

It's time to elect your 2022 Grump!

At a recent Community Club meeting, the current and past Readlyn Grumps offered to conduct the search for candidates and the election process to choose the 2022 Readlyn Grump. At that meeting, the Community Club voted to have the Grumps do this.

The Grumps met and it was voted and passed that the process would be done this way. When this issue of the paper is distributed, all paid members of the Community Club will be able to go to the library, pay their 2022 dues (\$15 for one and \$30 per couple), receive a ballot and ballot envelope and vote for the 2022 Readlyn Grump. The sealed ballot envelopes will be kept at the library and then combined with votes that are done at the Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. This process will be conducted until the Annual Meeting. If you have not joined and voted by then you may join and vote at the meeting. Voting will conclude at that time.

The new 2022 Readlyn Grump will be crowned at Readlyn Days the third weekend in June.

Following are the 2022 Grump candidates:

Don Heineman

I was raised on a farm east of Readlyn. I'm a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where I have held several council positions.

I graduated from Oran/Fairbank with the class of 1959. I played on the Readlyn baseball team, and played many years of



Don Heineman



Janet Ladage

fast pitch and slow pitch softball.

On September 23, 1962, I married Joyce Hartman. We have three children, Janell Levendusky, Oklahoma City, OK; Jeff, Cedar Rapids, and Deann Ambrosy, Waterloo. We also have seven grandchildren (one deceased) and six great-grandchildren.

I was an auto technician in Waterloo/Cedar Falls, and farmed near Readlyn until 2020. I have been a Hawkeye and Chicago Cubs fan all my life. We enjoy fishing and taking road trips.

I would be happy to serve Readlyn as the 2022 Grump.

Janet Ladage

I am honored to call Readlyn my home and to be considered a candidate for Readlyn Grump 2022.

I was born and raised just north of Readlyn. I attended school and graduated from Tripoli Schools. My first marriage brought me living in the Wapsie Valley School District on an acreage not far from my childhood home. When Larry and I



Larry Pavelec

got married in 1978, we continued to live there. My daughter Tina and our son Aaron graduated from Wapsie Valley. Larry has four kids, Kip, Kurt, Kelly and Karol. We have 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Eight years ago, we moved from our acreage to Readlyn and love being here.

I have been employed by Tripoli Schools for 16 1/2 years as an associate and secretary. So, I have come full circle from going to school there, to working there. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Matthew's, Readlyn, and am still a member there. I have served as church president, council secretary and was employed as church secretary. I am also a member of St. Matthew Martha Circle and presently serve as president.

Larry and I are members of the Readlyn Community Club, where I have served as a director in the past.

I was a part-time librarian for a while and have also served on the Library Board. I have been a member of the Read-



Jim Collins

lyn Town & Country Homemakers for many years.

My hobbies are working with my flowers, some gardening, helping to keep the lawn looking nice and sewing and doing puzzles when I can't be outside. We have a trailer in a campground north of Cresco and we spend a lot of our summer there.

I would be honored to serve as Readlyn's 2022 Grump. Then there would be two grumps in the house, as Larry was the 2018 Grump.

Larry Pavelec

I have lived almost my entire life in Bremer County. I was born August 1955, the son of Reinhold and Verdeen. I attended school at Readlyn Elementary, graduating with Wapsie Valley High School class of 1973. I met my wife (Vicki) at Wartburg college and united in marriage on July 2, 1977, at Wayne Zion Lutheran Church, Monticello, Iowa. We raised three boys in Readlyn: Derek, Brett and Craig. I worked in construction. I have filled my life with memberships on Bremer County Conservation Board, board member of Readlyn Betterment group, Bremer County contractor's board as the Readlyn representative, lifetime member of the Bremer County nature alliance, hunter safety instructor 28 years, scoutmaster of troop 101 Readlyn 18 years, founding member of Readlyn EMS first responders (7 yrs.), Readlyn City Council, Zion Lutheran Church Council, Readlyn Area Parish Council multiple

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Wapsie Valley names Chris Hoover next Superintendent

FAIRBANK, IA — The Wapsie Valley Community School District School Board has named Chris Hoover as the district's next superintendent.

As superintendent of the Maquoketa Community School District since 2014, Hoover has planned and facilitated multiple large-scale building projects and led major initiatives and change efforts for the district. He has also collaborated with service providers and community partners to enhance teaching and learning throughout the schools.

As a district leader, Hoover has placed a focus on communication, ensuring that parents, staff, students, and community members are thoroughly informed of the challenges and opportunities of their local schools.

Before his time in Maquoketa, Hoover served as the shared superintendent of

the Turkey Valley and South Winneshiek CSDs, where sustained a school culture and instructional programs conducive to student learning and staff professional development. He also was a principal in the Nodaway Valley CSD.

Hoover holds a master of education degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Upper Iowa University. He received his superintendent certification from UNI.

The School Board has been working with Grundmeyer Leader Services to conduct the search. The board conducted a first round of interviews February 2 and held interviews with the three finalists February 8.

Hoover will officially begin leading the Wapsie Valley Community School District on July 1, 2022.

Readlyn Firefighter's Annual Breakfast is Sunday, March 6

The Readlyn Firefighter's Association's annual breakfast will be held Sunday, March 6, 2022 at The Center Inn, on Main St. in Readlyn. Serving will be from 8:00AM to 1:00PM and carry-outs will be available.

The menu for the event includes the following: Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage Patties, Rinderwurst, French Toast,

Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Coffee, and Milk. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door.

All proceeds will be used toward funding the betterment of the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department.

