

## Highs and lows mark 2020 for the Becker family

By Cheryl Parker

It was about a year ago on a Thursday, that Josh and Alissa Becker had a visit from Josh's brother, Nick Becker. Currently serving at the naval base in Groton, CT, Nick was on leave and came home to visit his family. When he saw his nephew Liam, he was concerned that he looked so pale. Nick had a toddler of his own, and thought Liam also seemed to have an excessive amount of bruising, and his energy was really low. Josh and Alissa had noticed this, but hadn't given it too much thought; Alissa is fair skinned, and these changes had come about so gradually.

That evening the family gathered together in Jesup with Josh's parents, Dave and Marcie Becker. Because Josh and Alissa were both going to work the next day, Marcie volunteered to take Liam to the doctor. He was seen by Dawn Kleve, ARNP, at MercyOne in Jesup. Kleve consulted with Liam's primary care provider, Stefani Pitkin, PA-C. Lanette Bloes took a blood sample which they immediately sent to Covenant Hospitals in Waterloo.

An hour after their appointment, Josh received a phone call from the clinic that they were concerned about Liam's blood work. Forty-five minutes later, another

phone call from University of Iowa Hospitals informed Josh that his son was diagnosed with leukemia.

The Becker family's lives would be forever changed from that point on. They rushed Liam to Iowa City where he was given an IV. On Saturday a port was surgically implanted to receive the chemotherapy that would be a big part of his life going forward.

That initial hospital stay lasted seven days. He would return to Stead Family Children's Hospital once a week for chemotherapy for the next 11 months.

Last month the family got some good news. Liam's condition had stabilized to the point he could go on a "maintenance" schedule of monthly treatments. Alissa is excited that Liam now has more energy, his color has come back, and his hair is growing.

Josh and Alissa and their children live just east of Jesup. Josh had been working for the railroad, then took some classes at Hawkeye Community College, and has now joined his dad's business, Dave's Electric.

Alissa is employed by VGM in Waterloo, and says they have been very supportive. Alissa's co-workers at VGM

wanted to help raise money while at the same time creating shirts for the community to show their support. Josh and Alissa worked with Patty Rhoades, Gilbertville, to come up with the design. Rhoades has experience with Bosco gear, and was able to coordinate with Alissa's friends at VGM to make it happen.

Alissa was furloughed from VGM due to COVID-19, and is now on maternity leave. While they were going through the initial shock of Liam's diagnosis, they got another surprise: Alissa was pregnant! Archer James Becker was born June 23; he joins sister Gracie Lu, who is one (turning two years old in November). Liam is two years old (turning three in October).

Alissa says, "At the time of Liam's diagnosis we had two under two, now we have three under three!"

Alissa grew up in Readlyn, and is very appreciative of the support they have received from their families and friends in Readlyn and Jesup, as well as siblings that don't live close but have made an effort to come more frequently and help out. Alissa is the daughter of Barry and Lisa Wittenburg of Readlyn. Josh also has family in Readlyn: his sister Ashley married Alissa's cousin, Isaac Happel. LuAnn Happel is Liam's grandmother, and Betty Becker of Jesup is Liam's great-grandmother.

Alissa said, "It is never good timing for something like this, but we know we are in the best hands possible. We are making life the best it can be, and adjusting to our new normal." Josh and Alissa are so thankful for their incredible support system of family and friends in the

Jesup and Readlyn area.

It will come as no surprise that this young family has a lot of extra expenses related to Liam's diagnosis. He has five oral medications on the kitchen counter. Some he takes daily, some are on other schedules. Alissa says the UI pharmacy and the Jesup Pharmacy have both been as accommodating as they can be, but there is still co-pay.

If Liam gets a fever, he is required to stay at the hospital for seven days. Since only one parent can be with him (because of COVID-19) they take turns, neither wanting to compromise their work obligations. That is a lot of trips to Iowa City. Friends have given them gas cards, and the UI Dance Marathon has also been a source of financial assistance.

When Joe Miller heard about Liam's condition, he felt compelled to do something, but what? Joe travels a lot for work, but lives in Fairbank. He has been good friends with Liam's grandfather, Barry Wittenburg, since they met at Wapsie Valley School in the eighth grade. Joe and another friend, Todd Kueth, decided they would host a fundraiser. Before they could get it organized COVID-19 hit, and all plans changed.

The two set up an account at Readlyn Savings Bank to accept donations. About \$2500 has been received in anonymous donations, mostly through word of mouth. That check was presented to the family recently, however, their expenses continue. If anyone would like to help out this family, checks are still being accepted at Readlyn Savings Bank, 141 Main St., P.O. Box 40, Readlyn, IA 50668.



Josh and Alissa Becker, and their three children picked up a check for \$2,500 at Readlyn Savings Bank recently, funds were have been collected by caring community members to help with medical bills and travel funds.



Josh and Alissa Becker, and their son, Liam, wear the special "Liam's Warriors" shirts which were created and sold by Alissa's co-workers at VGM.



Like all boys, Liam loves big equipment. In this photo the family got up close to a bulldozer doing some work on Grandpa Dave Becker's driveway.

