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Dave Hunt and Brenda Feckers, 331 Elmer, are September's winners of Weeds on Fire's Yard of the Month award.



# Sept. YARD of the MONTH

Dave Hunt and Brenda Feckers' impeccable and colorful yard is a joint effort and family affair. Dave trims and keeps the lawn free of weeds; Brenda mows and keeps up the flower beds, many of which are gifts from friends and neighbors. Brenda's sister-in law and her daughter-in-law's parents' nursery in Minnesota have contributed many of their flowers. Tasteful decorations in the flower beds have been collected over the years. Both Dave and

Brenda enjoy the butterflies, birds, and bees that the flowers attract. The pictures make it easy to see why they are deserving of the Yard of the Month award.

Thank you to Weeds on Fire for sponsoring this event. It is great to be honored by the Readlyn Gardeners as they do a wonderful job of keeping Readlyn beautiful. Due to their love of flowers, Dave and Brenda are donating their monetary gift for the award to Readlyn Gardeners.



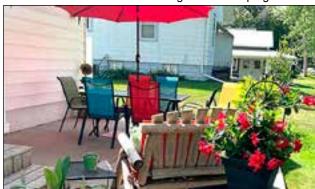
the wagon, which was a gift from her sister.



The gate behind the yucca plant was a gift from Brenda's sister.



This kettle is from the original landscaping.



Dave and Brenda often spend time on the patio reading and relaxing. The Mandeville vine in the foreground attracts many hummingbirds.



The hummingbirds actually perch on the swing!



The birdhouse with the clematis is one of many birdhouses in her flower beds that her grandparents built.



The trumpet vine was planted once Brenda's grandpa completed building this house.



**Bridget Matthias** loves slides and picnics! See photos and a story on the Readlyn Community Club's recent picnic in the park on page 8 of this issue. If you missed the picnic, don't worry -- another one is being planned for the near future.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

Wow. The month went way too fast. We went to the Bremer County Fair to see the tough truck competition. There were some high fliers and some not so high. It was fun and no one got hurt. We went back to the Fair for the pie auction. Yes, this Readlyn Grump made the pie. I wanted to make a HOT apple pie with cayenne pepper, but my wife and daughter had me tame it down to the Angry Apple Pie using hot pepper jelly and jalapeno (see the recipe on page 12). It was pretty good. The rabbit and chicken scrambles were fun to watch so the Fair was a hit. Thanks to Dan and Connie Wedemeier for buying Miss Readlyn's and the Grump's pies. The money goes to the new fairgrounds.

Next, we drove in the Tripoli Days Parade. What a great parade and very well run.

There have been very sad days for a couple of Readlyn families. There are always questions about why this had to happen. Some say we will have these questions answered.



Jennifer VanBrocklin, Readlyn's Post Mistress, donated memorial money for the vegetable cart that sits in front of the Post Office (shown above). This "Kindness Kart" is in memory of her father, R.H. Richter. Please help yourself to whatever is in the cart. My nephew, Dan Matthias, made the aluminum cart. Great job, Matthias Fabrication.

2023 Grump Ron Hartman







# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lily Schwickerath

Hello Readlyn Community,

As this summer is winding down, I am excited to start my last year at Wapsie Valley. Some of the events that I participated in this summer as Miss Readlyn are: being in Fairbank's Island Days Parade, then came Waverly's Heritage Days Parade, I was kindly asked by a summer educator to help hand out ribbons at the Bremer County Fair Horse Show, the Picnic In The Park came next, and then, finally, to round out the summer, I served ice cream at the Historical Society from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20!

This fall, I will be kept busy with swim practices and meets, various chapter and district FFA events, and taking a college course through Hawkeye Community College.

Thank you, Readlyn community, for the continued support. I hope to see you all around town or at various Warrior functions!

### Readlyn City Council Meeting Aug. 14, 2023

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00PM for a walk through of the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction. 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: Keith Brunscheon Jason Franck, Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno. Absent: Joey Jones. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve minutes from the July 10, 2023 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Im-

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

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

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

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

Council received an update on the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project. Motion by Im-

brogno and seconded by Franck to approve adding cement near the Readlyn Historical Society building. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. Barnes. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to approve Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$351,982.60 to Dave Schmitt Construction. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Barnes, Francie. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Barnes to not replace cement at 128 Main Street. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Change order for Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project tabled.

Council received an update on the starting of the water tower maintenance project. Council received an update on the recent EBRRA meeting from Jason Franck. Council received an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation board meet-

Discussion on splash pad operations. It was noted it is closed until next summer due to the water tower project.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.

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



## Readlyn Community Happenings



**Community** Lutheran School is thankful and blessed that the Farmers Grow America Bayer Grant has been awarded once again to Jim Wehling in the amount of \$5,000. Thank you to Jim and Doris Wehling for selecting Community Lutheran School as the appreciative recipient! We are thankful for your dedicated and continuous support to our school! This money will be used towards a STEM area of need. God is good!

