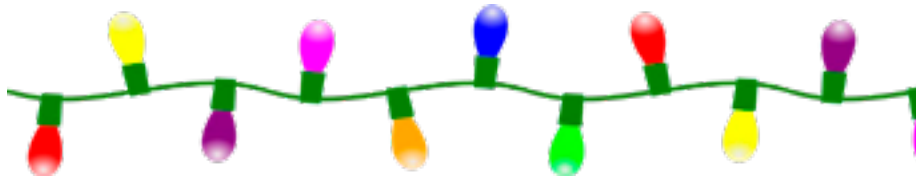


# Readlyn Chronicle



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To recognize community members who take time to add a more festive air during the holidays, we announce the Readlyn Annual

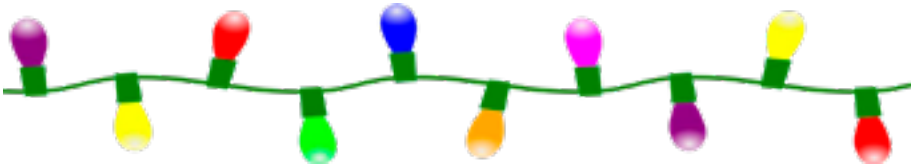
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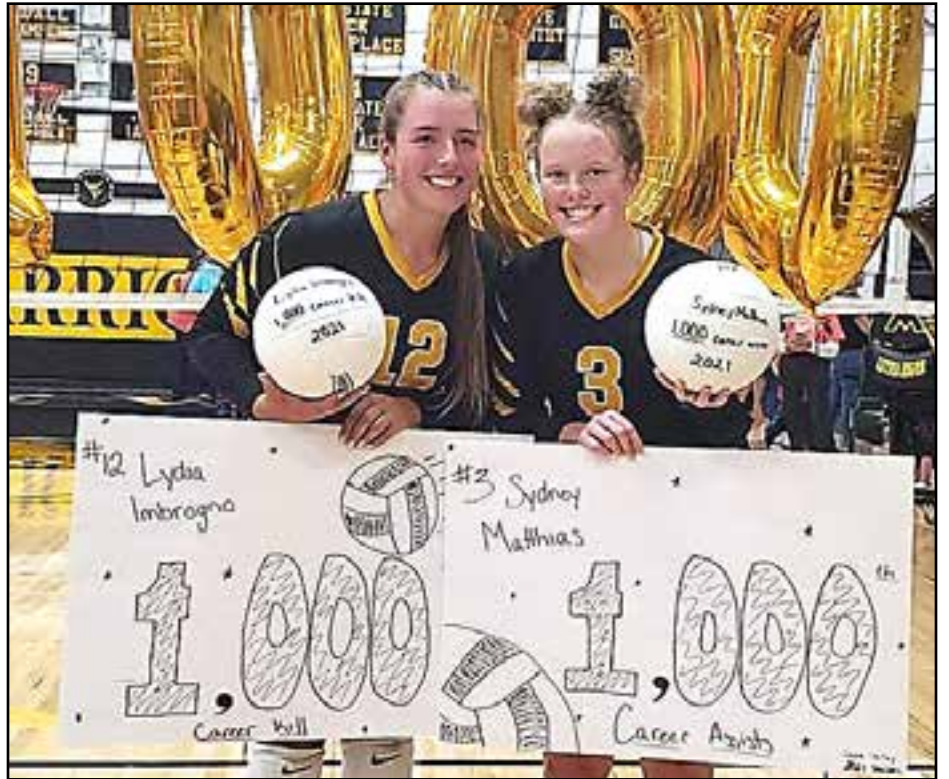
No need to apply ... Elves will travel the streets December 3-9 to choose!

Look for specific details in the November issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*.



Readlyn Community Club Presents:  
**Christmas in Readlyn**  
 November 27th

- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Santa visits Readlyn  
Readlyn Event Center
- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Live music by DJ with a Beat  
Readlyn Event Center
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Supper (Made by Jim Collins)  
Readlyn Event Center
- 7:00 pm Fireworks  
Behind TruServe
- 8:00 pm - ??? Live music by Mitchell Boevers  
Center Inn



**Congratulations** to Lydia Imbrogno for reaching 1,000+ career digs and 1,000+ kills! Congratulations also to Sydney Matthias for reaching 1,000+ career assists! Go Warriors!