# Grump's Grumblings

By Louie Hartman



Because a 2020 Grump was not crowned this year due to Covid and Grump Days cancelled, the past Grumps will each take a month to continue the Chronicle tradition. A theme was suggested, "Grumps After Dark", but who wants to know about that!?

I volunteered to go first but now struggle with interesting content. Like most of you, there has been very little traveling and social life and I really miss it. However, there is so much to be thankful for here in Readlyn. The derecho with all its damage was so close. We were spared from this storm but there were many donations of supplies and manpower that were donated to our southern neighbors.

We could have done without the hail storm early morning of Sept. 6. I see adjusters looking at roofs so we have called ours, but really hoping we don't have to repeat the 2013 roof project.

Readlyn has remained mostly healthy from Covid-19. We can get out to walk, go the park, work in our lawns without

fear. We can be thankful for our quality of life.

The Community Club met in person in August at Inspired. Thank you, Kim. Events that are back are the Golf Cart ride on Sept. 19. Esther Wittenburg will be the honored guest at the totally awesome age of 112. Happy Birthday, Esther. Fall decorating is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 26 at 9 am. Plans are being made for Santa's visit on December 12 with fireworks to greet his arrival. This year's garage sales were very successful. Plan on holding your garage sale this year during Grump Days on Thurs. 4-8, Friday 8-5, and Saturday on your own.

On a personal note, I am very disappointed in my number of completed projects during this stay-at-home time. There was a saying going around that was something like, "I said I didn't have enough time, seems that wasn't the problem." Yep, it's all about motivation or lack of. Oh well, a cold, snowy winter might be more productive. Stay safe and well!



# Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! I am so happy you are joining me for my second month of TRENDING NOW!!

This month, the proud change in our community is our Jr./Sr. High School's facelift!! As I stated last month, the commons area of the high school has taken on an amazing upgrade. It is decked out in black and gold wall murals, two TVs with a daily presentation, two booths, a big couch with seating on both the side and top, a few high tables, and a large circular booth for upperclassmen students to spend study hall periods in. Also, our trophy cases have been rearranged to better showcase the many athletic achievements in our school's recent history.

On top of this, the gym has undergone a major upgrade! We now have two mats that run the length of the wall, slogans and sayings on the stairs, The Warrior Way is painted across the perimeter of the walls, the gym floor is newly painted and sealed, and new banners hang above the visitor side bleachers representing the other schools in our conference.

On September 15, my sister and I were driving up to school and we noticed a large metal Wapsie Valley sign sitting on top of the main entrance doors. We thought this was cool because, at night, it cast a large shadow on the part of the building behind it that reads Wapsie Valley as the light shines.

Over the summer the Spanish classroom floor was leveled and painted fresh in black and gold. For as long as my Spanish teacher, Maestra, has been teaching at Wapsie, her floor has been unlevel. Now she has a floor that is our school colors and doesn't make our table desks shift and wobble.

All of these new upgrades have had an amazing effect on the appearance of our school and are enjoyed by the students and staff, which shows our Warrior pride. So the next time you are headed out to cheer on the Warriors, maybe you can take a second to come look at all the improvements yourself!

Thank you for coming to my section of the paper!

-Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020



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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Senior Citizens meet

On August 19, 2020, 17 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at Inspired for the Senior Citizens lunch and meeting. We all practiced our social distancing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ron Leistikow led everyone in prayer before our delicious meal. After our delicious meal, the meeting was called to order by Ron Leistikow, the President.

The Treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$246.00. Motion was made by Janet Ladage and seconded by Verdeen Pavelec to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Lois Thacher read the Secretary's minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting. Secretary's minutes were approved after corrections on the Secretary's report. A March birthday for Verdeen Pavelec was omitted on July's minutes and a birthday for Mary Chapin was omitted for the month of July. Happy birthday to these two ladies! Motion was made by Roland Schmidt and seconded by Marlys Deterding to approve after corrections made. Motion carried.

The members all sang "Happy Birthday" to Lois Thacher and Judith Leistikow as they both have birthdays in August. We also congratulated and sang "Happy Anniversary" to Charlie and Wilda Albrecht as they were married 57 years on August 2 and Freddie and Sonja Bast as they were married 62 years on August 31.

We sent GaryLee Thurm a get-well card and we sent a sympathy card to the Huebner family as Wilbert Huebner had passed away on August 2, 2020 and his funeral was August 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Klinger.

### Old Business:

The Ice Cream Social at the Readlyn Historical building on August 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM was a success. One hundred and twenty people attended. The Hightail ice cream was made by Natalie Eick. It was a very fine homemade ice cream and is for sale in the area this summer.

### New Business:

Pie Day and open house will be Sunday, September 13 at the Poor Farm from noon until 3:00 PM. Drive-thru pies and sandwiches plus building tours will be available. Come see all the collected memories of county towns and cities that are on dis-

play.

The Readlyn Community Club's Annual Golf Cart Ride will be September 19 from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. The ride will start in Readlyn on the lot behind Ron Hartman's at 248 Clark Street and go to Killdeer and then back to Readlyn. Meet at 1:15 PM there if you plan to attend. Private carts are welcome. For anyone needing a cart, RCC is paying the full amount for the cart rental from Rudy's in Denver. To reserve a golf cart, please contact Pat Wehr: Cell at 319-415-2001, Home at 279-3001 by Saturday, September 12.