### **Senior Citizens meet**

On July 19, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., 22 attended the Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow who led us in prayer before our meal which was after the meeting.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Marilyn Lampe as she celebrated her birthday on July 1.

We sang "Happy Anniversary" to Larry and Vicki Pavelec as they celebrated their 47th anniversary on July 2.

Charlie and Wilda Albrecht are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 30 at Grumpy's Event Center in Readlyn. The open house will be starting at 1 p.m.

The secretary's minutes were read by Lois Thacher for the June 21, 2023 meeting. Motion by Larry Pavelec and seconded by Larry Ladage to approve the secre-

tary's report as read. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The ending balance in the account after expenses last month in June 2023 was \$240.00 and adding \$22.00 to the balance it will be \$262.00. Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by Verdeen Pavelec to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Historical Society Museum will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes August 20, 2023 from 4 to 6 PM. A donation of 25 cents is requested per serving.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We welcomed Jim Collins to our meeting.

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held August 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tripoli Bowling Alley.

A motion was made by Mary Chapin and seconded by Darlene Peters to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

### 50th class reunion

The 50th reunion of the Wapsie Valley High School Class of 1973 will be held Saturday, September 9, from 4-6 PM. Beer will be provided. Dine before or after, or come for a beer and conversation. Dinner is off the menu at Grumpy's Bar & Event Center (www.grumpysbarandeventcenter.com). You will be on your own for all other libations or beverages. It is an Iowa vs. Iowa State football day. Please RSVP to: Larry Pavelec: On Facebook: Wapsie Valley Class of 1973; on Facebook Messenger, https://www.facebook.com/larry.pavelec; Text: 319-939-4968 or email: pavpavelec@gmail.com.

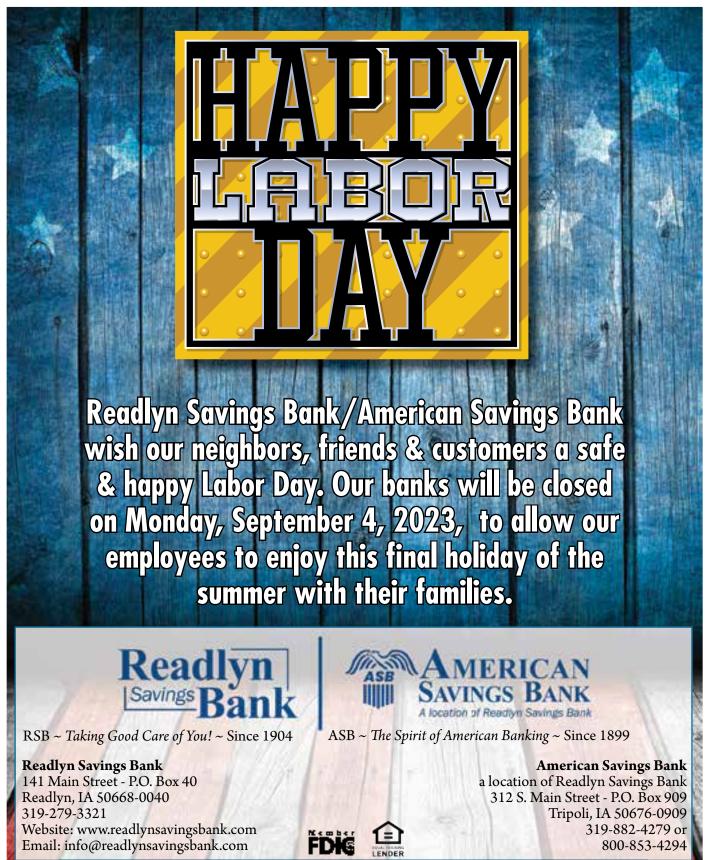




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The Readlyn Town & Country Homemakers came together to replace the old yellow baby swings (intended for 6- to 23- month-olds) in the park. They'd like to thank the City of Readlyn for their help with this project. The swings are now available for use!

### Readlyn Senior Citizens meet Aug. 16

On August 16, 2023, 18 members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow. Ron Leistikow led us in prayer before our meal. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Charlie Albrecht, Judy Leistikow, Larry Pavelec and Lois Thacher.

Charlie and Wilda Albrecht had their anniversary party on July 30 celebrating their 60th anniversary, but their anniversary was actually in the month of August.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$280.00. Motion was made by Larry Pavelec and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read by Lois Thacher for the July 19, 2023 meeting. Motion was made by Judy Leistikow and seconded by Roger Deterding to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Readlyn Historical Society's Ice Cream Social is August 20, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A donation of 25 cents is requested per serving.

NEW BUSINESS: The new Kindness Fruit and Vegetable Cart in front of the Post Office was purchased with memorial funds from the family of R.H. Richter. The cart was made by Matthias Fabrication. When you go to the Post Office, check it out and thank Jennifer at the Post Office for her family's generous donation to the community.