Readlyn Volunteer Firefighter's Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization established in 2012.

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Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Sauerbrei
2021 Co-Grump

On January 12, the grumps and their spouses met at The Center Inn and we enjoyed a buffet lunch. We had a good turnout with 13 grumps present, along with spouses. Afterwards, we had a Grump meeting. The main agenda item we discussed was the Grump candidate process for this next year. We also met again February 9 as a group for continued discussion. However, I was unable to attend as I was in the middle of hanging cupboards in the house we bought in town.

We had a good group to help take down the Christmas decorations in January. Big thank-you to Chris Davis, Ron and Louie Hartman, and Roger and Marlys Deterding for their hard work.

Looking forward to the Readlyn Fire-fighter's annual breakfast set for Sunday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Center Inn. It's a treat to get rinderwurst!

That's all for this month. Take care everyone!

Larry Sauerbrei Co-Grump 2021



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lydia Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! Welcome back to the mystery item game. Last month's item was the new city banners along Main Street! (Photo at left) Thank you to the City Council for purchasing and putting them up!

This month's mystery item (below): 1. Can also be seen along Main Street periodically throughout the year; 2. Can be received as a donation gift, and 3. Are hung by volunteers. Happy searching!



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Memorial Day Monday, May 30, 2022
Independence Day Monday, July 4, 2022
Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2022
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 24, 2022
Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 25, 2022
Christmas Eve (Eve) Friday, December 23, 2022
Christmas (Day After) Monday, December 26, 2022
New Year's 2023 Monday, January 2, 2023

If garbage is not picked up due to a holiday, the next garbage pickup day, each household is allowed to put out 1 (one) extra bag without a tag. This bag may not be larger than 32 gallon and must not weigh over 50 pounds.

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Readlyn Community Happenings

Readlyn Senior Citizens meet

Seventeen members attended the 11:30 AM meal at The Center Inn Event Center for the Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting. President Ron Leistikow led us in prayer and called the meeting to order.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Wilda Albrecht as she is celebrating a birthday in the month of January. There were no anniversaries this month to celebrate.

The secretary's minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting were read. Larry Ladage made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Verdeen Pavelec seconded it. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$262.00. Wilda Albrecht made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Don Heineman seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron Leistikow read the thank you from the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation. The Senior Citizens group donated \$100.00 towards the auction the evening of the dinner. Over \$20,000 was raised for teacher grants and scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Readlyn Community Club will be meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 PM at the Readlyn Event Center. Members will be voting on a Grump to represent Readlyn at the Annual Grump Days event in June. Who will be the 2022 Grump?

It was discussed that the *Chronicle* always needs more businesses to advertise in the *Chronicle*. Right now, the *Chronicle* has from 80-85 businesses that advertise. Costs go up to publish the paper each month.

The next Senior Citizens' meeting will be February 16, 2022 at The Center Inn Event Center at 11:30 AM.

Motion was made by Roland Schmidt and seconded by Marlys Deterding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Card playing and socializing followed the meeting.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

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Classes of '61, '62 VFW Auxiliary meets to hold reunion

The Wapsie Valley Classes of 1961 and 1962 are having a reunion on June 11, 2022!

It will take place at the park by the elementary school in Readlyn, IA starting at noon.

Due to COVID-19, people are asked to bring their own food. It will be outside to provide for social distancing. People may wish to bring a chair along if they do not wish to sit at a table.

If you have any questions, call Kurt Lehmkuhl at 612-269-5939.

The response has been very positive so far!

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary met at The Readlyn Library on February 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. With five members present, the meeting was called to order and opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read by Acting Secretary Betty Power. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht to accept the minutes. Carried. Darlene Peters seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was read and is subject to audit. General Orders and Chairman Reports were read by all members; there were no bills.

Old Business

- Volunteer hours were turned in.
- Department Convention will be held June 2-5 in Des Moines

New Business

Next Pepper tourney is March 5

The pepper tournament was held on Saturday, February 5 at the Center Inn with 14 players participating. The winners and their scores were:

1st Place: Ron and Judy Leistikow - 202

2nd Place: Joan Matthias and Judy

Henn - 192

3rd Place: (Tie) Suzy Heineman and Grace Kuethe - 181

Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 181

The next tournament will be Saturday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. at The Center Inn. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner.

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Jon Jaschen

- We are going to send Valentines to Veterans

Thank yous were read from Luann Happel and Kathy Heinemann after hospitalization. Members looked at year-end reports and were subsequently discussed. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn. Carried. Hostess was Betty Power.

Readlyn Community Club Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 26
Center Inn Event Center
5:30 pm social hour and dinner to follow

\$30 single or \$50 per couple The annual meeting includes Readlyn Community Club membership fee and Sunrise Catering's buffet dinner! Entertainment for the evening will be announced soon. Stay tuned to RCC Facebook page for details. If you pay dues ahead of time, cost of meal will be adjusted accordingly. Sign up for the meal before the 26th at the bank so we have an accurate attendance count.

THANK YOU so much for the calls, messages, thoughts, prayers, flowers, food, and memorials that were received in memory of our mother. These were also a great reminder of the number of students she taught over the years. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

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Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00

New Face at the Library

Hello, Readlyn! My name is Kim Hollon and I'll be stepping into the role of Library Director as Patrick Brodigan begins his new chapter. I'm a recent Iowa transplant and have really enjoyed putting down new roots. The Library has long been a beloved space for me and I'm so excited to be able to serve the community in this position. I'd love to meet you all, so please stop by and say hello! I look forward to getting to know everyone and will be on hand for book talk and a friendly conversation. I know it's tough saying goodbye to Patrick, and I hope that I will be able to serve the residents of Readlyn as well as he has these past three years.