December 13, 2020 will be Christmas for Readlyn. Location is still undetermined. Santa will be in town with a Chili Supper and Fireworks later, since we did not have Grump Days and our fireworks in June. There will be more to come on this event at a later date.

The next Senior Citizens' meeting will be September 16 at 11:30 AM at Inspired.

Motion was made by Sonja Bast and seconded by Marlys Deterding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. No card-playing because of the pandemic.

*Lois Thacher, Secretary*

## Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661, Readlyn met at the home of Luann Happel with 5 members present.

The meeting opened with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. General orders and chairman reports were read by members. Volunteer hours were turned in with 87 hours reported in July.

September is Military Suicide Awareness Month, with 20 veterans committing suicide everyday. September is Poppyless Poppy Drive. Pow-Wow is October 22-25 in Des Moines. Wilda Albrect made a beautiful wreath with poppies in it.

We're going to decorate the display case in the Library for November.

Readlyn Auxiliary got 2nd place in the state for 100% membership dues in early. We got a new VFW Storebook. National President Sandi Onstwedder will visit Iowa, September 13-15. One member was affected by the derecho storm. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn, carried. Hostess was Luann Happel.



**Esther Wittenburg** celebrated her 112nd birthday on September 27, 2020.



### Thank You

Thank you everyone for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during my hospital stay due to pneumonia.

*GaryLee Thurm*

## Deadline for the October 28 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., Oct. 15 at 5 PM



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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

## As of Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> we have resumed normal business hours!

Monday and Thursday 10:00 – 7:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 – 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 – 12:00

Here is a reminder of what available to you at the Readlyn Library!

### Programs

Book Talk - Last Thursday of the Month, 7:00-8:00

Adult (and youth) Coloring - Second Tuesday of the Month, 1:00-5:00

Novel Knitters - Every Monday, 6:00-7:00

Foot Clinic - Third Thursday of the Month, 10:30-11:30

### Events

Readlyn Scavenger Hunts

Sidewalk Obstacle Course

Virtual Museum Exhibits

Banned Book Week, 27 Sep - 3 Oct

Missing Persons Table, 11 Nov

### Coming Soon!

(Let us know if you are interested)

Health Classes—eating, exercise, and more

Leadership Courses—general theories (are leaders born or taught) to modern concepts such as meta-leadership

Readlyn Stories—residents telling their own stories, a spoken history of local people and events

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Are we leaving something out that you would like to see? 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

**Oct's title:** The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Gail Honeyman  
Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **Oct 29th**.

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**If you are interested in participating in Book Talk but cannot attend in person contact us and we will provide virtual access through zoom.**



Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## The life and times of Glenn Wittenburg

Glenn Wittenburg was born in 1926 to Ted and Bertha Wittenburg. He had four brothers, Delbert, Arlin, Leo, and Elmer. All were mischievous, fun-loving and on the wild side. However, Glenn stood out from the group.

He married Helen Hills on October 8, 1944. They had three sons, Denny, Rod and Barry. I have written an account of some of Glenn's antics, some from my own recollection and some from friends of Glenn. I left Readlyn in 1959. All of these escapades happened more than 60 years ago. Glenn owned his own trucking business at that time.

### Al Fortsch

Al was riding along with Glenn delivering a load of corn to somewhere in Missouri. The truck was underpowered. Glenn had to increase speed downhill so going up the next hill was easier. They were riding along picking up speed going downhill. There was a town at the bottom of the hill. Glenn barreled through the town. Unfortunately, a cop was sitting in a police car and soon, lights flashing, he chased us up the hill.

Glenn quickly stopped the truck, jumped out and approached the officer, who had never seen him before and said to the officer, "Hi there! How are you today? I haven't seen you in a long time. How's the family?" The policeman was taken aback from Glenn's greeting, thinking that he surely must know Glenn. He did not give Glenn a ticket. Al was shocked.

### Vince Maurer

Vince was riding in a car with Glenn on Highway 3 circa 1947. They were traveling east somewhere between the Big Corner and Readlyn. Glenn was around 23 and Vince was 19. There was oncoming traffic. The car they were following was going too slow to suit Glenn. Glenn, out of patience, turned right, off onto the shoulder, and passed the car on the right. This was more than 60 years ago when Highway 3 was more narrow and the shoulder was also narrow. After pulling back on the road, Glenn, with a straight face, looked over at Vince and said, "When I was younger I did a lot of crazy stuff but now that I'm older, I've got a lot more sense."

### Vern Schweer

Vern had just gotten a new bicycle. Somehow the bike got out onto Highway 3. Glenn was on the bicycle hanging onto the side of the car. Whoever was driving the car kept going faster and faster. There was Glenn, hanging onto the side of the car, traveling 80 miles an hour down the highway. Scary?

### Wilbert Hagenow

One evening, while in Waverly, Glenn spotted two cops sitting in a squad car. He recognized both. He sped past them, baiting them into a chase. The chase was on!

They went tearing around Waverly, cops' lights flashing, through alleys, side streets, etc. Finally Glenn lost them. However, the cops knew who they were chasing.

Helen's parents lived in Waverly and they knew Glenn's car was parked there. They went up to the door, knocked and were invited in. Wilbert said that Glenn had the cops laughing so hard they never even gave him a ticket.