The Annual Esther Wittenburg Memorial Golf Cart ride on the bike trail is September 16, 2023, 1:30 to 4 p.m. The rain date will be September 17. Esther's family has generously donated money to pay for the cart rentals from Rudy's in Denver for persons that need a cart. If you own a cart you can join in on the ride. If you need a cart contact Pat Wehr on her cell, 319-415-2001.

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held September 20 at 11:30 at the Tripoli Bowling Alley.

Don Billhorn made a motion to adjourn and Larry Ladage seconded it. Motion carried.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

# Readlyn Community Library

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### Summer Reading Program 2023 - Discover Your Story





A good time was had by all at this year's SRP. Some of those reading logs were IMPRESSIVE, and we enjoyed handing out prizes to all our readers. Also impressive was attendance for the programs. Totals were: 367 children and 71 adults. Thanks to all of our attendees and presenters who helped make this program a success and for all our kids who agree that Reading Is Fun!



# **30th annual Westendorf family reunion held**

The 30th Annual Leo & Mildred Westendorf reunion was held Sunday, July 22, 2023 at the Readlyn Park in Readlyn, Iowa. Attendees enjoyed donut holes and coffee at 10:30 am. A mini church service was led by Jolene McCurdy. The song was led by Sherri and Steve Pavelec and he played guitar. A song was sung by Stacey Kleir & son Ben. Todd Kleier gave the message 'Till You Can't.' At noon there was a potluck dinner. Forty-six members were present from Waverly; Waterloo; Denver; Seymour, MO; New Hartford; Cedar Falls; Oelwein; Motello, WI; Readlyn; Janesville; Charles City; Madison, WI; Sumner; Deland, Florida; and Racine, WI.

The oldest family member was 88-year-old Verdeen

Pavelec of Denver and the youngest family member was 7-year-old Roman Pavelec, son of Ed and Bridget Pavelec of Waterloo. Traveling the longest distance was Mrs. Jeff Jander of Deland, Florida. Many members played bean bag toss. Winners of the tournament were David Becker and Misty Block, both of Cedar Falls.

On Saturday, July 21, 2023, 10 family members had breakfast at The Wild Carrot and golfed at the Waverly Municipal Golf Course. The winners were Robert Thiele of Waterloo and Wm McCurdy of Waverly. At 11:30 17 members attended lunch at The Red Fox Inn in Waverly. Hosts were Wm and Jolene McCurdy and family of Waverly.

(submitted by Verdeen Pavelec)

Send news to the Readlyn Chronicle to readlynchronicle@gmail.com



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# Readlyn, Long Ago

**Compiled by Bob Thran** 

Editor's Note: Read the Chronicle, including "Readlyn, Long Ago," online at: https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us

#### I have lived in Nashua since 1973. My parents moved from Readlyn to Nashua and lived across the street from our home. I am familiar with all three towns and will attempt to contrast Nashua to Readlyn and

Nashua has probably the worst Main Street in the state of Iowa. Half of the buildings on Main Street are abandoned, remain unoccupied and should be removed. The once elaborate hotel and several other buildings have already been demolished.

Owners of these abandoned buildings ceased paying taxes, so the buildings then reverted to the city. Nashua does not have the hundreds of thousands of dollars needed to demolish and remove these buildings. These former stores have remained in their present condition for many years. There is no plan to address the situation. A major problem: occupied buildings may have walls dependent on buildings that should be removed.

Nashua is an old town stemming from 1865, the Civil War era. Presently, there are five or more houses in Nashua, which appear to be abandoned. Many have already been removed.

HOWEVER, Nashua has the Big 4 Fairgrounds, the renowned Little Brown

## Readlyn and Denver — Nashua

Church in the Vale and Cedar Lake. The dam creating Cedar Lake is costly, and in need of repair. There are many beautiful homes along Cedar Lake, as well as homes east of the river in two areas overlooking Cedar Lake.

Nashua has a home on Cedar Lake modeled after a Frank Lloyd Wright home. Ironically, the home was purchased several years ago by Rudy and Wanda Busch, Denver residents. Both are now deceased. Rudy and Wanda were graduates of Readlyn High School. The home is now in Wanda's estate. When they purchased this home they had no intention of moving to Nashua. Repairs were made and a large garage was added. Rudy said to me, in a disgusted tone, a few years ago, "I don't know why the hell I bought it."

Nashua has a large, well-maintained city park along Cedar Lake containing many camping sites. A bandshell has recently been erected. Cedar Lake provides recreation and fishing in winter as well as summer.

For an adventure, come to Nashua, cruise up and down our crumbling Nashua Main Street, then drive through the alley and look at the buildings from the rear. The back side of the former stores appear far worse than the front. On one abandoned building on the east side of Nashua Main Street, a tree is growing on the roof. Then drive along both sides of Cedar Lake and see beautiful homes. Rumors are that one home sold recently for \$420,000.

