

Readlyn Spring Clean-Up Days are May 13 and 14

There will only be two Readlyn spring clean-up days!

On May 13, pick-up will include all of 4th Street and all residences to the north (high-lighted in pink on the map).

On May 14, pick-up will include all residences to the south of 4th Street (highlighted in yellow on the map).

All items must be at the curb no later than

8:00 a.m. on the day of pick up.

AGAIN this year, items must have paid sticker on them prior to pick-up.

This is your chance to get rid of items not taken by regular garbage pick-up. Please have your items at your curb separate from your regular garbage.

No tree stumps, junk car parts, yard waste, animal waste, batteries, concrete, building materials, hazardous materials, paint, oil, solvents, insecticides, or pesticides will be accepted.

We will be charging for pick up for the following items:

- Car Tire (on rim add \$6.00)\$8.00
- Major Piece of Furniture\$10.00
- Truck Tire (on rim add \$7.00).....\$9.00
- Mattress.....\$10.00
- Tractor Tire Call for prices
- Box Spring\$10.00

- Appliance w/ Freon\$15.00
- Carpet.....\$20/Cu. yd
- (Refrigerator, Dehumidifier, etc.), Bathroom Fixtures\$10.00
- All other Appliances\$12.00
- TV\$15.00
- Grills & Garage Door Openers\$10.00
- Computers.....\$15.00
- Swing Sets & Trampolines.....\$20.00
- Vacuum cleaner.....\$10.00
- Lawn mowers (no riding mower)\$12.00
- Power washers\$12.00

Fees for the above items must be paid IN ADVANCE at City Hall. You will be given a paid sticker and receipt. Other items will be picked up free of charge.

No items longer than 10 feet in length will be picked up.

Larger items must be taken apart (such as swing sets, trampolines etc).

Pick-up of all items is subject to the discretion of the City of Readlyn.

NO RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

Call city hall, 279-3411, if you question if there is a charge for an item.

Payment for items will begin on April 28.



The buds on the trees have turned into leaves with the aid of warm Mr. Sun. Nature's spring work has begun.

Soon you will see springing up lovely little buttercups ...

Joined by **Yard of the Month** signs in past winners' yards.

Weeds on Fire generously will be sponsoring Yard of the Month for June, July, August, and September for the seventh year in a row. Winners will be recognized for enhancing Readlyn aesthetically as well as be awarded a monetary gift. No need to apply; all yards in Readlyn will be considered.

Albrecht, Gipper complete 6,000 mile boat trip!

Roxie Albrecht and Jerry Gipper of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, received their BaccaLOOPerate degree from America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association (AGLCA). The degree is given in recognition of completing one of the world's