Hiring Part-Time Library Assistant

The Readlyn Community Library is seeking a part time (PRN) library assistant. Qualified candidates should have good customer service, communication, and computer skills, able to work with children and adults, be flexible with hours, and maintain a professional appearance. This position will assist patrons to find and use library resources, maintain the library webpage, and make a positive impact on our community. A high school diploma or a GED is required. Candidate must be 18 years of age or older.

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Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

March's title: This Close to Okay

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **March 31st.**

On a rainy October night in Kentucky, recently divorced therapist Tallie Clark is on her way home from work when she spots a man precariously standing at the edge of a bridge. Without a second thought, Tallie pulls over and jumps out of the car into the pouring rain. She convinces the man to join her for a cup of coffee, and he eventually agrees to come back to her house, where he finally shares his name: Emmett.

Over the course of the emotionally charged weekend that follows, Tallie makes it her mission to provide a safe space for Emmett, though she hesitates to confess that this is also her day job. What she doesn't realize is that Emmett isn't the only one who needs healing—and they both are harboring secrets.

Alternating between Tallie and Emmett's perspectives as they inch closer to the truth of what brought Emmett to the bridge's edge—as well as the hard truths Tallie has been grappling with since her marriage ended—This Close to Okay is an uplifting, cathartic story about chance encounters, hope found in unlikely moments, and the subtle magic of human connection.





Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

The Big Corner—Highways 3 & 63

Dead Man's Corner

— Viola Oltrogge Teisinger

When I was about 10 years old they paved the road, Highway 3. We lived along the highway. My dad took pictures of the men cementing the road. I still have pictures of it. It was in 1930 when they cemented the road.

My sister and I walked a half mile down the corner where a man had a truckful of watermelons. He would give us some watermelon to eat. While walking, a big car passed us real fast and then we heard a crash. I looked up and saw a man flying in the air. We ran down to the 3 and 63 corner. We saw a priest lying on his back, dead. A boy was sitting with a nun holding him. The boy had what I thought looked like his brain hanging out of his forehead. From the other car that collided with the other car, a man was laying in the ditch with his head half off. We then ran home to tell our parents. Since then that corner has been called the Dead Man's Corner. There had been five dead people in that accident.

— Country Schools and Classic Cars

Alvin Sommers and the Weigh Station

Alvin Sommers and his wife owned a Phillips 66 station 500 feet west of the 4-way stop on the south side of Highway 3. A weigh station was located at the northeast corner of the four-way stop.

Calls would come to Alvin in his station from truckers, "Are they weighing?" He had a good view of the weigh station and would answer.

He became a very handy Justice of the Peace. Never did find out if he continued tipping off drivers after he was a magistrate.



Changing Configuration of the Corner

I assume, originally when both were dirt roads, the intersection was a four-way stop or maybe not a stop at all. From 1930, after Highway 3 was paved, as a driver approached the intersection and wished to turn right, approximately 300 feet from the intersection a lane veered right that led to a stop sign on the other highway. When a driver wished to turn left, the driver would proceed to the four-way stop. Sometime in the fifties, the side ramps were removed and all traffic was controlled at the four-way stop.

Now, with Highway 63 traffic flowing under Highway 3, traffic can proceed at the speed limit unless the driver wishes to turn onto the other highway. It took many years, but they finally got it all figured out.

Rex Bales and the Corner

It was common knowledge that Rex Bales was involved in black market operations during World War II, from 1941 until a few years after the War when many

commodities were still in short supply. He bought property adjacent to the Big Corner in 1948. Art Kurtt said Rex Bales paid cash with two suitcases filled with \$20.00 bills. Legal statements reported the sale was \$40,000. Took two days to count. Shorty Diercks asked Rex if he really paid cash for the Seegers farm. He answered that he paid for the farm with cash which he had stored in fruit jars. That payment was made with 2,000 \$20 bills.

Rex, after purchasing the Seegers farm, made many additions to his property. He built a lean-to on the side of the barn for a lumberyard. He tore down the old farm house and replaced it with a new home. Across Highway 63, his property extended to the east beyond Denver Creek. A short distance from the creek, he built a banked race track and a horse barn. Many of the horses he owned were bid on at horse sales at the Waverly Sale Barn.

He owned the cafe building, a two-story cement block building with living quarters above. There was also a gas station south of the cafe. Through the years, he moved many buildings onto his property. One was an old large, ugly, two-story dormitory from the Bremer County Poor Farm plus several cottages which had been living quarters for individual families at the poor farm. He added one-room rural school houses that were abandoned through school consolidations. Other buildings were brought in, some were modified for housing and some stood empty.

Big Corner in 1959

Wayne Kuethe drove from Readlyn to Wartburg in 1958-59 to earn his degree. Reconstructing the corner, at that time, Wayne remembers the DOT had a scale on land northeast of the corner. To the northwest, the Richman family operated a fruit and vegetable stand.

He added, "The watermelon was delicious, 3 cents a pound."

On the southwest, Alvin Sommers owned a gas station, west up the hill on 3. Rex Bales' home and lumberyard were a short distance south of the stop. Southeast of the stop, Rex owned a conglomeration of buildings, among them a gas station, a cafe, a horse barn and several residences.