### Bob Thran

Glenn and Elmer finished a job shelling corn on a farm near Fredricksburg. They were moving to another job near West Union. To save time in the move, they tied a rope from the com sheller to a small tractor, then hitched the elevator onto the tractor, then added some drags. A patrolman stopped them and accused Glenn of being too long. Glenn argued that the tractor broke down and he had to get it off the highway.

The patrolman didn't buy. He gave Glenn the end of the tape measure and told him to hold it at the front bumper. Glenn said he cheated by slowly moving past the cab all the way to the sheller. The patrolman announced they were 50 feet too long. The fine for being over length was one dollar an inch. Fifty feet equals 600 inches. A dollar an inch meant a fine of \$600.

A helluva lot of money in the '60s. I had recently bought a brand new Ford for \$1400.

Glenn was told to appear before the Justice of the Peace in West Union.

He asked me to ride along. The JP was not home. His wife said he was at the Fayette County Fair. We searched at the fair and found him. He invited us back to his office. He looked up Glenn's case in his records and then said firmly, "\$600 plus \$7.00 court costs." Glenn protested by explaining to him that the tractor broke down and he had to get it off the highway. He also didn't buy Glenn's story. After more discussion, the JP summed it all up by saying, with a little sympathy in his voice, "\$600 is a lot of money and you had to go out of your way to look for me at the fair." (At this stage it appeared he might hopefully lower the fine). However, his abrupt verdict was "\$600 fine and I'll drop my \$7.00 cost." What a let down.

### Ted Wittenburg (Glenn's father)

I was visiting with Ted when he said while laughing, "That devil (meaning Glenn) goes around and visits all the weigh stations in the area before Christmas and gives each of the workers a fifth of whiskey."

### Wayne Kuethe

Glenn was hauling a load of rock traveling south on Highway 63, near the Tripoli turn-off. A patrolman stopped him and ordered Glenn to drive to the weigh station located several miles south at the corner of Highway 3 and 63, to be weighed. Glenn knew he was overweight. To solve his problem he flipped the switch, spreading rock on Highway 63 to lighten the load. He weighed legal. Problem solved.

Harlan Heineman, who was married to Wayne's sister, Judy, was riding with Glenn hauling hay. Harlan noticed a hatchet in the cab and asked Glenn what the hatchet was for. Glenn's explanation was: If ever he is overweight with a load of bales and is stopped by a patrolman he can chop the rope so that bales would fall off the trailer.

### Denver's Exciting

#### Fritz "Speed" Wittenburg

Glenn had an uncle, Fritz Wittenburg, who lived in Denver. I remember him as being a businessman in Denver. In his younger days, Fritz was known far and wide for operating a successful business, distributing alcohol during the prohibition era. In simpler terms, he was a well-known bootlegger.

Some alcohol sold was distilled locally, but most came from a source in East Dubuque in Illinois. Fritz would often make runs along the same road (present Highway 3) to pick up his supply of booze. Law enforcement officials along the way became aware of Fritz and his ac-

tivity. The story is that they often tried but were unable to stop him. He and his Model T Ford outran them. I was told that he was given the nickname "Speed" by those lawmen who were not able to catch him.

Speed Wittenburg and Elda had two sons, Luverne and Don. Don and Esther Wittenburg live in Denver. Don is 92 and Esther, 91, and they have been married 72 years.

### Arnold

By Bob Thran

This is my recollection of the great donkey saga in Readlyn. Glenn was at an auction. Arnold Hexom was the auctioneer. My guess is that when Arnold could not get an opening bid on a donkey, he taunted Glenn into bidding. Glenn bid and got him for a dollar. He named the donkey Arnold in honor of Arnold Hexom. He brought him back to Readlyn and housed him in a shed located near their present property.

Arnold was involved in one of the greatest crimes in the history of Readlyn. Some dastardly culprits kidnapped Arnold. He went missing for a time. I heard Arnold was located east of Klinger, near the seven bridges. Glenn brought Arnold back home and put him to good use.

As shown in the picture below, you can see that Arnold is proudly riding in the back of Glenn's car. Glenn would first load Arnold onto the car, then hitch a cart behind the car. Glenn and Arnold would travel to towns in the area having celebrations and be in their parades. He and Arnold were good advertising for Glenn's trucking business.

The story about Arnold is an example of Glenn Wittenburg's devilish, fun-loving character. He had charisma. He was fun to be around. You would never know what would happen next. I enjoyed him as a friend. If everybody were alike, wouldn't this be a boring world?



Left to right are Kenny Staack, Keith Staack and Denny Wittenburg in front of Glenn Wittenburg's car and the famous donkey, Arnold. This photo was taken in March 1959.

# News from **Wapsie Valley Elementary**

Students are enjoying being back to school and following safety protocols.



2nd grade students are practicing math skills.



