brought to Klinger from Waterloo by wagon or, in

winter, by bobsled. After the rail line went through Readlyn, goods could be routed to the depot.

Fred Diekmann sold the store in 1908 to Jacob Herman. He moved to the new town of Readlyn where he set up one son, Charles, in a general store and another son, F. L. Diekmann, in a lumber yard. Jacob Herman sold the Klinger Store to his son Bill Herman in 1915. Ted Pook bought the store in 1946. Arlin Pook took over ownership of the Klinger Store from his father in 1960. He and Pat have been in the store for 61 years.

Arlin, a Korean War veteran, has slowed down and the store might not be open much longer. If you are interested in history, drive to Klinger and stop in at the Klinger Store. Store hours are 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 weekdays and 9 to 12 on Saturday. Look around, ask questions, visit with Arlin and Pat, buy a can of pop, an ice cream bar or snack and experience Klinger before a main part of its history has gone away. You may even find something useful to purchase or select an item as a souvenir from your trip to a special place, Klinger.

Arlin and Pat have three children, Karla in Denver, Claudia in Chariton and Keith in Ankeny.



The Klinger Store still operates as a general store. The photo of the building was taken in 1912. Photos contributed

Denver lies the community of Klinger.

Klinger has a history dating from 1888. In 1895, several years before Readlyn was established by the Chicago Great Western in 1903, Klinger had blossomed into a vibrant settlement. It consisted of the Diekmann General Store, Chris Miller Blacksmith Shop, Klinger Creamery, Immanuel Lutheran Church and several homes. Klinger was so heavily German they could have had signs posted in store windows, *English Spoken Here*.

Klinger could boast of having a baseball team that played against teams from other communities in the area. Culturally, a group of local citizens were formed into a multi-piece band, complete with uniforms. The band performed in church and at functions in the surrounding area.

Chris Miller Blacksmith Shop

Chris Miller opened a blacksmith shop in Klinger in 1895. He, too, moved to Readlyn into a building south across the street from the Readlyn Historical Society Museum. He sold out later to Richard Bast.

Chris had three sons, Art, Harold and Adolph. All three owned McCormick-Deering-Farmall dealerships, Art in Readlyn, Harold in Tripoli and Adolph in Sumner.

Chris sold the building to Otto Richmann in 1919. Otto operated a combination auto and farm machinery repair shop, a blacksmith shop along with a service station selling City Service and later Philip 66 gas. Otto was a Minneapolis-Moline machinery dealer. He sold automobiles, having great success selling Velies, an automobile manufactured in Moline, Illi-

nois. Several Velies are displayed in front of his shop (see photo). It is believed that Henry Ford, with mass production, drove the Velies out of business.

Later, Otto sold Buick and other brands of automobiles he acquired from Drape, Yarcho and other dealers in the area. Otto married Martha Hesse. Their children were Melvin (Mickey), Eldon (Joe), Dorothy, Gertrude and Don. Don survives and lives in Waverly. A granddaughter, Robin Harms, Tripoli, is the editor of the *Readlyn Chronicle*. Otto died May 7, 1977. Otto and Martha are buried in the Klinger cemetery.

Otto sold the business to Larry Kuhlmann. The historical building that served well for Otto Richmann and Chris Miller has recently been purchased.



Otto Richmann sold Velies at his business on the east side of the highway in Klinger.

The Klinger Creamery

The Klinger Creamery opened prior to 1890. Nearby creameries were located in Readlyn and at Crane Creek, three miles southwest. Quoting from the book, *Lost Bremer County* by Linda Betsinger McCann, the creamery in Klinger was built by Fred Diekmann and later owned by Charles Rohrson and by Louis Warneke. Around 1948, Walter Huebner was the

owner, with Arnold H. Pook as buttermaker. In August 1948, Pook reported the creamery churned 240,000 pounds of butter the past year. Much of the butter produced was sold to A & P, a leading grocery chain. The creamery, due to a lack of patrons, closed in the late 1960s. A part of the former Klinger Creamery remains and is now the property of Richard Mathias.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger

The Immanuel Lutheran Church, founded in 1873, is located one mile west of Klinger. Services were conducted exclusively in the German language until circa 1936 when the English language was gradually introduced. In the early years, a long structure across the road containing 30 to 40 stalls provided shelter for the horses of the parishioners.