## WVEF Dinner & Auction is November 19 at Legion Hall

The mission of the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation is to promote educational excellence by providing financial resources to support and enhance the education programs for all students and staff of the Wapsie Valley school district and serve as a means to accept contributions, gifts and bequests

The Wapsie Valley Education Foundation (WVEF) will be holding their annual dinner & auction on Friday, November 19 at the American Legion Hall in Fairbank. The dinner starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. We will hold a live auction after that. All proceeds raised will fund grants for the Wapsie Valley staff and scholarships for seniors. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so your donations are tax deductible. Please note that there will not be a silent auction this year. We will have a dinner, live auction and a 50/50 raffle. If you would like to donate something for the live auction or make a cash donation, please reach out to a board member. Our current board members are: Tom Risse, Chad Van Daele, Joey Rigdon, Kristi Marticoff, Marilyn Steggall, Sylvia Casteron, Jill Krall, Kim Brown, Tina Kaufman, Mischa Matthias and Doug Sheppard. Please make checks payable to: Wapsie Valley Education Foundation, PO Box 203, Fairbank, IA 50629. You can also visit our site at [wapsievalleyschools.com/198355\\_2](http://wapsievalleyschools.com/198355_2)

Last year, we were not able to hold an auction due to COVID. However, we did a mailing instead. With the funds raised, we were able to give scholarships and grants. WVEF gave scholarships, plus other businesses and individuals also directed their funds for scholarships through our organization.

Scholarship winners for 2021 were as follows:  
 WVEF-Service Dallas Wittenburg \$500  
 WVEF-Service Emma Cutsforth \$500  
 WVEF Service Macey Schmit \$500  
 Carlene Werner Memorial- Kaylee Kleitsch \$500

- Carlene Werner Memorial-Ethan Oltrogge \$500
- RTC- Grace Imbrogno \$1000
- HookanLiner Sportsman's Club-Brody Stark \$500
- HookanLiner Sportsman's Club-Colin O'Donnell \$500
- Beverly Jean Davis Memorial-Trevor Sauerbrei \$500 (Given by Chris Davis)
- Steve Phelan Memorial-Jordan Rubner \$500 (Given by Laurie Phelan)
- The Leistikow scholarships - (Given by Laverne & Judy Leistikow, Ron & Judy Leistikow and Kurt & Jenifer Leistikow) - Blayde Bellis- \$400; Courtney Schmitz-\$400; Dallas Wittenburg-\$400; Kaylee Kleitsch-\$400

In 2021, we gave grants for the following:

- Ewalu Retreat
- Literacy Week
- Short Throw Interactive Display
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- Listening Centers in the 21st Century
- Jolly Phonics Readers
- Routinely Structured Special Ed Curriculum
- CAPS
- Durable Dishwashers for Worthy Warriors
- Wall Collage

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## Trick or Treat In Readlyn Sunday, October 31



**4:00 - 6:00 PM**



**Thursday, Oct. 28**  
Grumptoberfest, 4:30-8:30 PM, Readlyn Event Center.

**Sunday, Oct. 31**  
Trick-or-Treat in Readlyn, 4-6 PM.

**Sunday, Nov. 7**  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn, annual Fall Dinner, 11-2, Center Inn.

**Thursday, Nov. 11**  
Deadline for Nov. 24 *Chronicle*, 5 PM.

**Friday, Nov. 19**  
WVEF Dinner/Auction, 5:30 PM, Legion Hall, Fairbank.

**Sunday, Nov. 21**  
Immanuel Lutheran-Klinger Pie Auction, 11:15 AM, Klinger Commons.



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lydia Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! Welcome back to the mystery item game. This week, I will reveal last week's item. It was (shown below) ...



This is the Fire Department and First Responders sign!

Now we have something that is (at left)

- 1... the only one in Bremer County
- 2... there are 99 in Iowa
- 3... each one is historically unique.

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**VOTE "YES"**

# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Obituary

### Kenneth Michael Ungs

Kenneth Michael Ungs was born on March 6, 1954 at St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton, Iowa. He died Sept. 18, 2021.

His parents were Bob and Dolores Ungs. The family moved to Readlyn in 1963. Kenny graduated from Wapsie Valley



High School in 1972. He had an assortment of jobs, from working at the Co-op to working for a local radio station. He moved to CA when the Hawkeyes went to the Rose Bowl in 1982. He worked for Ralph's Grocery Store in

the warehouse until he retired. He married Debra Dancel, the love of his life on Dec 10, 2010. They moved to Texas last year. He loved the Lord, his family, and the Hawkeyes.

He is survived by his wife, Debra; his mother, Dolores Ungs; his brothers, Bob (Carol Lau) Ungs of CA, Kelly (Janet Czerwinski) Ungs of MN, and Jeff (Kelli DeGeus) Ungs of FL, and his sister, Mary Lou Ungs of IA. He had five stepchildren, 14 step-grandchildren, and nine nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his dad, Bob Ungs, and his first wife, Maureen Ungs.

There was a celebration of life on Oct. 23 at the Center Inn in Readlyn with visitation from 10:30-11:30 am, a service at 11:30 and a lunch followed. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton at 4 PM.

## Pepper returns!

The first pepper tournament of the season was held on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Center Inn. Winners and their scores were:

1st Place: Karan Boevers and Shirley Kuker - 220

2nd Place: Ron and Judy Leistikow - 172

3rd Place: Roger and Connie Buhr - 169

4th Place: Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 166

The next tournament will be held on November 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Center Inn. Entry fee is \$3.00.