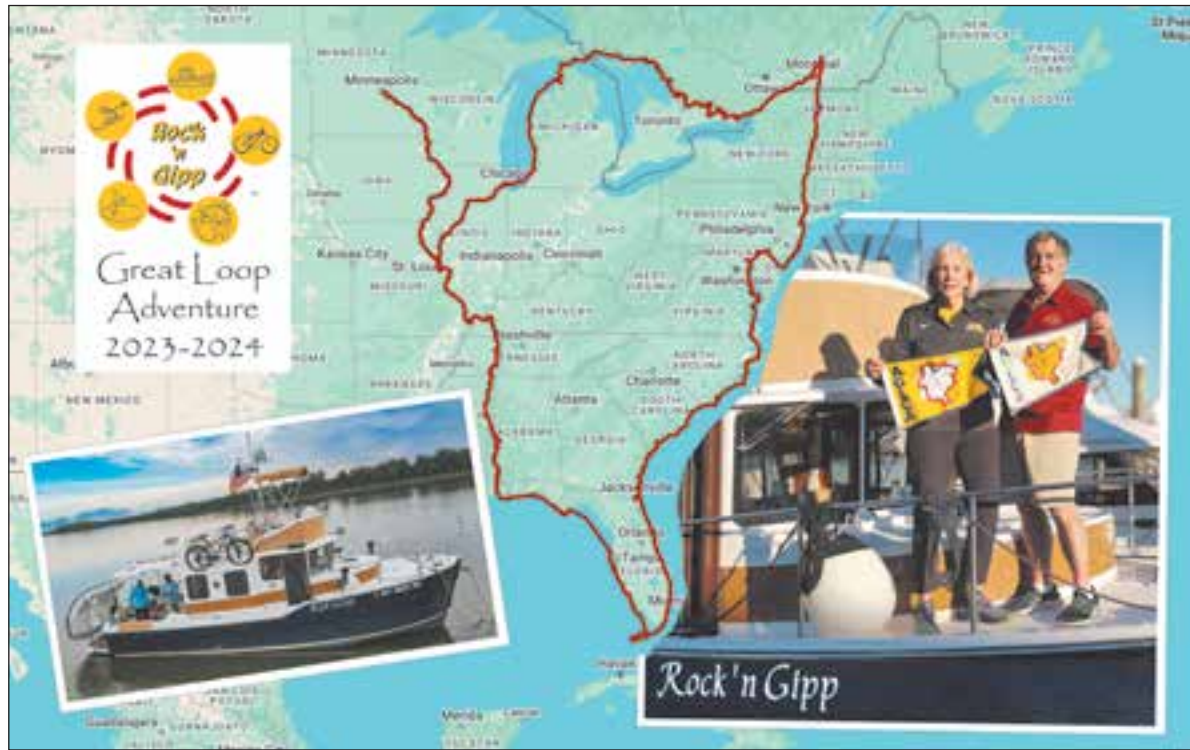
most unique adventures, America's Great Loop. Boaters doing the Great Loop are on a 6,000-mile journey that circumnavigates the eastern part of the U.S. and Canada, cruising up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, through the New York State

Canals, into the Great Lakes, down the inland river system, across the Gulf of Mexico, and around the southern tip of Florida. Roxie and Jerry both have ties to the Readlyn/Fairbank area.

Roxie and Jerry completed the Great Loop aboard their Ranger Tug 31-CB power boat, Rock 'n Gipp. In addition to facing the challenges inherent to long-distance cruising, the couple enjoyed unparalleled views of the U.S. and Canada from the distinct vantage point of the water's edge. They had this to say about their adventure:

"The Great Loop provided us with far more than we ever anticipated for our first retirement adventure. The most precious moments

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Blood Drive in May

The Denver/Readlyn Communities Blood Drive will be held Friday, May 2, 2025, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Denver Community Center, 100 Washington Street.

The need for blood never stops especially since someone in the United States needs a lifesaving transfusion every two seconds. In LifeServe Blood Center's service area alone, more than 3,000 units of blood are needed each week to meet the needs of hospital patients. As spring ends, and we head into summer, help us make sure a safe and stable blood supply is available by scheduling your next appointment at an upcoming blood drive:

To schedule your appointment, call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeserve-bloodcenter.org.