With so few farmsteads remaining, Immanuel Lutheran Church, as most churches in rural areas, is experiencing diminished attendance. Presently the congregation shares a pastor, Philip Girardin, with St. Paul Lutheran Church of Readlyn. Both congregations share in the sponsoring of an elementary school, Community Lutheran School.

Obituaries



Florence Lorina (Hay) Stahlhut-Luloff

Florence Lorina (Hay) Stahlhut-Luloff 95, formerly of Readlyn, Iowa, died on Monday, June 21, 2021, in Marinette, Wisconsin, having lived a full and blessed life.

Florence was born on October 7, 1925, in Readlyn, Iowa, the daughter of Walter and Martha Hay. She graduated from Readlyn High School in 1944 where she played women's basketball for four years. Florence loved sports and was very proud of her accomplishments as a basketball player. Her father introduced her to baseball and drove her to many St. Louis Cardinal games. Those experiences made her a lifelong basketball and baseball fan.

On February 15, 1948, Florence was married to Irvin Stahlhut and had two children: Barbara (Caves) in 1948 and Ronnie in 1958. The Stahlhut family ran the Readlyn Chicken Hatchery from

1947-1967 and later Stahlhut Farm Services. Sadly, Irvin died in 1976 following a farm accident, after 28 years of marriage. Florence was blessed to meet and then marry Marvin Luloff May 31, 1980, and they were married for 20 years.

She is survived by her five grandchildren: Joy Caves of California, Allison Caves of Wisconsin and Ben Ness, Daniel Stahlhut and Lydia Stahlhut of Minnesota along with her loving stepchildren Terry and Gwen Luloff and Dan and Lynn Luloff of Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husbands and two children.

Florence was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Readlyn, Iowa. She was a charter member of the Readlyn VFW Post 5661 Ladies Auxiliary as well as the owner of the Readlyn Post Office. She worked at the window of the post office in her younger years and went on to be a cashier at Fareway Grocery Store in Waverly, Iowa, before retiring. Florence loved playing cards with family and friends.

Florence's granddaughters, Joy and Allison, would like to thank the staff of the Luther Home in Marinette, Wisconsin, for providing loving care to their grandmother over the past six and a half years.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on September 11, 2021, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jean Rabary officiating. Burial of her cremains will be held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn. In lieu of flowers the family would ask that you make a donation to your local youth sporting organization or St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn, Iowa.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn is assisting the family, 319-352-1187.



Dixie (Traeger) Hennig

Dixie L. Hennig, 85, of Fayette died Thursday, August 12, 2021, at Corridor Crossing Place in Cedar Rapids.

Visitation was at 9:30 AM followed by the memorial service at 10:30 Thursday, August 19, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church in Fayette with Rev. Mike Jager officiating. Inurnment followed at Grandview Cemetery in Fayette. Food and fellowship followed the committal service on Thursday at the Church. Becker & Son Funeral Home in Fayette assisted Dixie's family. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesrettig.com.

Dixie Lee, daughter of Delbert and Roberta (McPherson) Bell, was born November 27, 1935, in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She graduated from West Union High School in 1953. While attending West Union High School, she met Edgar Traeger and the couple was united in marriage on June 5, 1955,

in West Union. Edgar died in 1960. A short time later, she was introduced to Thomas Hennig and the couple would marry on October 19, 1961, in Nashua. The family made their home in Fayette, a home that Tom built. Thomas' death occurred in 1993.

Dixie worked as a telephone operator, ran the Eldorado Store, was a homemaker, and worked at Maple Crest as a C.N.A. Social Work, and Activities Coordinator. After retirement, she volunteered at Maple Crest and for hospice which included training many hospice volunteers. In 1999, she was honored as Hospice Volunteer of the year by Governor Branstad. She was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Fayette. She enjoyed sewing for family and friends, making wedding dresses, altering, quilting and creating church banners. Dixie also loved children and often had her grandchildren visit. Always with a smile to share, Dixie was an encourager and friend, opening her home to many.

Dixie is survived by her sons, Larry Hennig of Middleburg, Florida, Edgar (Kathy) Traeger III of Readlyn, and Keith (Mary) Hennig of Evansville, Wisconsin; daughters, Carolyn (Terry) Kiser of Cedar Rapids, Sandy (Richard) Hogan of Central City, Nancy Gerson of Griffin, Georgia, Brenda (Chris) Kelly of Marion, and Barbara (Randy) Holub of Robins; twenty-eight grandchildren; forty-seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Stanley Bell of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

In addition to her parents, and husbands, she was preceded in death by her sister, Marcia Palmitier.