Cafe 63 Ownership

Over the years, several families owned the cafe. In 1948, after Rex at age 40 married Helen Kirchoff of Denver, she ran the cafe. The Canfield family, Mel and Esther, owned and operated Cafe 63 from the early 1950s until they moved to a building south of Denver naming it Canfield's Cafe. Their 8 children, seven girls and one son, were involved. Genevieve Maurer Schrage's two daughters, Catherine and Chrystal, were proprietors from 1972 to 1976. Another party operated the business for a short while until a fire in the living quarters above the cafe closed the cafe permanently.

End of Big Corner Commercially

The authorities were fed up with Rex's antics. The Bremer County Board of Supervisor was not happy with all of Rex's clutter. A ditch was dug on the east side of Highway 63 denying him access to his property. The property was taken over. The horse barn, never painted and weathered away, was finally removed. Workers who were hired to tear down the buildings were constantly on the lookout for hidden loot, but found none.

The Big Corner is now free of any commercial activity. Holding ponds were created on the northeast quadrant for Denver flood control. Drivers now speed through or turn off onto the other highway with no distractions.

I am puzzled. I do not know whether the reconstructed corner should be referred to as The Big Corner, Dead Man's Corner, the corner 7 miles east of Waverly, or the corner 2 miles north of Denver. I guess the answer should be, "all of the above."

Participants in Big Corner History

Genevieve Maurer Schrage's daughters, Catherine and Chrystal Schrage, were proprietors of Cafe 63 for 4 years. Cathy married Tom Johnston of Waverly and Chrys married Dave Carter of Nashua.

Mel and Esther Canfield had seven daughters: Judy Decker, Westgate; Loretta (deceased, 2021); Sandra (George) Chaffee, Sun City, AZ; Marcella (Larry) Gilliland, Sarasota, FL; Kathy (Chris) Hopkins, Earlham, IA; Marilyn (Mark) Huber, Harpers Ferry, IA; Debbie (John) Bracilin, Milford, IA; and one son,

Melvin Canfield, Jr., Des Moines.

Louis (died, 1980) and Amanda Seegers (died, 1965) had three children, Vernon, a Marine who died on Iwo Jima in WWII, Fred (Seegers Truck Line) and Velma Harms Matthias. After selling the farm to Rex Bales, Louie moved to a smaller farm south of Denver. Later, he moved into Denver. Louie was employed by WCF&N Railway and later as a janitor for Denver Schools.

Rex and Helen Kirchoff Bales have an interesting past and they will be covered in a later issue.



Judy Canfield Decker (front) and Loretta Canfield, the two oldest Canfield sisters, are shown on Judy's trike. Judy, age 76, travels by motorcycle throughout the Midwest.

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Celebrating 100 days of school at Wapsie Elementary

Preschool & Kindergarten Enrollment Night! Fairbank and Readlyn



Now enrolling for 2022-23 School Year

Enrollment Night:

Fairbank: Tuesday, March 1st from 5:30-6:30 PM

- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Parent Informational Meeting in the Fairbank Gym
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open House: Visit the classrooms and meet the teachers!

Readlyn: Thursday, March 3rd from 5:30-6:30 PM

- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Parent Informational Meeting in the Readlyn Gym
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- Or, visit www.wapsievalleyschools.com if you prefer to fill out the enrollment paperwork and bring it with you to enrollment night
- attend enrollment night in Fairbank on March 1st or in Readlyn on March 3rd to fill out paperwork or mail/drop off the registration packet to the elementary school

We look forward to being partners in your child's learning!

Children must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 15, 2022 to enroll in preschool. Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2022 to enroll in Kindergarten.



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Literacy Week Feb. 28-March 4 at Wapsie Elementary

Literacy Week will be February 28-March 4 this year, and we are excited for families and the community to help our students celebrate reading!

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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



First grade celebrated its 100th day.



Fifth and 6th grade went to see Drumline at Gallagher Bluedorn. Kiptyn Cox had the opportunity to join the show.



Third graders are working in the classroom.



The 3rd grade class sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Larson.



Second graders made homemade ice cream with Mrs. Cook from the Bremer Co. Farm Bureau.



Wapsie Valley School Board Minutes

Wapsie Valley CSD Special School Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2022

- Called to Order by President Sauerbrei at 5:30 pm. Met in Mr. Sabotto's classroom
 - Directors: Auel, Sauerbrei, Wolfe & Van Daele. Aiello (excused) Declare a quorum
 - Superintendent Larson & Board Secretary Arndt
- No additional items for the agenda
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0
- No public comment
- Superintendent Larson has had numerous meetings with AEA, Colleagues, and IASB Attorney on IASB policies being presented regarding the Iowa OSHA vaccination mandate. The recommendation would be to approve these policies with a good faith effort as presented with policy 209.4 (Suspension of policy) being enforced if Iowa OSHA decides not to adopt or enforce the federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard that is currently the subject of litigation before the United States Supreme Court.
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve board policies 209.2, 209.4, 403.7, 403.7R1, 403.R2, 403.7E1, 403.7E2, and 403.7E3 with policy 209.4 (Suspension of policy) being enforced if Iowa OSHA decides not to adopt or enforce the federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard that is currently the subject of litigation before the United States Supreme Court. Motion carried 4-0
- Board Talking Points: Reported to the Board that Wrestling is going well. Girls and Boys basketball teams should be alternating playing time in the multipurpose gym and the main gym.
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 5:52 pm. Motion carried 4-0 Submitted by

Kim Arndt

Wapsie Valley CSD Special School Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022