GARAGE SALE

READLYN'S
City Wide Sales

May 9th-10th

City Wide Garage Sales	Location	Hours	Items
Immanuel/St. Paul Youth Group - Anderson Home	236 E 5th Street	Fri 8-4pm, Sat 8-12pm	Rolling funds for our youth trip to New Orleans for the LCMS Youth Gathering! Clothing - all sizes, home décor and so much more!
Speir Home	3130 Utah Ave	Fri 8-3pm, Sat 8-3pm	We have something for everyone! BIG Multi-Family Sale - something for everyone!
Lodage Home	119 Kolman Ave	Thur 4-7pm, Fri 8-7pm Sat 8-3pm	Many vintage household items!
Ritzman Home	242 Clark Street	Friday 4-7pm, Saturday 8-3pm	We have quit camping so large selection of bedding, towels, quilts, kitchenware, and lots of home décor. Good for camping or furnishing an apartment. Some adult clothing.
Fransen/Matthias Home	310 E 4th Street	Friday 12-4pm Saturday 9-12pm	Lots of great items!
Thum Home	446 E 3rd Street	Friday 4-7pm, Saturday 8-3pm	Home décor, women's, men's, girls clothing, kids toys, and misc.
Roberts Home	603 Parkview Drive	Friday 8-7 Saturday 8-7	Girls clothing too, women's clothing over, men's clothing too, household items, towels, classroom supplies, and lots more.
Lokke Home	203 Clark Street	Friday 12-4pm, Saturday 8-12pm	Mens & Womens clothes and shoes, toys, household items, tools, outdoor items, bicycles
Boevery/Crawford/Matthias Home	607 Washview Drive	Thurs 12-4pm, Friday 8-4pm, Saturday 8-12pm	Multi-Family Sale. Kids toys, baby & toddler clothing & shoes, baby girl bows, misc., baby items, Women's clothing & shoes, 31 purses, Scentry, furniture and misc. household items.
Withenburg Home	312 Laback Ave	Thur 4-7pm, Fri 8-7pm Sat 8-3pm	Home décor items, Size 8 shoes, women's clothing XL-2X, Men's clothing M-XL-2X, Wedding décor, Women's/Junior's Clothing un-labeled, Kid/baby toys and clothing
Withenburg Home	2526 Reed Ave	Friday 4-7, Saturday 9-3pm	Outdoor planter pots, lawn décor, very nice men's clothing (XL tall) business suits/suits 42L-48L, Kitchen plates, bowls, accessories, home décor, women's clothing, long-sleeved items, children's clothes/toys, crafts and much, much more!
Wilcox Home	403 5th St Place	Friday 4-7 Saturday 8-3pm	Lots of great items!
Readlyn Emergency Service Building (RSES) Fundraiser	111 Main Street	Saturday 10-2pm	Lots of household items, kitchenware and so much more!
Tiedt Home	207 Wilmont Ave	Fri 5-7pm Sat 8-1pm	Free will Car Wash and Bake Sale
Schock Home	123 Highland Ave	Thur 12-4pm, Fri 8-7pm, Sat 8-7	Harley Davidson, metal signs, Harley Davidson Jackets M & 2XL, Harley Davidson Boots Size 7/12-13, Hand gun carrying case, 2 portable deer stands, Cloth bow case, Black Archery target- new, Cast Iron camp oven- new, shop vac, 50 Caliber pyrodes pellets for muzzle loader, 6 metal folding chairs, bowfles treadmill climbing - excellent condition, misc craft items!
Hartman/Wurzer Home	248 W Clark Street	Fri 8-7pm, Sat 8-12pm	Men's women's, kids clothes and shoes, Kitchen items, bedding, toys, craft items, much, much more! And NEW stuff too!
Erickson Home	421 Laback Ave	Fri 8-4, Sat 8-12pm	Girls 12-14, Men's large to XL, Women's XL, home décor, small appliances, single blow-up mattresses, bedroom set, vintage Raggedy Ann & Andy, toy tin cupboard, toy dishes, fisher Price.
			Lots of great items!



Grump's Grumblings

By Bonnie Wittenburg, 2024 Grump

Hello, Readlyn.

Today, I spent some time making my yard look nicer. I have seen many folks drive by on their way to the compost pile. We are so lucky to have an area we can take most of our yard waste. This makes it so much easier to keep our places looking nice. A bit later, the city will offer a clean-up day and we can get rid of some larger items we no longer need. Gosh, with all that and upcoming garage sales, we should all be ship-shape.

The Easter Egg Hunt is on April 19. If the crowd is as eager as last year's, it will be great fun. Thanks to all the donors and Jessica for all she is doing to make this a great community event.

With the warmer weather, it is easy to start thinking about the summer activities. Don't forget Readlyn's Grump Days. Be sure to mark that as the fun that cannot be missed. RCC is working madly to make this year one of our best. We are still open to ideas and, of course, always looking for help. I am just a bit sad to say my term as "The Grump" is almost at an end. I hope the next Grump finds it to be as much fun as I did. Maybe it is time to start thinking about that Parade entry.

We have some graduations and weddings coming up this summer. I get to do a bit of baking and have some fun with family.