Bring a partner and join in the fun!



Thank You

Thank you for your friendship and support over the last four weeks. Your kind words and deeds remind me how lucky I am to be part of this community. I am so very thankful for all of you.

Thank you!!!  
Becky South  
Mane Event

## Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary 5661 Readlyn met at the home of Darlene Peters on October 12, 2021 with 6 members present at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. No bills. The secretary's minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted. The general orders and chairman reports were read and accepted. Volunteer hours were turned in.


A birthday card was sent to Arlyce Heideman for her 96th birthday. Four members and one post member attended the burial of Mary Lockard on September 18.

We will be setting up the display case at the Readlyn Library on October 30. Veterans Day is November 11, 2021. The Big 10 Conference was October 15 - 17 at Rapid City, South Dakota.

Third District President Kathryn McDonald will inspect our Auxiliary on November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Mid-Winter conference will be January 22 - 23, 2022 in Des Moines.

A motion was made to adjourn by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies. Hostess was Darlene Peters.





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Barbara Meyer

## Book Memorials

**In Memory of Ellen Anderson**  
"Home Is Where the Heart Is" by Emma Dodd from Kevin and Tammi Thurm

"The End Is Just the Beginning" by Mike Bender from Nancy Erhardt

"If I Were a Dog" by Joanna Cotler and "Swashby and the Sea" by Beth Ferry from Farmer's Co-Op Readlyn

*Thank you for your generosity*



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

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

## Thanksgiving Books to Get You in the Holiday Mood!



### **Thanksgiving Night by Richard Bausch**

At the heart of this quirky, heartwarming story are two squabbling women—Holly Grey and her aunt Fiona—who want to have their house literally divided in half. Meanwhile, family drama swirls around them.

### **The Ghost at the Table by Suzanne Berne**

Another dysfunctional family comes together for Thanksgiving in this story of Cynthia, a writer who returns to Concord, Massachusetts, for a reunion with her estranged father.

### **Bitter Harvest by Susan Bowden**

Michelle visits her elderly estranged grandmother Eleanor over Thanksgiving and finally meets her deceased mother's family. Is someone trying to harm Eleanor? Michelle decides to keep her safe—at great risk to herself. Highly suspenseful.

### **A Secret Affair by Barbara Taylor Bradford**

In Venice to meet an old friend, war-weary foreign correspondent Bill spots a darkly beautiful woman sitting alone in a bar. The three American expatriates decide to spend Thanksgiving together, and a fateful love affair begins.

### **The Thanksgiving Visitor by Truman Capote**

This short story, a polished gem, is based on Capote's bittersweet memories of his early childhood. The narrator, Buddy, tells of the Thanksgiving that his eccentric spinster cousin invited Buddy's archenemy Odd Henderson to dinner. This extremely moving tale is one of my all-time favorites.

### **Courting Disaster by Julie Edelson**

This whacky Southern novel centering on a Thanksgiving weekend explores how families deal with the loss of a child.

### **The Lay of the Land by Richard Ford**

Frank Bascom's second wife has left him and he's been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Can he bring his troubled family together for Thanksgiving weekend?

### **Dear James by Jon Hassler**

A touching novel about forgiveness and friendship featuring elderly Miss Agatha McGee, who finds herself wondering about the friends gathered around her Thanksgiving table (a hilarious scene).

**We are always looking for new or improved programming.  
Let us know if you have any program, class, event, or service ideas!**

**Have a favorite program?  
Let us know that too.**

## Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

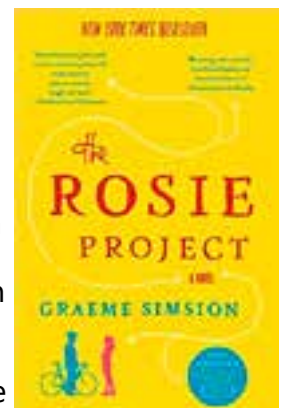
### November's title: **The Rosie Project**

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **November 18th.**

The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers.

Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is "quite intelligent for a barmaid"). But Don is intrigued by Rosie's own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.

Arrestingly endearing and entirely unconventional, Graeme Simsion's distinctive debut "navigates the choppy waters of adult relationships, both romantic and platonic, with a fresh take (*USA TODAY*). "Filled with humor and plenty of heart, *The Rosie Project* is a delightful reminder that all of us, no matter how we're wired, just want to fit in" (*Chicago Tribune*).





Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Readlyn Goes Hollywood

### The Movie "Country" (and Readlyn)

"Country" is a 1984 American drama which follows the trials and tribulations of a rural family as they struggle to hold onto their farm during the trying economic times experienced by family farms in 1980s America. The film was written by William D. Wittliff, and stars real-life couple Jessica Lange and Sam Shepard. The film was directed by Richard Pearce and was shot on location in Readlyn and Dunkerton, Iowa, and at Burbank's Walt Disney Studios.