- Called to Order by President Sauerbrei at 7:06 pm.
 - Directors: Sauerbrei, Wolfe, Aiello, Van Daele & Auel (virtual) Declared a quorum
 - Others Present: TJ Murphy, Alyson Forsyth, Lindsay Fox (virtual), Kim Arndt & Roger Wilcox-Grundmeyer Leader Search
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to go into closed session at 7:06 Roll call vote - All

Ayes-5-0 Closed session 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to come out of closed session at 8:21 am. Roll call vote - All Ayes-5-0

- Board Talking Points: None
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Motion carried 5-0 Submitted by

Kim Arndt

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Meeting January 17, 2022

- Pledge of Allegiance
- President Sauerbrei called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 PM.
 - Directors: Sauerbrei, Aiello, Auel, Wolfe, & VanDaele Declare a quorum.
 - Administration: Dave Larson, TJ Murphy & Jayme Hurley
 - Others: Josh Johnson, Dr. Deb Rich, Max Kayser, Vaughn Gross, & 2 virtual participants
 - Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
 - Public Comment: Max Kayser presented a candle fundraiser for the Junior class and scratch cupcakes fundraiser for the Freshman class. Vaughn Gross presented a cookie dough fundraiser for the prom/junior class. He also informed the board of the awesome Saturday competition the Robotics club won. The Robotics club now holds the 5th highest meet score out of 162 teams in the state. Great job! Dr. Rich & Josh Johnson explained the services Central Rivers AEA provides for WV.
 - Consent Items: - Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the consent items including the printed bills summary being reviewed by Jerry Van Daele as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Van Daele to approve Olivia Jewell & Nolan Henderson requesting the open enrollment of their kindergarten student to WV from Oelwein after a family move.

5. Communication & Reports: Board: Nothing Superintendent Larson discussed the Shared Special Education position for the 22-23 school year, OSHA ETS policies were discontinued on January 13, 2022, BLT committee discussed a new reading curriculum, next month will discuss the restructuring of administrative positions for 22-23, CAPS meeting, January 31, 2022 budget meeting, and possible Leader In Me grant monies.

Principal Hurley discussed professional development, BE Academy, report cards, Map & NEAP testing, & position updates.

Principal Murphy discussed professional development, FFA, FCCLA/FCS, Student Ambassadors, DARE, Multi Occupational Coordinator, & Activity updates.

6. Personnel Actions- Resignations: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the resignation of Austin Jeanes as the assistant baseball coach and thank him for his service to Wapsie Valley students and staff as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Contracts: Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the contracts as follows: Austin Jeanes- Head Softball Coach-Base 1/Step 0-\$3,008, John Kleitsch - Full-Time Substitute effective upon authorization completion-\$120 per day, Madison Van Dam-FB Special Education Teacher - Base 0/Step 0 - \$16,810.18 - TSS - \$2,011.29 and Mentee contract - \$500 - 2.5 days (21-22 school yr), Anna Benhart -Mentor- \$625-2.5days, Diane McClain-P/T Food Service-\$11.90 P/H 25 hours per week, Davie, Justin-\$3,443-Head Boys Track-Base 4/Year 18, Kleitsch, Ethan-\$2,045.- Asst. Boys Track-Base 1/Year 4, Bergman, Brett-\$2,190-Asst High School Track-Base 2/Year 7, Foster, Duane-\$3,153-Head Girls Track-Base 2/Year 9, Harter, Jen-\$2,625-Asst. Girls Track-Base 5/Year 21, Cushion, Cain-\$1,950-JH Boys Track-Base 2/Year 8, Jeanes, Austin-\$1,805-JH Girls Track-Base 1/Year 3, Joecken, Tom-\$3,153-Varsity Baseball-Base 2/Year 9, Bruncheon, Kelli-\$2,045- Asst Softball-Base 1/Year 3, Joecken, Tom-\$1,950-JH Baseball-Base 2/Year 9, Tiedt, Hailey- \$1,805-JH Softball-Base 1/Year 3

7. New Business-Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the Inspection & Maintenance Agreement from R & R Septic Solutions (\$3,080) as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the district's response to the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic, the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for funding related to FY22 SWVPP increased enrollment in the amount of \$10,840.50 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Wolfe to approve to pay McKayla Bellis an additional \$3,000 for hours worked out of contract due to COVID19 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to set the public hearing date of February 21, 2022, for the 22-23 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by VanDaele to approve the payment from the general fund of \$10,800 to Rock Valley Physical for the 21-22 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0

8. Board Talking Points -Mr. Bergman has a schedule for rotating boys and girls basketball games between the multi-purpose gym and the main gym. When are baseball nets going up? Mr. Larson will look into it.

9. Moved by VanDaele, Seconded by Wolfe to

adjourn at 7:46PM Motion carried 5-0

Wapsie Valley CSD Special School Board Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2022

- Called to Order by President Sauerbrei at 4:55 pm.
 - Directors: Sauerbrei, Wolfe, Aiello, Auel, & Van Daele (5:05). Declared a quorum
 - Others Present: TJ Murphy, Jayme Hurley, Alyson Forsyth, Lindsay Fox (virtual), Kim Arndt & Roger Wilcox-Grundmeyer Leader Search
- Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Wolfe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to go into closed session at 5:03 Roll call vote - 4-0 Van Daele arrived at 5:05 Closed session 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to come out of closed session at 7:54 am. Roll call vote - All Ayes-5-0
- Board Talking Points: None
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Van Daele to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried 5-0 Submitted by Kim Arndt

Wapsie Valley CSD Special School Board Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2022