In comparison, Readlyn and Denver have better-maintained business districts plus residential areas free of abandoned homes. Nashua has Cedar Lake. Denver has made some recreational use of Quarter

Mile Creek running through town. (You will never hear of anyone from Readlyn bragging about historic Stink Creek.)

Recently there was an article in the Waterloo Courier about Waverly being a bird-friendly community. Nashua is a bird friendlier city than Waverly. Nashua provides pigeons free nesting in the second story in some buildings on Main Street. Pictures will verify. Take that, Waverly!



Buildings on the west side of Main Street – pigeon sanctuary



Building on corner, rear caved in - street and sidewalk on south side closed due to



danger of falling wall





Beautiful home across Cedar Lake



house (above)

## Show Bob you care!

Submitted by Bob Thran's son, Tony Thran

I have a special request:

My Dad will be 94 years old on September 20. He has been writing articles for you in the Readlyn Chronicle for the past six years.

It is becoming more difficult for him to continue

writing his articles. We live in Nashua and Dad gets little feedback from what he writes.

If you like what he writes, please send him a card and write a comment. Send to: Bob Thran, 102 Dawn Drive, Nashua, IA 50658. His cell phone number is 319-404-2863. Thank you!

Abandoned house-one of five or more.

# News from Community Lutheran School



We are excited to announce Miss Emily Peck will be teaching with our kindergarten and extended day preschool students. Emily has worked in education for the past five years as a para in Kansas and this past year at West Central. She is currently completing her education at Western Governors University. Emily lives in Westgate with her parents where her father is the pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church. She also has a sister who lives in Kansas. She enjoys reading and the outdoors. Welcome Emily!



We are excited to announce Mrs. Kristen Dvorak as the Teacher Assistant in our Four Year Old Preschool classroom. For the past five years Kristen worked as a para at the Fairbank Elementary. Kristen lives on an acreage near Wapsie Valley High School with her husband, Josh and family. Together they have five children. Three are grown and live in Tennessee. Also, Dakley will be a freshman at Wapsie and Cash with be a 7th grader here at CLS! She enjoys gardening, yardwork kayaking and fishing. Welcome Kristen!



### Miss Valerie Wilkening

We are excited to announce Miss Valerie Wilkening as our third and fourth grade teacher as well as reading/language arts for third through sixth grade. Valerie is from Waverly, IA. She recently graduated from Upper Iowa University in Waterloo and received her BA in Elementary Education with a K-B reading endorsement. She enjoys reading, puzzles, and spending time with her church and family. Welcome Valerie!

# Fall dinner planned at Zion Lutheran Church on October 22

A fall dinner is being planned for Zion Lutheran Church, 240 Elmer Ave., Readlyn, on Sunday, October 22, with serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ev-

eryone is welcome to dine-in or drive through. coleslaw, orange fluff salad, rolls and butter, pies/desserts, coffee, milk and water.

The menu includes barbecued brisket, cheesy potatoes, homegrown sweet corn,

coleslaw, orange fluff salad, rolls and butter, pies/desserts, coffee, milk and water. Refreshments are dine-in only. A free-will donation will be collected. Also, the event will include a raffle with a quilt as the grand prize.

Thrivent Action Team is supplementing the meal. All are welcome to attend.

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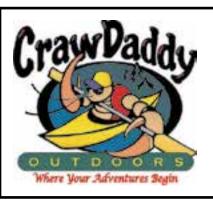
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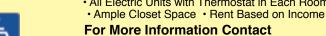


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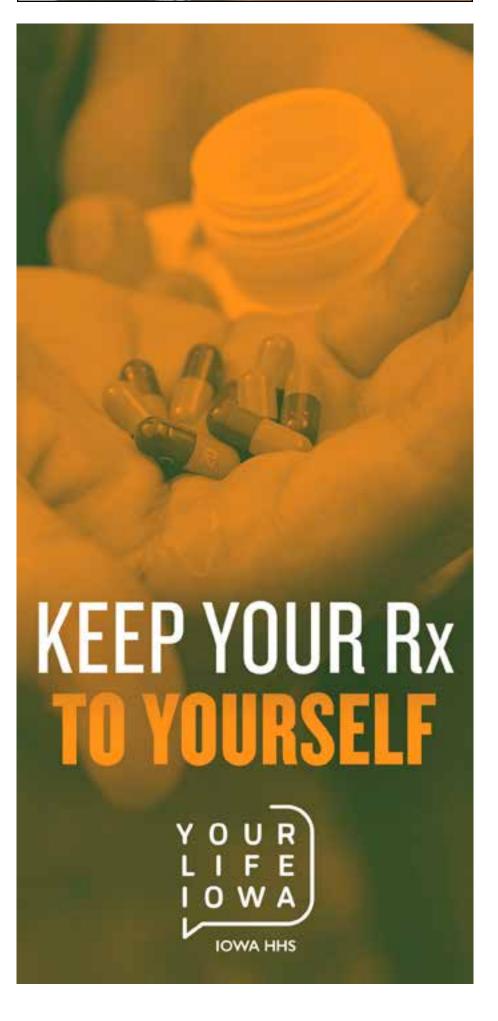
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# Readlyn Community Club provides entertainment!