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Historical Society Ice Cream Social is another successful Readlyn event

On Sunday, July 25, the Readlyn Historical Society held their 19th annual ice cream social. There were approximately 150 people who enjoyed the Hi-Tail ice cream sundaes made by Natalie Eick.

The highlight of the day was the dedication of the bench placed in front of the museum in memory of Wilbert Huebner by his family - Dan (Bev) of Grinnell, Bruce, and Rick (Janet) Huebner of Readlyn.

Wilbert was born, raised, and lived south of Read-

lyn. Due to World War II, he left to proudly serve his country. His Coast Guard/Navy uniform is displayed in the Readlyn Historical Museum. He was a farmer, USPS carrier, and a founding and active member of the historical society. He and his wife, Irene, raised three sons, listed above. Wilbert passed away in August, 2020 at the age of 100. The Readlyn Historical Society thanks the family for this nice addition to the museum.



Pictured above by the bench given in memory of Wilbert Huebner are Bev, Dan, Rick, Janet, and Bruce Huebner.



Rocco Imbrogno, Miss Readlyn 2021 Lydia Imbrogno, Readlyn's Mayor Dan Wedemeier, his wife Connie and grandsons Lane and Louie, who is enjoying his sundae sitting on the bench.



Lydia Imbrogno, Miss Readlyn 2021, serves her grandmother, Sherry Tiedt, an ice cream sundae.



Our two 2021 Grumps - Marlys Deterding and Larry Sauerbrei - helped with making the ice cream social an enjoyable event.



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Emily Martins

Emily Martins is new County Youth Coordinator for Buchanan County

INDEPENDENCE – Emily Martins has recently joined the Buchanan County Iowa State University Extension and Outreach team as the new County Youth Coordinator.

A resident of Fairbank, she grew up on her family’s farming operation and was a graduate of Wapsie Valley High School. She then graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agricultural studies with minors in agronomy and animal science in May of 2020.

Emily is no stranger to Buchanan County as she was a very active member of the Atom Bombers 4-H Club and Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter. She served on the Buchanan County Youth County Council, was the summer 4-H assistant for the extension office in 2018, and even represented as the Buchanan County Fair Queen in 2015.

“I am so excited to give back to Buchanan County and the 4-H program because it’s an organization that no doubt helped shape me into the person I am today,” says Emily. “There are truly no limits as to what youth can accomplish in this program as there is something for everyone no matter where you live or what your interests are.”

If you are interested in learning more about Buchanan County 4-H, or how you can join a 4-H club in your area, reach out to Emily at emartins@iastate.edu or call the Extension Office at (319)-334-7161.



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn is planning on having their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, Nov 7.

We did not have this last year due to COVID.

More to come on this...

Deadline for the Sept. 29 Chronicle is Thurs., Sept. 16 at 5 PM



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Thirty-one booths will be selling: toys, metal work, shell art, sewn kitchen items, blankets, baby items, glassware, cutting boards, wreaths, greeting cards, embroidery, quilts, solar lights, outdoor decor,

birdhouses, knitting, re-purposed glass, cat chairs, fall and Christmas items, jewelry, and more.

The Kettle Korn truck is returning and, new this year, we are welcoming the Totally Rolled Ice Cream truck. Lunch will be available on site.

Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

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Ron Lenth of Bremer ISU Extension and Outreach tests a corn stalk for nitrate levels.

Fall cornstalk nitrate sampling offered by Extension office

For the ninth consecutive year, Bremer ISU Extension and Outreach is offering to collect and test corn stalks for farmers to determine their residual nitrate levels. This helps save farmers time, input costs, plus over a series of years, helps them analyze their fertility input efficiency.

Those signed up for this option under the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) can also utilize this community service.

Last year, Bremer ISU Extension collected 147 samples from 26 producers.

Through funding from the Bremer County Corn and Soybean Producers, we will collect and obtain test results from three sampled fields (one per field) per cooperator. Additional samples plus those involving the CSP program are on a per sample cost. Results are confidential and shared with the farmer producer.