- Called to Order by President Sauerbrei at 2:49 PM.
 - Directors: Sauerbrei, Wolfe, Aiello, Auel, & Van Daele. Declared a quorum
 - Others Present: TJ Murphy, Jayme Hurley, Alyson Forsyth, Lindsay Fox, Trent Grundmeyer & Roger Wilcox (Grundmeyer Leader Search) attended the meeting at 6:45 PM. Kim Arndt (2:49 PM)
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Aiello to go into closed session at 2:49 PM Roll call vote - Motion carried 5-0 Closed session 21.5 (i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to come out of closed session at 8:21 PM. Roll call vote - Motion carried-5-0
- Moved by Wolfe, Seconded by Auel to extend a contract to the preferred candidate as discussed in closed session as presented. Roll call vote- Wolfe, Auel, Aiello & Sauerbrei-YAYS Van Daele-NAY Motion carried 4-1
- Board Talking Points: None
- Moved by Van Daele, Seconded by Auel to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion carried 5-0 Submitted by Kim Arndt

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The Iowa winter has been an interesting time with many sub-zero temperatures that have caused numerous late starts and cancellations of the school day. I hope Mother Nature tones down her extreme conditions so we can get through the rest of the winter without interrupting our learning routines. Thank you to all families for your continued understanding when having to change your family routines to keep all WVCSD students safe.

One group of people that I would like to thank are the numerous subs in our communities who have stepped up to help support our staff who are absent for various reasons. The surge of illnesses this past two months has made it extremely difficult to fill positions within our schools because of absenteeism. At this point, we have kept our doors open because of the substitutes in our buildings. Many districts in the State of Iowa have had to cancel school days because of the lack of substitutes. Our secretarial staff has once again done an excellent job filling these positions as needed, so thank you to Carol Peine, Jen Matthias,

SuzAnn Conner, and Tara Sullivan.

I am so excited to see where our extracurricular teams go as they approach post-season play. The wrestling team and basketball teams are preparing for competitive matches to get to the state level of play. The Fine Arts Department is preparing for a spring play, programs, and contests. The FFA students are also starting the process to compete in numerous competitions in the near future.

One last recognition that I would like to share would be to Rustie Kane for his years of service on the WVCSD school board. Thank you for your time and efforts in supporting WVCSD. I would like to welcome Angie Auel who filled this vacant seat on the board. These positions are four-year commitments to our school districts. So if you get a chance please thank the current board members; Brent Sauerbrei, Jeannie Wolfe, Steve Aiello, Jerry Van Daele, and Angie Auel for their service.

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Obituary



Dolores Margaret Ungs

Dolores Margaret Ungs, 88, of Readlyn, Iowa, died of health issues on February 5, 2022, at the Physicians Regional Pine Ridge Hospital in Naples, Florida while visiting family.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn, and also for one hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly. There was a Rosary at 10:30 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 19 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly. The service was livestreamed on the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home Facebook page. Burial was held in Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Dolores was born August 9, 1933, the 8th of 13 children of Julius and Susan (Glaser) Rosauer. Dolores made her first communion, was confirmed, and attended twelve years of school at St. Boniface. She was united in marriage to Robert Arthur (Bob) Ungs on September 10, 1951, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia, Iowa.

In 1962, they moved to Readlyn to own and operate the corner pub, Du Kum Inn. Dolores worked at many different jobs; the longest was 19 years at Powers Manufacturing in Waterloo. In the late '80s, she and Bob opened and ran a very successful family franchise of Borderline Pizza just north of Readlyn.

Dolores started and ran the Readlyn "Share" meals program. She was a lifetime volunteer and loved being in card clubs and Red Hats. She was active in her parish auxiliary at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly, Readlyn Community Club, Readlyn Historical Society, American Legion, and other community organizations. She helped with community meals and anywhere she could help and be with people.

Playing cards or board games with her grandchildren while eating ice cream or talking with Red Hats friends were her favorite things. Her presence in the family and community will be greatly missed.

Dolores is survived by her children, Bob (Carol) of Lakewood, CA; Mary Lou of Readlyn, IA; Kelly (Janet) of Plymouth, MN; and Jeff (Kelli) of Naples, FL. Her grandchildren include Leslie (Vivek) Ungs Singh of Simi Valley, CA; Lauren (Phil) Ungs of Oakland, CA; Ben (Alina) Ungs of San Diego, CA; Kaitlin (Max) Christensen Ungs of St. Louis Park, MN; Elijah (Amanda) Ungs of Forest City, IA; Isaac (Anita) Ungs of Salem, VA; Alisha Ungs of Dubuque, IA; Aaron Ungs of Humbolt, IA; and Abraham Ungs of Naples, FL; and a great-grandchild, Nikash Singh, of Simi Valley, CA. Dolores is also survived by 3 sisters: Patti Stoddard of AZ, Lucy Rogge of HI, Terri (Jack) Duffin, a sister-in law Joan (Joe) Rosauer of CA; and many wonderful nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, on Feb. 19, 2011, recently by her second son, Kenny (Debbie) of Bruceville, TX; her daughter-in-law, Maureen; her parents; her brothers, Bobby, Jerry, Joe, Vince, and Jim Rosauer; her sisters and brothers-in-laws: Fran and Marty Neville, Lou and Carl Rawdon, Rita and Phil Edler, Marie and Harlan Mendenhall, Judy and Charlie Vickers, Rick Stoddard, Lucille Rosauer and the parents and siblings of her husband, Bob.