2023 Readlyn Royalty (I to r) Lily Swickerath, Kali Lampe, and Matilda Miller help get the rock painting activity rolling.



Some club members visit with non-members; all are welcome at our picnics.



Bronson Bockholt loves the kids' picnic table.



Older kids have their own table. (I) Addison Broten; (r) Wyatt Broten and

## **RCC Picnic in the Park**

As shown in the pictures, anyone attending the Readlyn Community Club's Picnic in the Park had plenty of entertainment and food.

Thank you to all who attended

and donated a plethora of school supplies. Future picnics are in the works; please keep in mind that these picnics are always open to all Readlyn residents.



The Splash Pad was enjoyed by young and old.



Master chefs (I to r) Ron Hartman, Ed Harrington, and Scott Broten prepare to close down the grills after serving the crowd.



Grump Ron Hartman happily poses with Readlyn Royalty.



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# Join the Readlyn Community Club today!

### **Esther Wittenburg Memorial Golf Cart** Ride will be Saturday, September 16

burg's Annual Memorial Golf Cart Ride ride. will be Saturday, September

16, 1:30-4 pm, with a rain date Sunday, September 17, same time.

As usual, the Grump and Readlyn Royalty will lead the ride on the bike trail round trip from Readlyn to Killdeer, where a port-a-potty will be available. To remind

everyone that the gazebo is open to the public, Readlyn Gardeners will serve

Mark your calendar!! Esther Witten- treats and water there at the end of the

Esther's family is funding the cost of the rental carts from Rudy's in Denver. Interested? To reserve a golf cart, please contact Pat Wehr: cell 319-415-2001 or email wehr@rtc279. com by Saturday, September 9. No reservations are necessary if you have your own golf

All riders, please meet at the TruServe parking lot by 1:15 p.m. so you can sign a waiver.

### Coming October 28:

### 2nd Annual Halloween Poker Ride

Readlyn Community Club is proud to announce the sponsorship of the second annual Halloween Poker Run Saturday, October 28, 2023!

The focus, besides having fun, will be to again help improve Readlyn's parks and assist with projects to improve our community for families! Look for more information in October's Chronicle. Pictured at right is the current officer team in one of the dugouts last year's Poker Run helped finance.





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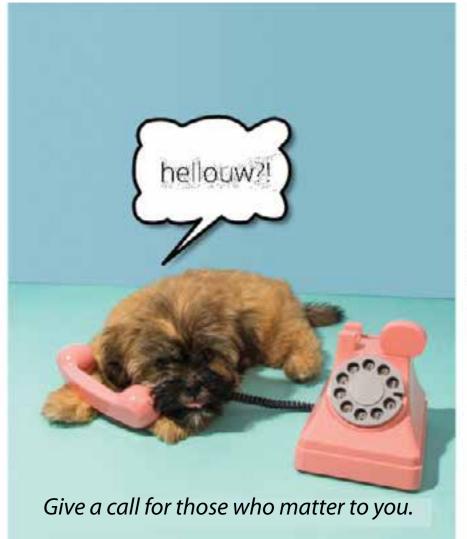
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### Wapsie Valley School Board Meetings August 10, 2023

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August 10, 2023

- 1. President Wolfe called the Work Session to order @ 6:37 P.M.
- A. Directors: Sauerbrei, Van Daele, & Wolfe. Aiello, Auel excused Declared a quorum
- B. Administration Supt. Hoover & Board Sec-
- retary Kim Arndt
  2. Rural #3 Discussion-Van Daele opened
  the discussion stating Andy Gingerich originally
  purchased approximately 38 acres of land, and
  was later sold to his nephew Ervin Gingrich. In a
  telephone call to Andy Gingerich, Andy verified
  the longstanding agreement between Amish and
  Wapsie Valley CSD was Amish owned the land
  and Wapsie Valley CSD owned the school building.
  Wapsie Valley CSD is maintaining its position that
  the verbal agreement on Amish land owner and
  Wapsie Valley CSD as building owner stands since
  there are no formal documents and nothing to dispute this. Also discussed not allowing any changes
- to current state of the building. 3. Adjourned at 6:53 P.M.
- 1. President Wolfe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 PM A. Directors: Sauerbrei, Van Daele, & Wolfe. Aiello, Auel excused
- B. Administration Supt. Hoover & Board Secretary Kim Arndt
- C. Others Present: John A. Raber, Eli H. Raber, William W. Helmuth, Glen E. Yoder, Andy E. Raber
- 2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0
- 3. Rural Schools Discussion Wolfe opened discussion by stating that things were looked into with previous land owners and possible proposal for Rural #3. John Raber stated they are still wanting to have this school. Wolfe stated the understanding is the Amish owned the land the school was built on and Wapsie Valley CSD owned the