For further information, or to enroll this fall, contact Bremer ISU Extension Coordinator Ron Lenth at the Tripoli office at 319-882-4275, or email rlenth@iastate.edu.

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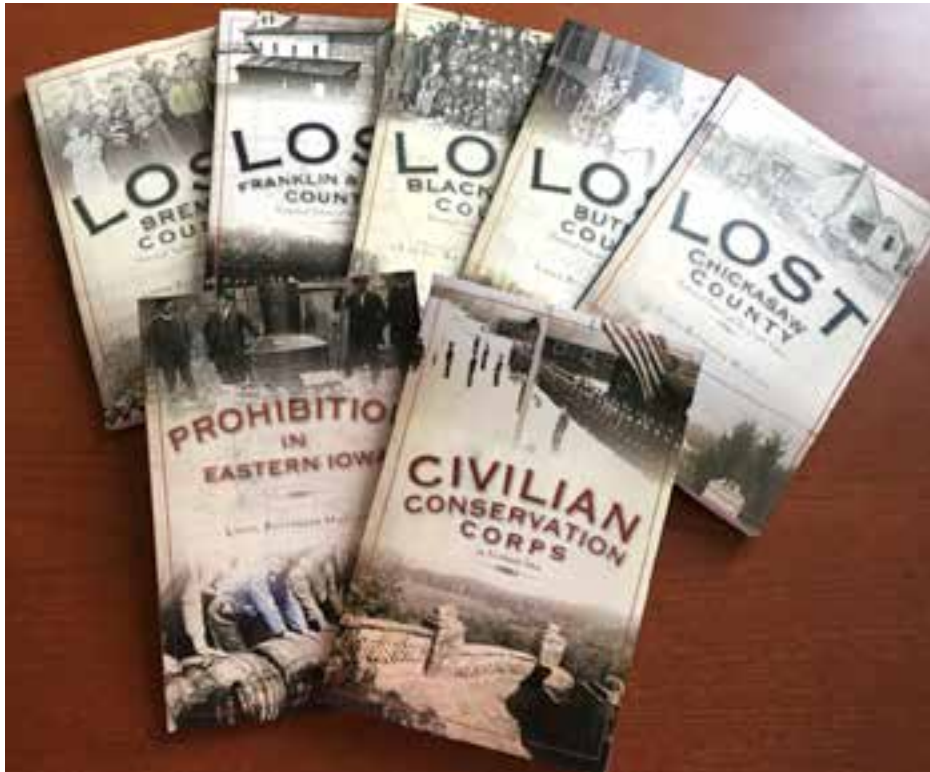
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Linda Betsinger McCann is the author of several books, including *Lost Bremer County*, and will be giving a talk about researching nonfiction at the Fairbank Library Sept. 8.

Area author McCann to present workshop for writers

Linda Betsinger McCann will be speaking at the Fairbank Library on Wednesday, September 8, at 4 PM about Researching for Nonfiction Writers. Linda is the author of 14 books published by Tandem Publishing Group of Des Moines. All her books deal with events in Iowa history. Linda has



utilized sites on the Internet and she will share them with attendees. She will also tell about her experiences in becoming a published author and describe the process she uses in her writing.

Everyone is invited to attend and there is no admission charge. Students from middle school and up will learn items they will be able to use in their school years. Linda will have copies of all her books available for purchase.

Linda Betsinger McCann is the author of non-fiction Iowa history, including *Prisoners of War in Iowa*; *Prohibition in Iowa*; several books about the Civilian Conservation Corps in different areas of Iowa; and *The Vanished Towns of the Cedar Valley* series.



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August is upon us and that means the start of the 2021-22 WVCSD school year is fast approaching. Monday, August 23, is the first day of school for students. A slight change to the district calendar includes early dismissals on both Monday and Tuesday at 1:18 pm. Our preschool programs will start on Thursday, September 2. We are excited to see our returning students and families at WVCSD.

All students will be required to return to a face-to-face classroom setting this year. WVCSD will not offer full virtual instruction unless a physician has determined a medical condition exists. Any student who is in a quarantine situation because of testing positive for COVID will receive virtual instruction from WV classroom instructors. As per Iowa code, masks are optional for students, staff, and visitors to our buildings.