By Superintendent Dave Larson  
Wapsie Valley CSD

The Wapsie Valley Community School District is off to a great start for the 2020-21 school year. Even though it is a "unique" school year with a pandemic occurring around us, the ultimate goal is still the same. The WVCSD Mission Statement - Guaranteed Learning for All Students - still applies as much as ever. There have been countless hours of collaborative efforts the past four months engaging the 15 member Building Leadership Team in developing the Return to Learn Plans required by the Iowa Department of Education. These plans can be found at the Wapsie Valley CSD website at wapsievalleyschools.com. There are four different plans developed to guide the district in different scenarios. The four plans are an On-Site Plan, a Hybrid Plan, a Required On-line Plan, and a Remote Learning Plan for our four Amish rural buildings. At the present time, the majority of students are utilizing the On-Site Plan and 25-30 students have chosen the long-term Hybrid Plan, where all of their instruction is offered in an on-line virtual format.

I would like to welcome several new staff members to the Wapsie Valley family. The new staff members are as follows; Jennifer Gross (FCS-HS), Jennifer Harter (Special Ed-HS), Alicia Hesse (Special Education-Elem), Abigail Jones (Vocal Music-HS), Katelyn Nitz (Guidance Counselor-HS), Emily Redden (Instrumental Music-5-12), Heather Robinson (6th grade), Jennifer Waschek (Math/Science-HS), TJ Murphy (Principal- JH/HS), Elizabeth Kempf (Instructional Associate), Amanda Morris (Instructional Associate), Jody Schneider (Instructional Associate), Melissa Hingtgen (Food Service), and James Kuhrt (Bus Driver).

I would also like to mention and thank our 2019-20 retirees from Wapsie Valley for their service years to our school district. Our retirees are as follows; Marty McKowen (37 years), Lori Thurm (32 years), Julie Kuker (24 years), Kathy Shook (17 years), and Laurie Phelan (8 years).

Last October an Image Committee was formed at the JH/HS building to focus on upgrades to the building and facilities. This group helped to focus on what and how to improve the climate and culture of a Wapsie Valley Warrior. The improvements to the building and grounds are as follows: resurfaced gym floor with new floor colors and design, gym signage to promote the Warrior Way, new conference pennants for each district member, new wall mats with school logo (financed in part by the Wapsie Valley Booster Club), trophy case improvements with lighting and resurfacing on main case, new student furnishings in commons area with wall signage to promote the Warrior Way, new district staff framed staff pictures at every district building, new west entrance signage, new press boxes at the baseball and softball fields, replacement of numerous damaged cement driveways or sidewalks, and chip-sealing of the west parking lot. Also, there were many improvements by coaching staff and volunteers at the baseball facility.

So as you can tell district staff and contractors have been very busy in preparation for this school year in setting a climate and culture that all can be proud of. Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and school district as a whole. I plan to keep this Warrior Way & More correspondence going at the start of each month. I am truly proud to be a Wapsie Valley Warrior!

# LEAF BURNING

**The City of Readlyn  
will permit burning of leaves.  
(NO building materials, or other household wastes)**

**Burning can take place  
Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 2020**

**REMINDER:  
No burning on paved streets or sidewalks.**

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF  
YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN BURNING  
AND DO NOT BURN WET LEAVES.**

## The Readlyn Historical Society receives memorials

The Readlyn Historical Society has received memorials in memory of Wilbert Huebner who passed away August 2. Even though Wilbert was 100 years old, he was an active member of the society. His knowledge and sharing of the history of Readlyn will be greatly missed at our meetings.

Wilbert's family has generously given \$1,000 in his memory to the Readlyn Historical Society. Thanks to the family and to the following who also gave memorials in Wilbert's name: Linda Moeller, Delbert and Lavonne Oltrogge, Karan Boevers, Ron and Judy Leistikow, Thelma Boeder, Nelson Otto, Dean and Lois Buhr, Roger and Marlys Deterding, Vernon Clefisch, Grace Kuethe, Jane Meier, Judy Henn, and the Historical Society.

## Trick or Treat In Readlyn Saturday, October 31



**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

All Welcome  
**Fall Dinner**  
Sunday, October 25, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
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# News from Community Lutheran School



3-year-old preschool (M W F)



3-year-old preschool (T TH)



3rd - 6th grade



4-year-old preschool



1st and 2nd grade



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# News from **Community Lutheran School**



Community Lutheran School is excited to be back in the classrooms with students for the 2020-2021 school year! This year first and second grade moved out to our Klinger campus to join third through sixth grade classrooms. Preschool and kindergarten remain at our Readlyn campus. Kindergarten is shown above. Yesterday, today and always we are trusting in the Lord!



Every Wednesday the students at each campus worship in our Father's house with Pastor Phil. Each month we celebrate our students being children of God through baptism. Each student is given a baptism birthday crocheted cross necklace as a gift in the baptismal month! A special thank you to Ms. Garrett for bringing this symbolic gift idea from her previous school in Oelwein and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Lindaman and other congregation members for volunteering to crochet the necklaces throughout the year! We are saved by God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.



The teachers at Community Lutheran School were installed to serve as Christ's servants for the 2020-2021 school year on Sunday, August 23rd. Pictured left to right front to back: Pat Hogan, Danielle Kiefer, Kerry Even, Krissy Franck, Sue Lindaman, Wendy Matthias, Judy Schutte, Shari Ambrose, Laddie Garrett, Teresa Imbrogno, Pastor Phil Girardin. Not pictured Jaci Hogan.



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# What's Cooking?