building. We are trying to keep harmony between everyone that would allow Amish private school to use the Wapsie Valley CSD building. Sauerbrei stated that Wapsie Valley CSD does not want to take out electricity, plumbing, fixtures, & furnace however they can possibly be disabled to allow a wood/coal stove to be installed by Amish. Discussions on different heating options were discussed. John Raber stated a wood/coal stove would be installed with no electricity. Lights wouldn't be needed a lot during the school day unless there was a storm that caused darkness. If that was to happen Amish would provide battery powered lighting. The proposed agreement would start on August 23, 2023 and end on June 30, 2024. The effective start date of August 23rd will allow a wood/coal stove to be installed prior to the start of classes. The agreement would be revisited in July 2024 to decide to continue the agreement or to discontinue the agreement. No unused furniture or items in storage will be removed from the premises without prior permission of WV District. If the agreement was to be discontinued, the school building would be restored to its original state. Van Daele & Hoover will work with Amish on heating changes prior to starting projects. John Raber-everyone is happy

they can use the building.

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele
to approve the Facilities, Waiver of Liability, & Hold
Harmless Agreement proposal of the Facilities,
Waiver of Liability, & Hold Harmless Agreement
pending revisions as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to approve the Martin Gardner Architect's quote for the Softball lights project \$16,250 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Talking Points - Hoover-thanks to all the board members for helping with Rural building

#3. Wolfe-need to look for documents on other rural buildings.

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Van Daele to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully, Kim Arndt

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# What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to billhorn@rtc279.com

### ANGRY APPLE PIE – Jalapeno Apple Pie Submitted by Ron Hartman, 2023 Readlyn Grump **INGREDIENTS:** 2 pie crusts at room temperature 2 T red or green hot pepper jelly 6 C Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced 2 tsp green jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely sliced 34 C sugar ½ C packed brown sugar 2 T flour 1 tsp cinnamon 1/8 tsp nutmeg ¼ tsp salt 1 T fresh lemon juice **INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. 2. Sprinkle both sides of one of the pie crusts with flour and rub all over. Press the pie crust into a 9-inch pie plate (glass or ceramic recommended). Spread the hot pepper jelly

(room temp) on the bottom of the pie crust. Set aside. 3. In a large mixing bowl, add the apples, diced jalapeno pepper, white and brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and lemon juice. Stir until thoroughly combined.

Drain excess juice and pour apple mixture into the pie plate 4. Roll out the second pie crust so that it extends about ½ inch beyond the rim of the pie plate. Place the crust on top of the pie and tuck the edge of the top pie crust under the edge of the bottom crust and press to seal. Crimp the edges with your fingers or a fork. Using a sharp knife, cut five 2-inch slits into the top pie crust from the center of the pie out towards the edge of the pie to allow steam to escape.

5. Place some aluminum foil along the edge of the pie crust to prevent burning.

6. Bake the pie on the middle shelf for 25 minutes. Remove the foil from the edges and bake for another 15 minutes until the crust is golden brown. Let the pie sit for at least 2 hours before serving to allow the juices to absorb.

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## Obituary

#### **Gail Lynne Deterding**

Gail Lynne Deterding, 58, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at UnityPoint-Allen Hospital,

Waterloo.



Gail Deterding

Gail was born on November 26, 1964, in Savanna, Illinois, the daughter of Donald Richard and Vivian Maxine (Ohl) Arnold. Gail attended high school at West Central in Maynard, Iowa, graduating with the class of 1983. On September 17, 1983,

Gail was united in marriage to Tim Boies and to this union were four children, Kerrie, Katie, Kristie and Billy. Tim passed away in 2003. Sometime in 2004, Gail met Steve Deterding and they were united in marriage on September 5, 2015. Gail worked as a cook and CNA until she became ill.

Gail enjoyed cooking, spending time with her grandbabies, family gatherings, farming and her dogs.

Gail is survived by her husband, Steve Deterding of Readlyn; a daughter, Kerrie (Branden) Burroughs of Waterloo; a daughter Katie (Joey) Nolan of Oelwein;

a daughter, Kristie (Dustin Palmer) Boies of Readlyn and a son, Billy (Kelsey Andersen) Boies of Shell Rock; four grandchildren, TJ Nolan, Angela Nolan, Londyn Boies, Lily Eckhoff and one on the way; her mother, Vivian Leyh of Oelwein; a sister, Carol (Mike) Schulmeister, a brother, Donald Raymond (Vanessa Alberts) Arnold, a half-brother, Kevin (Debbie) Arnold, four sisters-in-law, Sherry (Todd) Alldredge, Julie Boies and Christine (Joel) Curtis and Janice (Kevin) Minton; along with special friends, Lisa Panos and Jenny Arthur-Markey and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Gail was preceded in death by her father, Donald Arnold, husband, Tim Boies, sister, Debra Arnold in infancy, stepfather, Rugene Leyh; Tims' parents, Richard and Lois Boies; Steve's parents, Robert and Ruth Deterding; her maternal and paternal grandparents and a brother-in-law, Dan Boies.