Our summer projects are moving ahead

on schedule. New high traffic flooring has been installed in several classrooms in the JH/HS facility. The new stadium lighting is installed and operational for the upcoming football season. The old concession stand building has been removed to make way for the construction of the new concession stand. Two new basement classrooms have been constructed at Rural 3 & 4 to support our reading specialists working with our rural students. Fairbank Elementary has an updated room for the Behavioral Intervention Program. Mrs. Curley's room at the high school will have all new cabinets installed, in addition to other updates in her room.

Please enjoy the rest of this beautiful Iowa summer and all the activities that it brings!

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Overnight Coffee Cake

Submitted by 2015 Grump Ronald Kohagen

Ingredients:

- 1 C white sugar
- 1 C brown sugar
- 3/4 C shortening or oleo
- 2 eggs, beaten slightly
- 2 C flour, not sifted
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 C sour cream

Directions:

Cream white sugar, 1/2 C brown sugar and shortening. Add eggs, flour, baking powder, soda, salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon and nutmeg. Add sour cream. Place in a 9"x13" pan, well greased, and top with 1/2 C brown sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350°, 35-40 minutes.



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Fall is drawing near and most outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen turn their attention to the many hunting opportunities around the area. I’m guilty of this as much as anyone, but what most don’t realize is right now, and through the fall, can be some of the best fishing you will experience all year.

Weather patterns stay more consistent and the rivers are around normal levels so the fish, no matter the species you’re after, stay in a more consistent pattern as the water cools. This month I’ll break that down for you.

Anyone who knows me, and as you read my articles, you will find that I’m a bass nut! So a lot of what I’ll be touching on is with bass in mind, but a lot of the info pertains to all species of fish we have around the area.

A couple weeks ago I planned a trip with my dad, Doug. We fished pool ten of the Mississippi River and our entire day centered around one pattern — BAITFISH. What I mean by baitfish is minnows and shad that school up and head shallow as the water temperature drops.

We started the morning throwing topwater baits above a wing dam that connected to a point leading into a backwater slough. We cast our baits on the wing dam for a while and kept seeing a bald eagle flying overhead. Now, that’s usually a normal occurrence on the river, but suddenly this eagle swooped down into the little slough and bass starting busting everywhere back there! I instantly hit the trolling motor and positioned my boat so we could cast into the narrow cut. We both immediately started catching bass on nearly every cast! We were using topwater baits that mimicked the shad the bass had pushed into the shallow water.

I also had a rare occurrence happen: Dad hooked up with a three-pound bass and I was watching him fight the fish back to the boat when a bass blew up on my bait. I began my battle and quickly realized I had two bass hooked on my lure! That was a first for me!

This baitfish pattern is the deal in the fall for all species of fish. What happens is, as

the water temperature starts to drop off of its summertime temp, the baitfish will school up and move shallow. A general rule temperature-wise that I like to use to put them into a fall pattern is usually in September and a drop of ten degrees from summer temps. The fish will use this feeding pattern right up to freeze up as they bulk up for the long winter months when they move into deep wintering holes.

It always amazes me how shallow fish can get in the fall. On that trip, dad and I caught 30 fish off of one log that was in a foot of water! So don’t be afraid to get shallow when looking for the schools of baitfish.

As far as baits to use, I like to mimic the bait size as best I can. I love using a spinner-bait this time of year. With that, I will select a blade size that is roughly the size of the shad I’m seeing in the water. Also it’s tough to beat small shallow running crankbaits in the fall such as a Rapala dt 4, or lipless crankbaits such as rattletraps.

Another tactic that is great for bass in the fall is topwater, much like dad and I used on this trip. I love to throw a pop-r or a Zara spook. The bass will absolutely blast it on top and it’s such an exciting way to fish in the fall.

As far as colors go, you also want to mimic the color of the bait in the water, flashy colors and one of my favorites is gold. These same tactics also work for walleye and crappies, you try your best to mimic the bait. Walleyes will be all over your crankbaits and rattletraps in the fall. Also a twister tail or flashy colored ringworm will work well for walleyes in the fall.

You can get after the crappies the same way by throwing in-line spinners or a minnow-colored twister-tails. There are many areas along the Cedar River or Wapsi River right here in the area where you can use this tactic to catch some quality fish. Check out Black Hawk and Bremer Counties’ conservation webpage to find great accesses and parks along the Cedar and Wapsi that have fantastic fishing opportunities. You just might have some of your best fishing of the year!

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