Lange, who also co-produced the film, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress and a Golden Globe for her roll.

Then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan stated in his personal diary that this film "was a blatant propaganda message against our agri programs." Some members of the U.S.

Congress took the film so seriously that Jessica Lange was brought before a congressional panel to testify as an expert about living on family farms.

**PLOT** -- Gilbert "Gil" Ivy (Sam Shepard) and his wife, Jewell, (played by Jessica Lange) have worked Jewell's family farm for years, and her father, Otis (Wilford Brimley), does not want to see his farm lost to foreclosure. However, low crop prices, interest on FHA loans, pressure by the FHA to reduce both the loans and operating expenditures, and a tornado put pressure on the struggling family as they face hardship and the prospect of losing their home and livelihood.-- *Wikipedia*



By Linda Moeller  
Reprinted from the October 11, 1983  
*Bremer County Independent*

READLYN -- The Town of Readlyn will become a familiar landmark to moviegoers throughout the country as part of the setting for "Country," a Walt Disney film now in production in the Readlyn and Dunkerton areas.

According to Readlyn mayor Keith Fettkether, contracts are now being signed to allow Walt Disney Productions to use Readlyn City Hall, a building owned by Robert Meyer, the Center Inn, the Readlyn Savings Bank, and Farmers Co-op as scenes for the movie.

Readlyn will represent the small town where the farm family in the movie does business. Fettkether said that after "some talking" the movie town will be called Readlyn. The script originally called for the town to be called Allison. Fettkether explained that production officials were not aware that an actual town named Allison was located in the Readlyn vicinity. The mayor convinced them in terms of local pride that it would be better to change the town to Readlyn. He said they will also simplify filming in town because signs on Main Street which

include the Readlyn name will not have to be changed.

City Hall will be transformed into a Federal Land Bank Office for the movie. Fettkether said the film crew will build a new front for the building, erect a new flagpole, repaint the interior, hang new draperies and replace the city clerk's desk for the movie scene. The mayor said he understands the Center Inn will be the scene of a square dance in the film and that the Farmers Co-op building will be used as a feed store.

Most of the movie will be filmed at a farm located four miles south and 3/4 mile east of Readlyn. Filming is scheduled to begin this week. Readlyn city clerk Sharon Davis said she was told that the Readlyn portion of the film will probably be shot in late-November.

Fettkether said news of a movie being filmed on Readlyn's Main Street spurred him into completing an improvement project on a storage building across from City Hall. He said the building used for pump service was in need of new siding for some time.

"With any luck that building will show up in the movie and look terrible," said the mayor. So he decided to install new siding and new lettering, just in case.



## Why Readlyn?

Written by Grace Kuethe

In September of 1984, the crew of the movie "Country" moved their equipment into Readlyn for the filming of the movie. There were large trucks and trailers parked on the street. They also had their own food truck.

When they came to the bank they started to work on the windows for better lighting. The crew was very friendly. They did their job while we continued with our work. When they started filming scenes it was exciting to see Sam Shepard, Levi Knebel, Jessica Lange and Wilford Brimley. There was a scene of us gals working in the bookkeeping room. It was a very exciting for all of us.

**Lou Fortsch - From a previous Chronicle**

The movie "Country" came to Readlyn in 1984. The basement was rented by Disney to feed the cast and crew. The dance scenes in the movie were filmed in the Center Inn. Jessica Lange's favorite meal was a grilled cheese sandwich and French fries.

**Bob's comment** -- What an exciting experience for the citizens of Readlyn, Dunkerton and the surrounding area to observe "Country" being filmed. For those who appeared in the movie and later viewed "Country," it had to be a thrill to see themselves on the screen.

## Just A Suggestion...

The movie "Country" was released in 1984, 37 years ago. Many of the Readlyn area citizens who participated in its production are gone. Others of those who were involved in the film are in their 80s and 90s. The movie lay dormant for a long time. Time is slipping away. "Country," which had a great effect on Readlyn, should be reintroduced.

Many of the people in the area have not seen the movie "Country" and are not familiar with its effect on Readlyn. "Country" should be made available for showing to those who have never seen the movie, as well as those who wish to relive the past.

I suggest that a large TV be installed in the Conference Room of the Readlyn Public Library. "Country," and other movies, could be shown periodically. Roy Roger and Tom Mix movies and other films from the Readlyn outdoor movie era would be of interest.

A group of volunteers familiar with 1984 Readlyn should carefully dissect all scenes in "Country" which relate to our area. They should study the film and document where the scene was located, its effect on the movie, and who, from the Readlyn and surrounding area, participated.

The Readlyn Historical Society should coordinate the formation of the volunteer group and also be responsible for the purchase of all necessary video equipment. An expert from Nashua estimated the cost for a 75-inch screen and other necessary equipment would be around \$1,500.