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“A Texas Size Adventure Part One”

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Happy nearly March, readers. The winter seems to be flying by for me. Usually it doesn't go by quickly, but, with a busy schedule, it has. Back in January, I had the privilege to travel to Texas for a wild hog/Redfish adventure. This month I will start telling you the story with part one.

This Texas story actually starts back in November. My good friend, Ben Anderson, had his buddy, Scott Wagner, up for a four-day trip to hunt and visit. Ben invited me over to meet Scott and, as it always does, the conversation went right to hunting and fishing. Scott lives in Schertz, Texas near San Antonio. I was so curious about the Texas hunting and fishing I probably drove him nuts with questions as I had never had the opportunity to travel there. The night went much later than anticipated as we shared stories and, in the process, I decided I would get Ben and Scott out on an Iowa duck hunt before he left for home.

We set Sunday morning for the hunt and that morning dawned cold, with a 36 mph north-west wind, and cloudy. The conditions seemed ideal and I was excited to hopefully get Ben and Scott on some ducks. As we started to make our way to a makeshift blind of a fallen tree and weed growth all around it along the edge of a Wapsi river backwater pond, I quickly realized I was going to have a hard time getting them to the blind as late fall rains had brought the river up quite a bit and had the area somewhat flooded. What had been dry ground all fall was now covered with a foot and a half of water. Scott and Ben did not have waders, so I went to plan B. I decided if I could get them to the north end of the pond we would be on dry ground. Problem was, a small waterway stood between us and a dry path around the pond to get there. We managed, after searching with flashlights, to find a fallen tree that spanned the distance of the waist deep creek. It had to be quite the show watching Scott and Ben tight wire the log while I did my best to hold onto them up to my waist in water with my waders. But they managed to get across dry. I then directed them around the pond while I waded across and set up the decoys.

As daylight started to wake up the area, the wind began to howl. I was actually concerned a Texas guy like Scott may not have a good time in this type of weather, but he seemed to be having fun videoing the setup and taking pictures. Shortly after daybreak, we began to see flocks of ducks flying down the river, all

well out of range. Calling didn't help at all as flock after flock went by. This particular day, they weren't flying their normal flight pattern I had scouted and it soon dawned on me that, with the unexpected water rise, the ducks had numerous flooded areas to stop on. We stuck it out for a few hours but no shots were fired that morning.

On our way out, Scott and Ben had to shimmy across the tree over the waterway and this time Ben's boot went for a little swim. Scott and I got a little laugh out of that but, for some reason, Ben didn't find the humor in it. When we got back to Ben's house, we talked for a while and Scott said, "You need to come down to Texas when Ben does, Eric." I smiled and nodded thinking at the moment that it was a courtesy invite. I soon realized it wasn't as Scott added me on social media and he, Ben, and I started chatting about it here and there.

Things started to get serious on the trip about mid-December when Ben called and asked if I could pull off a trip in late January. I desperately wanted to go and I wasn't sure if I could make it work with my work and sport show schedule that time of year. As I looked the calendar over, surprisingly it was an open time and I could make it work upon approval with my wife, Aubrey. Because she's always a good sport and so supportive of my adventures, she said I needed to make the trip, as I had talked frequently about how much fun it was spending that weekend with Scott and Ben. With her approval, I immediately let Ben and Scott know I was in!!

Ben's father-in-law, Jeff Schutte, would also be joining us on the trip. This had me beaming as I really hadn't had a chance to get to know Jeff and was looking forward to doing so. That same day, Jess Anderson, Ben's wife, started making our travel plans of flying to San Antonio. She was a total rockstar with her planning and organization. She arranged flights, rental car, and even parking at the airport and put it all in a spreadsheet. All we had to do was follow the tabs - how cool is that? I can't thank you enough, Jess!

Time seemed to stop from this moment until the January 20 departure. I'm certain I drove Ben and Scott nuts with all the texts and calls with questions and telling them how excited I was. But anyone that knows me knows I turn into an excited kid when it comes to anything outdoors. I decided that I would take my archery equipment to try to take a hog on the ranch. I spent a fair amount of time carefully packing and repacking all my equipment to prepare for flying. I found it somewhat difficult



to pack for a hunting trip while flying there. I had so many things I wanted to take and had a small area to fit everything. I became creative and my wife, Aubrey, was very helpful in this procedure as she flies often for work. I had also never flown with weapons as I had also decided to take my .45 caliber handgun as backup while sitting with my bow. I carefully studied TSA guides to have everything packed and locked as the airport required.

Finally the day came for departure. Jeff and Ben picked me up at 4:45 am and we were finally off to Minneapolis for our flight. I quickly realized Jeff and I would become friends as the three-hour drive to the airport seemed like twenty minutes as Jeff, Ben, and I talked local hunting and what I could expect on this trip, as they had went the year before.

Upon arrival at the airport, the nervousness of traveling with weapons faded as we walked through the airport with locked gun cases and other travelers asked where we were headed hunting and were very friendly. We checked in our cases with ease and the airline attendants were very helpful and guided us step-by-step. With that out of the way, we went through the normal airline check-in process and awaited the flight.

I was somehow lucky enough to get a window seat and loved watching everything below as it was a very clear day. I particularly liked the part where I no longer saw snow below as we flew south. Ben and I got a kick out of watching all the stats of the flight and tracking where we were at on the monitors in the backs of the seats. As we made our descent into San Antonio, we were all excited to get on the ground and I could see below how different the terrain looked. Finally, touchdown in San

Antonio! We made our way through the airport and picked up our gun cases from baggage claim. Again, quite easy and it seemed everything made it with no damage.