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

**RECIPE: Corn Casserole**  
From the kitchen of: *Aubrey Johnston*

<p><b>Ingredients:</b> 2 boxes of Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix 1 10-oz. bag of frozen sweet corn (thawed) 2 15-oz. cans of creamed corn 1 1/2 cups sour cream 2 sticks of butter (melted) 2 eggs 1/2 tsp garlic powder</p> <p><b>Instructions:</b> -Preheat oven to 350°. -In a bowl, mix the muffin mix, sweet corn, creamed corn, sour</p>	<p>cream, eggs, and garlic powder. -Mix the melted butter in last. -Pour into greased 13x9" pan. -Bake for 1 hour or until the top is lightly brown.</p> <p><b>Variations:</b> If you like a sweeter corn casserole, you can add a 1/4 cup of sugar. This recipe is easy to customize, you can easily add bacon bits, shredded cheddar cheese, and/or bacon bits for added pizzazz!</p>
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Brian Buchholz - Bad Kitty- 4.1 Limited Pro Stock

## 2020 Small Town Showdown recap

The 2020 Small Town Showdown tractor pull delighted a full house of truck and tractor pulling fans with over 80 hooks and nearly ideal conditions on Friday, August 28. The 2020 truck and tractor pulling season has been a wild ride with most pulls canceling due to COVID-19 or weather. So, when the opportunity to go to a pull presents itself, pullers show up from near and far.

The Readlyn-Tripoli Tractor Pullers Club worked tirelessly avoiding a mid-day rain shower to prepare a power-hungry pulling track. Countless hours of effort from club members and numerous donations from sponsors all produced a top-notch tractor pull. East Central Iowa Pullers Association, INC (ECI) provided 8 high horsepower pulling classes with competitors from all over the Midwest. Local farm tractors also got to show their strength with 2 farm tractor classes to kick off and finish off the event.

If you missed this year's edition of the

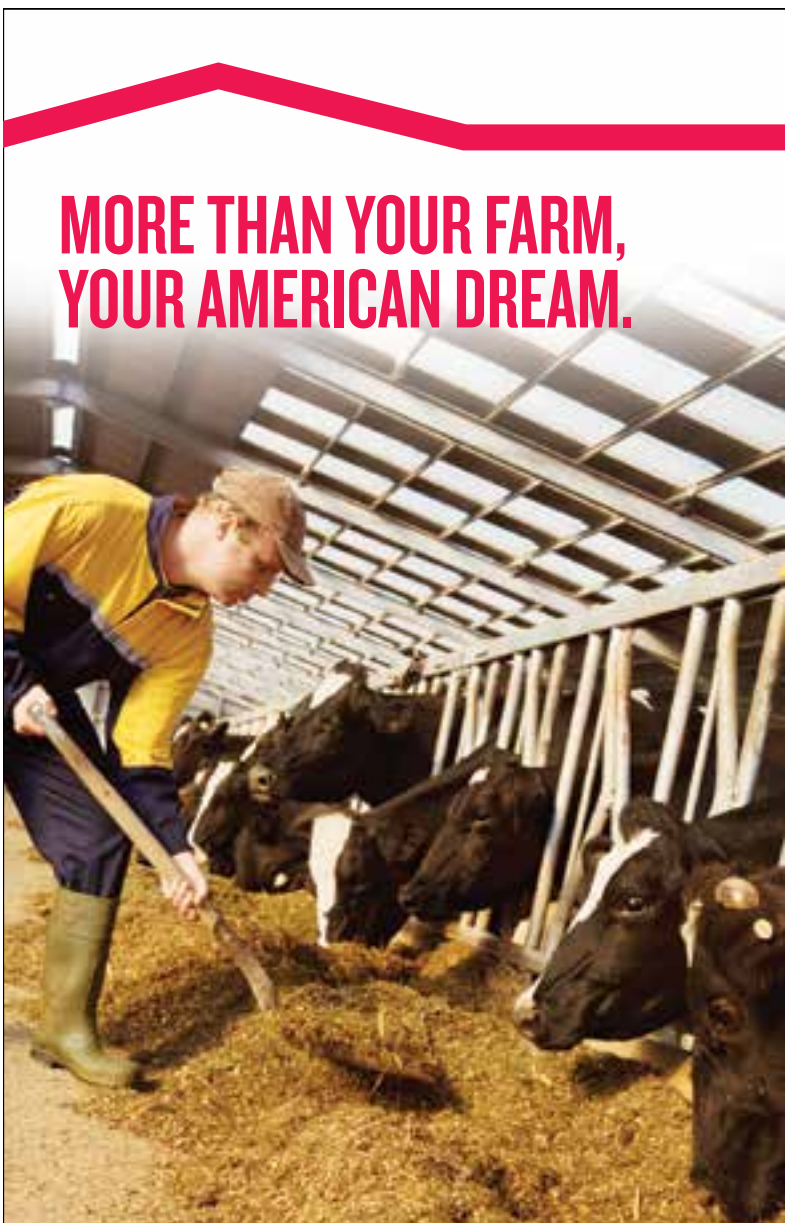
Small Town Showdown, plan on attending next year, and if you liked what you saw this year, bring a friend next year.

Winners from the 8 ECI classes are below. For more information on the Readlyn-Tripoli Tractor Pullers, or ECI Tractor Pullers, visit them on Facebook.