Not many towns have been involved in the production of a major Hollywood film. Readlyn had that unique experience. "Country" and the thrill of its filming should be preserved as an important part of Readlyn history

I saw "Country" shortly after it was released. Now, 35 years later, I do not remember the plot. I recall only that I recognized some of my friends in the movie. I would like to see it again.

The Disney company contacted Paul Brasch, Waterloo realtor, to locate a site for a film. They were seeking a farm with an unoccupied farmhouse that had only one single tree. Paul, being from Dunkerton, was familiar with the area. Kenny and Barb Fettkether owned a farm that fit the criteria. The farmhouse was leased for four months at \$5,000 per month.

Jim Fettkether, Kenny and Barb's son, worked on a carpenter crew adapting the house to the story. After the film was completed, the house was rented. The family decided that the house was beyond repair after the filming and being rented and was destroyed in 1989 by burning.

Jim stated that the production company had employees whose job it was to locate extras. People were notified that extras were needed. Many local citizens volunteered. Jim thought that the pay the extras received was \$35 per day plus a meal.

I contacted several Readlyn citizens who were paid extras in the movie, "Country."

**Paul and Marilee Tiedt**

Paul and Marilee volunteered to appear in "Country." Paul was in two scenes. He was one of three Black Hawk County farmers to walk into the feed store. Marilee was at Paul's side in the auction scene at the farmhouse. Paul handed out the items to the successful bidders

The filming of the auction scene took several days. Paul said they had to wear the same clothes each day and park their cars in exactly the same place. Extras received the minimum wage for their role.

**Marlys and Elmer Wittenburg**

Marlys and Elmer were in several scenes filmed at different locations. Marlys remembers a scene at Mt. Hope Church south of Klinger. A boy acted up in church. They had to let him out of the pew in which they were sitting. Marlys also stated it was required that they wear the same clothes every day.

## ~ NOTICE ~

An account has been established at Readlyn Savings Bank for donations to the Readlyn Ford Models A and T Fund. Donations are tax-deductible and will be administered by the Readlyn Historical Society. The fund is now at \$2,000 total.

Recently, I spent my Wednesday noon partaking of the noon buffet in Readlyn. Delicious and only \$9. Great Job, Jim and Kim!

# Farmers Coop

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**Deadline for the November 24  
 Readlyn Chronicle  
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# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Kindergarten students are exploring with color and light during their Shadow Unit.



Thank you to the Readlyn Fire Department for teaching fire safety to our students!

## WVEF Dinner & Auction is November 19 at Legion Hall

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- Alternative Seating
- CNC Wood Engraver
- USA Weightlifting Cert
- Science Lab Equip: Microscopes
- Science Lab Equipment: Balances

The following people have given cash donations for our annual fundraiser. We are still accepting donations, We apologize if anyone has been missed. We truly value your financial support.

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- Mrs. Moen

These are the items we've received so far for the LIVE auction. Thank you for your generosity! We are still accepting donations.

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- WV Yard Stake ..... Schafer Metal Working

Elementary students enjoyed dressing up for Homecoming this year! They participated in Road Trip: Trip to Disney, Trip to the Valley, and Trip to the Zoo.



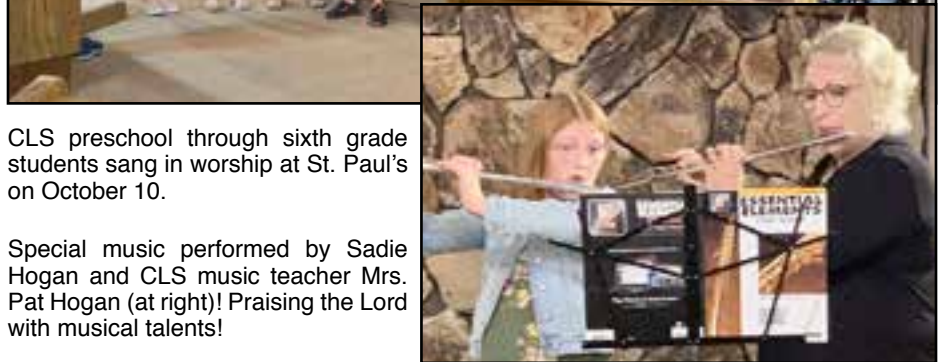
# News from Community Lutheran School



(Grades 1-6) Thank you Readlyn Fire Department for serving our community and for the fire safety field trip on October 8!



CLS preschool through sixth grade students sang in worship at St. Paul's on October 10.



Special music performed by Sadie Hogan and CLS music teacher Mrs. Pat Hogan (at right)! Praising the Lord with musical talents!

(3-year-olds) We climbed into the fire truck to see how big the truck is!



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Lydia cleans up after lunch every day.