Now it was time to pick up the rental vehicle. We were very surprised to see a brand new loaded Chevy Tahoe pull up to us. This thing was loaded with every option imaginable and would be very comfortable and plenty of room for our day to the coast redfishing on Sunday. Again, Jess, rockstar on your planning! Ben drove as he knew the area, and I was once again an excited little kid. Palm trees and different terrain, I was taking it all in. However, the warm weather we anticipated was not what we were looking for - 37 degrees and very windy. We all decided it was better than the 18 below zero we had left in Iowa.

Ben immediately drove us to Whataburger, a Texas staple. The late lunch hit the spot and I now understood how good the Whataburger was. We then drove to Scott's home in Schertz. There, we were greeted by Scott and his wife, Wendy. It was great to meet Wendy and get a tour of Scott and Wendy's home. Unfortunately, it was a bit too cold to take a swim in their pool...

We helped Scott load his truck with his equipment and we began the drive to the ranch. Jeff and I followed Scott and Ben and I definitely looked like a slow Iowa driver as I tried to keep up with Scott on the 75 mph speed limits on two-lane highways. Scott made fun of me for my slow driving when we stopped at the grocery store for food and drinks.

Once back on the road, winding through the countryside, I was in awe of everything, seeing cactus and thick underbrush among the brown winter landscape. Jeff and I were both pointing and saying "check that out," seeing deer and various wildlife. I could tell Jeff's passion for the outdoors was like mine. As we pulled up to the gate of the El Capote ranch, I was drawn to the monument at the entrance and learned that this ranch was once owned by Teddy Roosevelt's wife. How cool is that??

This is where I'm going to leave you all to read part two next month. This trip was such a great time, the story is going to last three parts.

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Readlyn City Council Meeting January 10, 2022

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno, Jason Franck, Keith Brunscheon, Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias, Cassidy Hesse, Randy Kleitsch, Patrick Brodigan, Sierra West.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the December 13, 2021 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve budget and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve budget report. Library report was unavailable. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

City department representatives presented their proposed FY22/23 budgets. All were taken under advisement. Council will have a special meeting on January 24, 2022 at 6:00PM to work on the budget.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to set the date for the Max Tax Public Hearing on February 14, 2022 at 7:00PM. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Mayor Dan Wedemeier and Rocco Imbrogno as Readlyn's representatives on the Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Francie NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Mayor Dan Wedemeier and Jason Franck as Readlyn's representatives on the EBRRRA Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve Mayor Dan Wedemeier and Readlyn's representative on the Waverly Area Development Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

opment Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve Mayor's appointment of Steve Aiello as Police Chief. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier appointed Nicole Barnes as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve council appointees for the next two years as follows:

City Attorney: Engelbrecht & Buchholz Law Office/Beau Buchholz

City Clerk: Lois Buhr

City Treasurer: Lois Buhr

City Superintendent: Bernard Wiersma

Electric Superintendent: Todd Tatroe, dba Tatroe Electric

Water Superintendent: Bernard Wiersma

Sewer Superintendent: Bernard Wiersma

Park Superintendent: Austin Matthias

Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier appointed the following Council Committees to serve the next two years as follows: Electric: *Franck, Imbrogno, Barnes Sanitation: *Imbrogno, Franck, Brunscheon Street: *Barnes, Jones, Brunscheon Purchase: *Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck Water: *Jones, Imbrogno, Brunscheon Finance: *Brunschon, Jones, Imbrogno Ordinance: *Barnes, Jones, Brunscheon Parks: *Franck, Brunscheon, Jones Public Safety: *Imbrogno, Franck, Barnes *First person will serve as chair person.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Police Chief, Steve Aiello to the Bremer County E-911 Board. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Police Chief, Steve Aiello to the Black Hawk County E-911 Board. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on the plans for the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

Council received bids for flooring from Fairbank Floor Covering and Floors 'N More. Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to

approve bid from Fairbank Floor Covering in the amount of \$5,107.03. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Sierra West discussed with the council day-care opportunities and needs in Readlyn.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor ATTEST: Lois J Buhr, City Clerk

Annual Bremer County Cattlemen's Banquet March 6

The annual Bremer County Cattlemen's Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, at the Amvets building in Waverly, starting at 12:00 pm with social time.

Dinner will be served at 12:30 pm and includes prime rib with all the fixings and homemade pie with ice cream.

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My Big Old Grump started the year after my Mom was the Readlyn Grump. Early in the spring of 2011, my wife Vicki spent a week babysitting at my eldest son's home. With some time on my hands, I had an inspirational moment to make a mascot custom for Readlyn. If I got it done, I would walk in the parade. Well, I have been in the parade many years and have had my picture taken with hundreds of kids and adults. It has been a great joy to be the Big Old Grump.

My wife Vicki retired from teaching at

the end of the 2017 school year, so I retired from my superintendent position at Cardinal Construction at the beginning of March 2018. That opened time for us to do some traveling. When we aren't traveling, we spend time with our 8 grandchildren ages 10 to 1.

When possible, I am at our cabin on the Wapsipicon River. I truly believe Readlyn is one of the great treasures in Bremer County.

Jim Collins

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Wapsie Valley class of '72 is searching for former teachers

The Wapsie Valley Class of 1972 reunion committee is searching for former teachers. Following are the names of the teachers they have been unable to find:

- Teresa Baker, French teacher
- Larry McClaine, band instructor
- Katy Morrissey, guidance counselor
- Bill Wittkowski, science
- Gerald Engelbret, industrial arts
- Carolyn Wilson, librarian

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