There was a visitation from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn. There was a private burial of her cremains following services. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

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#### "It's Not A Passion, It's an Obsession" Part Two

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"Be all in," three simple words which, when put together, mean a lot to me these days. I've always had 100% drive in anything I decide to do, but this phrase is a motto that means even more than that. As we continue the story we started last month, you'll soon learn what I'm talking about as we continue my Mossy Oak journey.

To catch you back up, last time I left you with my story of getting the position with Mossy Oak and what that entails. I was named Regional Fishing Prostaff Manager in late August 2019. With the guidance of Tim Anderson, and a lot of help from my now former manager and friend Perry Peterson, I began to form my team. I had anglers and outdoorsmen and women in mind and I started the process of signing immediately. At first, it seemed a bit overwhelming starting a team from scratch, not only finding staff I trusted to promote the brand, but interviewing, sending out contracts, and making sure I had the right folks. This process became easier with time as I had a lot of help from Perry and Tim along the way.

Perry was a lot of help with the process and Tim would check in often, making sure I had what I needed and, every now and then, a suggestion on a potential new staff member or two. It didn't take long to find out how great a manager Tim was, always checking in, and often I'd find a box at the door with some sort of Mossy Oak swag or a partner company product.

Things were going well and then spring of 2020 came a short time after settling into my new role. Now, I'm sure I don't need to explain what spring of 2020 means, but it was the start of COVID.

A huge part of our promotion here at Mossy Oak, especially pre-COVID, is boots on the ground face-to-face consumer shows, banquets, store promotions, and the list goes on. As you all know, all of these types of events ground to a screeching halt. I had just gotten started with my team and now we were in a holding pattern until shows were able to take place. For the most part, as far as event promotions, we were shut down.

Fortunately for my fishing team, fishing tournaments were still being held with precautions, and we were able to promote at those types of events. A lot of us turned to social media and pushed that harder as that was a way we could still promote. Tim kept us well in the loop and up-to-

date with what we could or couldn't do.

My first chance at attending the yearly managers' meeting in June in West Point, Mississippi was canceled due to COVID, so, in my first full year, we by no stretch had a "normal" time for me to completely learn the ropes and settle in.

I will begin to fast forward some here as there really wasn't a lot going on for a lengthy stretch. Tim and Perry would check in often and that was how it went for a while. As we went into 2021, things began to slowly pick up and I was slowly learning what "normal" might look like. We once again missed out on the Managers' meeting, but events slowly began to happen. Going through the summer of 2021, I had built my team to around 25 members and was really feeling good about the direction we were heading. Then, September 1, 2021 came, opening day of dove and teal season here in Iowa. I had my good friend Eric Williams at my house for our annual dove hunt. The morning was a fantastic shoot and we got our limit of doves and even shot some teal. About 10:30 that morning, Tim called me and it was normal business.

"Hey bud, what are ya doin?" "I'm out dove hunting with Eric." "Awesome! I'll keep this brief so you can get back to hunting. I shipped you your team shirts and hats, should have in a day or two. Good luck out there, talk to ya soon." "Thanks Tim, talk later."

I went back to hunting and finished out the day. Back at the house, Eric and I were cleaning our day's reward when the shipping truck pulled up and dropped a box at the door. I thought, wow, those shirts came fast. When I checked out the box, it was from Tim, but it wasn't the shirts. It was a box with various products, but, importantly, it had a thermacell mosquito repellent product in there with a note. "Thought you might need this for the Wapsi River mosquitoes when the flood water subsides in your hunting ground -- Tim."

Some of my local readers may remember that was the year the Wansi River

nearly broke a record flooding in late-August. That was Tim, thinking of everyone. I immediately sent him a text thanking him for the products. To surprise, my the text went unanswered.

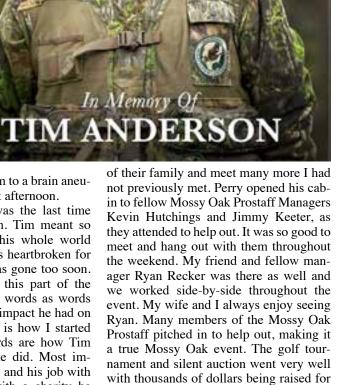
I remember thinking later, that's odd, he always texts back. I went to bed early that night, as I'd hunted all day, and the next morning Perry called me with

the news. We had lost Tim to a brain aneurysm that September first afternoon.