## Silver Cord volunteers honored

Thank you Brody Blaylock and Lydia Imbrogno for serving the CLS Readlyn campus with your lunch help everyday! Through the Silver Cord volunteer pro-

gram offered at Wapsie Valley these two seniors are committed to making a positive impact by volunteering at CLS! You are a blessing!



# News from Community Lutheran School



During our apple unit, three-year-old preschool picked apples from the trees in Jason and Krissy Franck's yard! We compared, weighed, measured, balanced, and taste tested all sorts of apples.

Four-year-old preschool friends are getting to know their classroom and each other!



Celebrating our October baptismal birthdays in chapel and at Klinger campus with Pastor Phil! You are children of God!



The kindergarten students were super excited to find a Readlyn Rock at our school! They went on a mission to re-hide it to spread kindness and joy to whoever finds it next!

At our October Family Night PTO event, the students packed boxes to send to other children around the world through the Operation Christmas Child program through Samaritan's Purse.



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Kanen Decker, Noah Richards, Madyson Richards, Kaliya Lampe



Kanen Decker



Kaliya Lampe


**Four from Wapsie attend Dairy Cattle Career event**

The 2021 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was held in conjunction with the Youth Dairy Classic in West Union on September 17, 2021. Thirty-one teams and individuals participated

in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide students an opportunity to display their knowledge and skills in the area of dairy cattle selection and management. The Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter received a silver placing with teams receiving golds, silvers, and bronzes. The members who competed this year were: Kaliya Lampe, Noah Richards, Madyson Richards, and Kanen Decker.


"I had a very fun trip to West Union for the dairy judging contest. I learned a lot about giving oral reasons for placing the cattle the way I did," said Noah Richards.



**VOTERS OF  
WAPSIE VALLEY**


The Wapsie Valley School Board did NOT unanimously support the petition to change the way we elect our school board members. The change would result in losing control of electing the representative of our own district.

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Fall in Iowa brings a special feel to our rural communities. Friday night high school football games always provide a great family night out. Wapsie Valley Cross Country meets at area golf courses or running venues will increase your step count as you go from spot to spot to cheer on the runners. If you are looking for an inside event, Wapsie Valley volleyball will always give you an exciting night of action. Of course, the fall season in Iowa will provide numerous college-level sporting events every weekend. The sights and sounds of the ongoing harvest will round out that rural Iowa fall feeling.

We continue to progress with the new concession stand project at the JH/HS facility. Walls are up and a roof system will now safeguard the interior finishing projects. This new concession stand will be ready for spring activities and beyond. Another board-approved project will soon begin with the engineering of air quality improvements with heating/cooling options for rooms on the west side of the JH/HS building. This funding was received in part from the federal government, as part of the ESSER III Fund (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund). This work will be completed during the summer of 2022. We are also working with two insurance companies for the replacement and

repair work of damages during the storm on August 24, 2021.

Homecoming 2021 was a great time and a fun week of activities for staff and students! Thank you for the time spent preparing students for the theme days during this week. The students and staff did a wonderful job with each of the theme days. Congratulations to the 2021 Homecoming Court: Ryan Schares, Brady Sauerbrei, Max Kayser, Holten Robinson, Gavin Leistikow, Gunner Meyer, Bridget Seemann, Ellie Neil, Syndie Martin, Lydia Imbrogno, Baylee McMahon, and Nolynn Silva. Ryan and Bridget were crowned Wapsie Valley 2021 Homecoming King and Queen.

We are excited to share progress reports for all students during the parent-teacher conferences on October 12 and 14. Thank you in advance for attending these conferences, as the discussions provide reflections and insight into your child's academic progress. Please discuss with staff other times to meet if these two dates do not work into your schedule.

Please continue to have a great fall and come out to support the Warriors in any fashion possible.

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# What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to [billhorn@rtc279.com](mailto:billhorn@rtc279.com)

## Spaghetti Bake

Submitted by Larry Sauerbrei, 2021 Co-Grump

- 1# hamburger
- 1 jar Prego spaghetti sauce
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 8 oz cottage cheese
- 8 oz sour cream
- 1 box spaghetti noodles
- 1-8 oz pkg of shredded mozzarella and 1-8 oz pkg shredded cheddar cheese

Boil noodles until done. Drain. Brown hamburger. Drain juice. Mix hamburger and spaghetti sauce together. Next mix cream cheese, cottage cheese and sour cream together. Layer in a 9 x 13 cake pan - half the noodles, half the hamburger mix, half cream cheese mixture. Then put second layer on. Sprinkle the mozzarella and cheddar cheese on top. Cover with aluminum foil and bake in 350 for 30 minutes. Remove aluminum foil and bake another 15 min. until cheese has melted.



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**“NASP Archery”**

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Archery — it’s a passion of mine and something I’ve done my entire life.

As far back as I have memory, I had a bow and arrow, whether it was a suction cup arrow bow at a very early age, to graduating to my first recurve, then compound, all the way up to the top-of-the-line modern technology PSE I’m blessed to use today, archery has always been in my life. There’s just something about shooting a bow that makes me feel great and I couldn’t picture life without the release of the arrow.