Readlyn Gardeners are in full 'make it bloom again' spirit. We meet once a week for about an hour. If you enjoy the morn-

ing air, it really gets you started on your day in a grateful way with the beauty of spring. Soon the gardeners will be visiting the greenhouses to get the best possible plants for our town.

We ventured out with our Mustang convertible. Hopefully, we can enjoy it this year. Maybe the body aches are fixed. Between my husband and I, we have had 3 knees replaced in the last couple years.

With that I will say goodbye and BE KIND, we all want the same things.

Grump Bonnie

Correction

Mary Chapin was incorrectly identified as Millie Crawford in the March 26, 2025 issue of the Readlyn Chronicle. This was under the photo of the Readlyn Senior Citizens getting together for a Valentine's party and meeting on Feb. 19.

The Readlyn Chronicle appreciates readers bringing errors or omissions to the attention of the paper for possible correction.

**Deadline for the
May 28 Chronicle is
Thurs., May 15 at 5 PM
Send news to
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gmail.com**



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Jaylin May

Happy spring, Readlyn Community!

This time of the year is always busy but really fun and memorable also. School is winding down, weather is getting warmer, spring sports are happening, the school musical, prom, and most importantly this year, graduation! Senior year really did fly by, but it was a lot of fun. I made so many memories with so many people.

I would like to announce that I have committed to run track and field at Wartburg College! I will be majoring in biology/exercise science to become a Physical Therapist or PTA in the near future. I plan to participate in music ensembles of some sort as well. I recently had my track and field signing at school on April 11 at 2:00 p.m. where my family, friends, coaches, and teammates came out to support. Thank you to my family, friends, and Readlyn Community who made all of this possible and helped me on this journey!

Our track season has been off to a great start as we have had quite a few meets now as we head into May. Our first outdoor meet was at Jesup on April 8 where it was pretty chilly, but not too terrible. We actually ended up winning that meet as a team in the class 1A division! We also had a meet at Independence on April 10. That meet was so cold and took almost 7 hours to complete with class 4A schools being there and being co-ed. But we all had amazing

results for it only being our second outdoor meet of the season. The boys' team has had quite a few indoor and outdoor meets just going into April. They seem to be getting quality time in practice that carries over to the track. At the time that I'm writing this, I wouldn't know if the boys' or girls' team has had any events qualify for the Drake Relays. But I'm hoping that by the time this article is released, we could say that we had an event or two run on the Blue Oval in April.

Again, by the time this article comes out, my musical theater career will be over. The show was a lot of fun to put on and I will always remember the memories that were made. The many years spent working on shows since 8th grade was definitely something that I will remember forever. Thank you to everyone who supported myself, the cast, and the music program overall! I can't wait to come back next year and watch all of the hard work being put into the next show!

Graduation is almost here! I can't believe after 14 years of school, it's coming to an end. The next time that an article comes out, I will be an alum of Wapsie Valley High School. It's crazy to think about, but I'm so excited for this part of my life!


I hope that everyone had a great Easter spent with family and friends!

Sincerely,
Jaylin May

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Next Pepper
Tournament will be
during Grump Days!

The last pepper tournament until October was held at Grumpy's on Saturday, April 5 with 14 players participating. The winners and their scores were:

- 1st: Dave Schumacher and Don Childs - 200
- 2nd: Roger and Connie Buhr - 188
- 3rd: Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 171
- 4th: Doris Hagenow and Therese Schumacher - 163

Thanks for playing!
A pepper tournament will be held on Friday night of Grump Days in June. Check the *Readlyn Chronicle* for further details as it gets closer to the date.

Thank You

Thank you, family and friends, for all the birthday wishes, cards, and gifts for my 90th birthday. I especially want to thank my children for the very nice birthday party they surprised me with.

Thank you to my sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all the residents and staff of Willow Winds, for coming to celebrate with me. Thank you to Max for playing piano during dinner and to Steve for playing guitar and singing, and to Sherri and Sarah for singing.

God bless you all.

Verdeen Pavelec

Readlyn **Community Happenings**

Senior Citizens meet at Panther Lanes

On April 16, 2025, twenty members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow and he led us in prayer before our wonderful meal.