I was stunned, that was the last time I would speak with Tim. Tim meant so much to so many and his whole world was his family and I was heartbroken for them. This great man was gone too soon. As you might imagine, this part of the story is hard to put into words as words really can't describe the impact he had on so many. "BE ALL IN" is how I started this part, and those words are how Tim lived his life with all he did. Most importantly with his family and his job with Mossy Oak, but also with a charity he was very passionate about -- Aiming for a Cure Foundation. The Aiming For A Cure Foundation is built upon a foundation of committed people with a great passion to help children and their families that suffer from various forms of cancer.

In September 2022, Perry Peterson and Tim's wife, Karen, put together the first annual Tim Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament to raise money for Aiming for a Cure. My wife, Aubrey, and I helped all we could with this event and that is where the "Mossy Oak Family" really started feeling that way. Throughout the weekend Aubrey and I helped, we were welcomed by Karen and Perry as though we were family.

As I said last time, I went to school with Tim and Karen's son, Justin, and it was good to reconnect with him and the rest



raising money for his favorite charity.

After that weekend, I felt more connected to my Mossy Oak family than ever before. This, however, is not where the story ends, this is simply part two and, while emotion-filled, a very important part of the story. As we head into part three next time, I promise you a story that's a lot of fun, my first trip to headquarters in West Point, Mississippi, and the fun and friendships made. It was an adventure this past June for sure! So be sure to catch up again next time for part three of "It's Not A Passion, It's an Obsession" and, until then, GET OUTDOORS!

Aiming for a Cure Foundation and many

stories and memories of Tim told through-

out the weekend. Lots of laughs, smiles,

and some tears, but a very good weekend

celebrating the life of a great man and



# Immanuel Lutheran Celebrates 150th Anniversary

It was with great joy and blessings from God that Immanuel Lutheran celebrated 150 years on Sunday, August 6! Three hundred members and guests were in attendance. The day began with a 10 a.m. service. Pastor Lawrence Schmidt, son of the congregation, was speaker and Pastor George Volker served as liturgist. The church proper, balcony and basement seated attendees for the service. The service focused on 'Rejoicing' and looking at where we are at.

During the service, special music was provided by the Sunday School, Bell and Adult Vocal Choirs accompanied by organ, clavinova, trumpet and flutes. The closing hymn, "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" was an emotional and joyful close to the service. The service is available for viewing: https://www.facebook.com/ILCKlinger/videos/1307216173521425.

Attendees had the opportunity to view a display of photos and artifacts. A quilt, 90 years old and made by the LWML founding members was exhibited, too. The Community Lutheran School classrooms were open to walk through with one classroom dedicated to viewing videoed comments from former Pastors unable to attend. A display of confirmation photos was also available.

Immanuel means "God is with us." This phrase could not be truer to the members

at Immanuel as God's blessings were evident on our day of celebration. Thank you for following our journey of remembrance through articles in the *Chronicle*!

The third and last Sunday of celebration is October 8 at 10 a.m. This celebration is themed as "Reinvigorating Sunday" with focus on our future. We hope you will join



Attendees were encouraged to get their photo taken against the original doors and church sign from the first church building. Luann Happel and Audrey Schmidt are shown in this photo.



**The meal**, held after the service, was catered by Edgewood Locker. Attendees were seated in the Commons and Gym for the meal.



Arlin Poock and Arlin Schmidt, both members of the Confirmation Class of 1943, are pictured here. Another classmate, Marlys (Otto) Minneart, was also in attendance. Of the twelve members confirmed in 1943, three enjoyed the day's festivities.



A view of the worship service from the balcony.

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## Readlyn City Council Meeting July 10, 2023

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon Jason Franck, Joey Jones, Nicole Barnes, Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma.

in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma.

Motion by Bames and seconded by Brunscheon to approve minutes from the June 14, 2023 council meetings. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried. Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried. Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the proposal to sell easement rights as to the following described real estate to Richard A. Peine and Carol A. Peine for the sum of\$1,000: The North 12.00 feet of the East 125.00 feet of the West 462.00 feet of Parcel J in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 91 North, Range 12 West of the 511' P.M., Bremer County, Iowa, as more particularly de-

scribed in the Plat Survey recorded August 27, 2018, as Instrument No. 20183242 with the Bremer County Recorder, Waverly, Iowa. Notice of time and place had been published in the Waverly Newspapers on June 27, 2023. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Franck to introduce Resolution No. 2023-08 entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO RICHARD A. PEINE AND CAROL A. PEINE, FOR THE SUM OF \$1,000". Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon Jones. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2023-08 duly adopted.

Council received an update on the Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project. Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$346,921.73 to Dave Schmitt Construction. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Change order for Readlyn Main Street Reconstruction Project tabled. Discussion on splash pad operations.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon

Motion by Franck and seconded by Brunscheon to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

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