Most of my archery experience has been geared towards hunting and the occasional 3-D competition, and my parents and family have always been supportive in my passion. As I’m now on the backside of 40, and as the years go by, I want to share that passion with as many as I can so our youth can have that same feeling of a great shot or a tight group of arrows in the target.

In the late fall of 2020, my daughter, Delana, came home from school with a NASP archery sign-up sheet and wanted to give it a try. She had always shot with me and asked me if I would ask to help coach. This month, I’d like to introduce you to our Wapsie Valley Archery program.

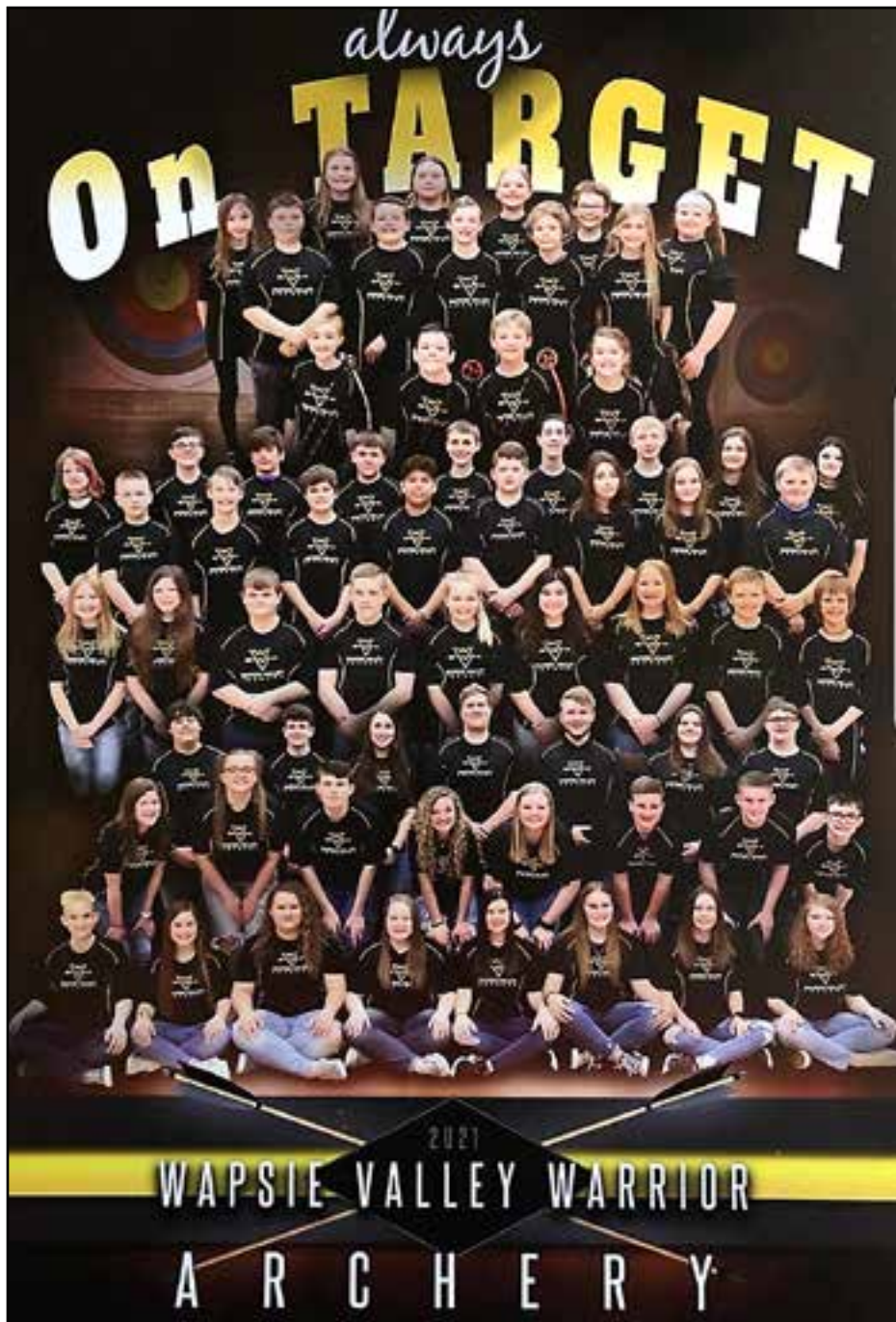
First off I’ll start with an overview of the program. “NASP, The National Archery in the Schools Program, is an in-school program aimed at improving educational performance among students in



Angie and Jason Auel are head coaches of the Wapsie archery program.

grades 4th – 12th. And through it, students are learning focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and the life lessons required to be successful in the classroom and in life.”