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- 9,500 lb 4.1 Limited Pro Stock: Tanner Michael, Unionville, MO
- 6,200 lb Super Stock 2wd Truck: Larry Boggess, Charles City, IA
- 8,000 lb 3.0 Diesel Truck: Travis Gibson, Shell Rock, IA

**Pork Hocks with Sauerkraut and Dumplings**

<p>2 large smoked pork hocks 1 large can of sauerkraut Some sugar <b>Dumplings</b> 1 egg</p> <p>Cook hocks in some water till meat falls off bone and remove bones. Add kraut and a little sugar. Cook a little and then drop the dumplings in one at a time on top. Cover and cook 8 minutes on low or till dumplings are done. Serve.</p> <p>This recipe was submitted by Kathy Heineman whose mother was Ellen Staack. She was an excellent cook and worked in every restaurant or bar in Readlyn. Anytime the VFW would have a potluck gathering, Ellen was expected to bring her dish of Pork Hocks, sauerkraut with dumplings. There were guys that maybe wouldn't let her in if she didn't bring it. She said, "I think they licked the pan out!" If she didn't have a ride, there would be someone who would go and get her. Kathy says that they had that at home a lot.</p>	<p>3/4 C. milk 1/2 tsp. baking powder Enough flour so you can drop off spoon</p>
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By: Eric Johnston

**“Finally!”**

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Fall is here and many of us, myself included, are preparing for the hunting seasons that are here or nearly here. I am very excited about this fall’s hunting, but I’m not done with the 2020 tournament season just yet. I still have two tournaments left on the schedule in what my partner and I have named “The Eric and Adam, season of suck.”

Now, it hasn’t been all bad, as we’ve spent a lot of time together in the boat and have had a lot of laughs, but the finishes have been sub-par by our standards. Well, I’m happy to announce we finally had a better tournament on September 12! This month I’ll break down the story of the day and how we caught our bass on a fall pattern.

For a straight week, before this September tournament, it rained nearly all day, everyday. I surely thought this would change what had been a very stable Mississippi River through August and early September.

As I drove over the Marquette bridge Friday evening on my way to our cabin in Prairie du Chien, I was pleasantly surprised to see the river had not changed much at all through the week and looked, for the most part, to have stayed clean. I arrived at our cabin around 7 PM and

was greeted by my tournament partner, Adam Farmer. Adam and his wife bought the cabin right next door to ours over the summer and it’s great for Adam and me as we are right by each other at the river and can strategize and game plan right there before a tournament.

This tournament was the Bass World Sports Association out of Lansing, Iowa. Neither myself or Adam could get off work to practice for this tournament so we were fishing it without really knowing what the fish were doing. It had been much colder all week with the rain and we were looking at having our first taste of a true fall pattern of the season.

Generally, when the water temperature drops off ten degrees from what it hovers around all summer, the bass and all species of fish will move shallow in search of schooling baitfish to bulk up in preparation for winter. As Adam backed me in that morning and I turned on my Lowrance fish finder, the temp read 61 degrees. I thought to myself “game on!” The fall bite is here!

As I cranked the motor it would not start, I tried everything I could with the limited tools I had in the boat as everyone watched me. It was frustrating with all the guys in the tournament yelling try this, try that, and nothing working. As the tournament director walked down the dock, I trimmed the motor all the way



down in an effort to level the carbs and amazingly enough it started with 30 seconds to spare!! Cue the dramatic movie music as we idled out of the marina boat number two! I told Adam, I don’t think my heart can take these dramatic moments anymore!

As we took off, like I said, we didn’t have any practice and I really didn’t know what stage the fish were in, but with the temperature drop, I decided to start on a main channel point with a long sandbar that was just outside of a massive backwater area that the bass had spent the summer, but would now be moving out to find baitfish.

As we arrived on the area, it looked ideal for the fish to be there in a fall pattern. There were baitfish popping the surface everywhere and we quickly found out the fish were there. I quickly boated a keeper bass on a topwater Pop-r and shortly after, Adam boated a keeper bass dragging a Texas rigged black and blue tube across the sandbar. But just as quickly as we boated those fish, the bite slowed. We caught a few more fish on this spot, but no more keepers.

There’s a rock point within sight of this spot where I’d done well in the past. I wanted to go to it and we both knew a boat had already started on and fished the spot, but I had so much confidence in the area, we decided to go to it. This point is set-up perfect for fall bass, it features a wing dam with fast water rushing into a point and breaking the water to create a slack pocket.

I rarely fish the slack pocket here as the active fish are usually up on the wing-dam corralling bait. I was fishing the fast water with a Rapala DT6 crankbait and Adam was fishing the slack water with his tube bait. He quickly hooked up on

a very nice 2.75 pound bass and then backed it up with another solid fish. He was on fire, and I was almost cheering him on from the front of the boat. We soon rounded out our limit of five and started upgrading our limit. I hooked up with our best bass of the day on my crankbait in the fast water, a 2.83 pounder. We soon had what we felt was an OK bag and were still looking for a real solid fish for our kicker to really improve our five fish limit.

There is a wingdam just across the river from this spot where I had done well in previous years and had caught some real solid fish on. We slipped over and tried it in hopes of finding a big one. All we could muster up was two pounders, nothing to help our limit.