The overall NASP program began in Kentucky in 2002 with the training of 39 educators and 22 middle school pilot projects. Shortly afterwards, many state agencies joined the program and NASP was granted a 501c(3) non-profit education foundation status. As the program has progressed, in a single school year, more than 2.34 million students participate nationwide. Since its initial inception, 48 states, 9 provinces and 11 countries have participated in the program and it is continuing to grow.



The first teams in Iowa were 2007. Now, currently around 225-250 schools each year report the two-week in-school portion. In 2019-2020, 42,000 archers were reported to have at least one archery lesson. This comes from in the schools and outside the school.

Our Wapsie team is starting their tenth year as a program in 2022. Led by head coaches Angie and Jason Auel, the team has averaged over 90 archers each season since its inception.

As the season neared last year, we purchased Delana a bow and some arrows to get ready for the first practice. In the NASP program, the bows are all the same. They are single cam compound bows with no sights and the only adjustment on them is the draw weight. Draw length is determined by how far each archer draws back to their anchor point. I soon learned that, if a youth wants to participate, they can use a school bow if needed, so the cost can be very minimal to participate.

As Delana and I attended the first practice, we were both welcomed from the coaches and the archers. This would be Delana’s 4th grade season and, while she had shot her whole life, these bows were a completely different animal from her compound with sights at home. She started off erratic, but started to figure out how to shoot better after awhile and welcomed the challenge to shoot instinctively.

I, on the other hand, started off my archery coaching nervous. I knew how to help the young archers, but, to be absolutely honest, I felt intimidated with the talent of most of the students shooting that had been in the program awhile.

I was instantly impressed with how the coaching staff had these archers shooting. I started to think, “What could I possibly

tell these kids to help them when they shoot so well?” As time went by, my intimidation went away as I got to know the kids and realized, no matter how well you shoot, it all goes back to the basics.

With the help of Jason and Angie, and other coaches like Chris and Kim Gray, Mike Tiedt, Kathie Kane, and Brian Miller, I soon felt like part of the family and coaching became a lot of fun. It’s so exciting to help the kids work out a shooting problem or watch them achieve their goals at a tournament and they excitedly thank you for the help and support. Delana improved each week and soon was telling me all the time how archery is her favorite sport.

Tournaments are usually held on Saturdays with a flight time for each archer and they work each week to qualify for the state tournament in Des Moines as individuals and as teams. From state they can make it all the way to the National tournament.

Registration for Wapsie’s program began in October with practices starting in November. Invitationals will begin (most likely) in January-February with state being in Des Moines March 5-6.

For more information on our Wapsie program and if your child would like to join us this season, contact Angie Auel at 515-370-4810 [angieael@yahoo.com](mailto:angieael@yahoo.com). For more information on NASP, check out [naspschools.org](http://naspschools.org).

Before I sign off this month, I want to thank Angie and Jason Auel for allowing me the chance to coach, and share my archery passion with the students. Also thanks to the above named coaches as well for showing me the ropes. I’m very excited to get the 2022 season underway!

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# Readlyn City Council Minutes September 13, 2021

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:45p.m. for Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the Public Hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Rocco Imbrogno, Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Lindsey Lambert, Nancy Erhardt, Marc Kuker, Austin Matthias, Kyle Hesse.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve minutes from the August 9 and

September 1, 2021 council meetings. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve the budget report and library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the Nancy Erhardt Lif Est. Special Permit request. If approved the Special Permit would allow a 3' railing on a new 8-1/2' x 17' x 22" ht deck in the front yard. Readlyn Restricted Residence Ordinance Chapter 120.05(3)(D) says: Front yard setback 25'. At the following location:

225 West 41h Street, in the town of Readlyn, Bremer County, Iowa. Notice had been published in the Waverly Newspaper on August 31, 2021. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard, motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to approve Special Permit No. 2021-01 as requested by Nancy Erhardt Lif Est, 225 West 4111 Street, in the town of Readlyn, Bremer County, Iowa. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Ordinance No. 358 for its second reading entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER FOR REGULATING THE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the second reading of Ordinance No. 358 duly adopted.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to introduce Ordinance No 358 for its third and final reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 358 duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to introduce Ordinance No. 359 for its second reading entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF

THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER FOR REGULATING GOLF CARTS". Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the second reading of Ordinance No. 359 duly adopted.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Ordinance No. 359 for its third and final reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. Whereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 359 duly adopted.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to proceed with adding a stop sign at the corner of West 41 Street and Goodell Ave. Ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting for adoption. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve public works employees to attend fall wastewater conference. Roll call vote. NAYS: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to set Halloween Trick or Treating for Sunday, October 31 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve fall leaf burning from October

1st to November 15,2021. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Resolution No. 857 entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 CITY FINANCE REPORT". Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 857 duly adopted.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by introduce Resolution No. 858 entitled "RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATIONS 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS". Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 858 duly adopted.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk


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