As the day rolled on, we fished these three spots, all in sight of each other in rotation. We would jump around in a triangle and each time we let a spot rest it would reload with fish. We ended the day catching well over 75 bass by this strategy. As it neared two o’clock, our check in time, we raced for the ramp. As we idled into weigh-in, we fist-bumped and said to each other, no matter what happens at the scale we had a great day. We loaded onto the trailer and got in line for the weigh-in. We crossed the scales with five fish for 12.53 pounds, good enough for third place and a decent paycheck for our efforts. We finally had a good finish this year!!! We were happy on the ride back to our cabins for sure!

If you get a chance to take in some fishing as we head further into fall, keep in mind to follow the baitfish and you’ll find fish, no matter the species you’re after.

Have a great fall season everyone and until next month, GET OUTDOORS!!!



A good-sized crowd came out for the golf cart ride and Esther Wittenburg's birthday.



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Youngster Bob Thran, who just turned 91, wishes Esther Wittenburg a happy 112th birthday.



The afternoon of Saturday, September 19, twenty-two carts carried 53 people on a ride along the bike trail to help Esther Wittenburg celebrate her 112th birthday.

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# Wapsie Valley Future Farmers of America

## Wapsie Valley FFA holds annual banquet virtually

By Mary Bodensteiner, Chapter Reporter

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter has not missed the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our outstanding chapter members, alumni, and supporters at our annual banquet for 43 years. This year, as the usual large get together of members, parents, and guests was not able to happen, the banquet was held virtually so that our members and chapter supporters could receive the recognition they deserve. Awards were announced, and the new officer team was properly installed. The banquet was recorded on Sunday, August 9th by the 2019-20 officers and the video is now on all of our social media platforms. It can be found on our Facebook page (Wapsie Valley FFA), Twitter (@WapsieValleyF-

FA) and on Instagram (@wapsieffa).

This year, our members competed in many different events at the Sub-District and District levels. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to compete at the State level. Congratulations to all who went above and beyond this year to represent the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter! We truly want to offer our gratitude to all of our supporters who have helped make this FFA chapter successful throughout the years. Listed below are the special recognitions and awards received this year.

### Sub-District Convention:

Ethan Oltrogge - Extemporaneous Speaking - 2nd Gold  
 Sloane Banger - Job Interview - 1st Gold

Brady Benning - Ag Sales - 2nd Gold  
 Tyce Hagenow - Ag Broadcasting - Bronze  
 Reily Richards - Public Speaking - 2nd Gold  
 Austin Hesse - Creed Speaking - 3rd Gold  
 Kennadi Neil, Anna Richards, and Hannah Miller: Program of Activities - 1st Gold  
 Clayton Hershey, Cannon Joerger, Brok Grober, Elle Voy, Treasa Wilcox, Sydney Matthias, Jayden Wagner - Conduct of Meetings - Bronze  
 Chapter Quiz - Mary Bodensteiner - Silver, Nick Grober - 1st Gold, Kaylee Kleitsch - 2nd Gold

### District Convention:

Brady Benning - Ag Sales - Gold  
 Anna Richards, Hannah Miller, and Kennadi Neil: Program of Activities - 1st Gold  
 Sloane Banger - Job Interview - 2nd Gold  
 Ethan Oltrogge - Extemporaneous Speaking - 1st Gold  
 Nick Grober, Ryan Schares, Bridget Seeman, Ellie Neil, Mary Bodensteiner, Courtney Schmitz, Elle Voy, Kaylee Kleitsch - Experience the Action - 1st Gold  
 Austin Hesse - Creed Speaking - Bronze  
 Reily Richards - Public Speaking - 3rd Gold  
 Kaylee Kleitsch - District Officer Candidate  
 Courtney Schmitz and Nick Grober - Delegates  
 Hannah Miller - Secretary's Book - Gold  
 Nick Grober - Treasurer's Book - Silver  
 Kaylee Kleitsch - Reporter's Book - 2nd Gold

### State:

Reily Richards - State Officer Candidate

### Proficiencies:

#### Districts

Nick Grober - Dairy production placement - Bronze  
 Kyle Voy - Diversified Crop Production - Gold Advance  
 Dori Waschkat - Poultry Production - Silver  
 Cole Neil - Beef Production Entrepreneurship - Silver  
 Anna Richards - Dairy Production Entrepreneurship - Gold Advance

#### State

Anna Richards - Dairy Entrepreneurship - 2nd Gold  
 Kyle Voy - Diversified crop production - 2nd Gold

### Discovery Degree Recipients:

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 Noah Richards  
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 Brock Kleitsch  
 Brody Kleitsch

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 Austin Schares  
 Carson Woods  
 Outstanding Greenhand: Austin Hesse  
 Outstanding Sophomore: Nick Grober  
 Outstanding Junior: Kaylee Kleitsch  
 Outstanding Senior: Reily Richards  
 Honorary Degree - Gina Wiersma  
 Blue and Gold Award - Dave Dennler  
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2019-20 Officer Team: (Left to Right) Kennadi Neil, Kaylee Kleitsch, Nick Grober, Hannah Miller, Reily Richards, and Anna Richards.

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