The birthday celebrated for the month of March was Don Billhorn. The birthdays celebrated for April were Marylou Billhorn, Roland Schmidt and Wayne Kuethe. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to them. There were no anniversaries celebrated for the months of March or April.

We all signed a get-well card for Judy Leistikow as she had been in the hospital for 5 days but is getting better now at home. We also all signed a belated birthday card for Verdeen Pavelec as she had a card shower celebrating her 90th birthday in March. (Verdeen Pavelec had been an active member with the Readlyn Senior Citizens for many years).

A get-well card was sent to Roland Schmidt as he is recovering at home.

The secretary's report for February 19, 2025 was read by Lois Thacher. We had canceled our meeting March 19, 2025 because of weather.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$99.00.

Larry Ladage made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the secretary's re-

port and Judy Leistikow seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Easter Egg Hunt in Readlyn will be April 19 at the Readlyn City Park at 10 a.m. for ages 0 to 9. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for your pet dog or dogs.

NEW BUSINESS: April 16 at 2:00 p.m. the former Grumps met at the City library to discuss candidates for the new 2025 Grump.

April 24, 2025 the Readlyn Community Club met. Readlyn Garage Sales will be May 9 and 10.

Grump Days will be June 13, 14, 15 (Sunday Service in the Park). More details to come.

The next Senior Citizens meeting will be May 21, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA. Marlys Deterding made a motion to adjourn and Joyce Heineman seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

We played bingo after our meal and meeting. The winners of traditional bingo were Don Heineman and Vicki Pavelec who each won a homemade loaf of bread that Charlie Albrecht made that morning. The winners of blackout bingo were Joyce Heineman and Wilda Albrecht. They each won a gift card to the Panther Lanes donated by Ron Leistikow and Charlie Albrecht.

Lois Thacher, Secretary
Come join the fun!



Leaves may be
burned until June 1,
subject to burn ban

The City of Readlyn will permit burning of leaves from April 15 to June 1, 2025, subject to any burn ban regulations.

Note: NO building materials, or other household wastes, allowed.

Reminder: No burning on paved streets or sidewalks.

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Summer Reading!

Our Summer Reading Program will kick off in June! Stay tuned for more information - we have some great performers and activities booked this year! All children are welcome-- visitors included. Come to one program or all of them! Programs are free!

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Iowa has 544 public libraries
407 (75%) of our libraries are in communities of
2500 people or less.

One of the reasons Iowa's libraries are so successful is due in part to federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act, which comes from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This critical funding is matched by funds from the Iowa legislature as well as community funding. Right now, the I STA/IMI S funding has been halted by the current presidential administration. What this means for Iowa's libraries is still in limbo, but it is extremely concerning. For instance, this funding paid entirely for Interlibrary Loan services as well as for the majority of Libby (ebook/e-audio) funding for rural libraries such as Readlyn Community Library, as well as Summer Programming, State Library endorsement and certifications for library staff, continuing education, online tutoring, and veteran's services.

Readlyn Emergency Services Building: A Community Effort Toward a Brighter Future

The Readlyn Emergency Services Building is not just a structure; it is a symbol of the dedication and hard work of a community coming together for a common cause. In a previous article, we shared the rich history of the building and its importance to the community. Today, we are focused on the present moment, where we stand in the process, and what comes next as we work toward turning this vision into reality.

As we look at the current state of the project, the journey has been filled with incredible community support, but there is still much work to be done. The goal is clear: we need to surpass the \$1 million mark in fundraising to secure the necessary grants and officially move forward with the build. Currently, we are about 40% of the way to reaching that target, and every contribution, no matter how big or small, brings us closer to this essential milestone.

Upcoming Fundraiser: Car Wash & Bake Sale May 10 @ the current fire station on Main St.

Mark your calendars for May 10, as we host our next fundraiser to help bring the Readlyn Emergency Services Building closer to fruition. This event will feature a car wash and bake sale, and we invite everyone to come out and show their support. The car wash supplies are generously donated by local community members, Kyle Shores and Aaron Goodenbour, whose contributions make this event even more special.

The bake sale will feature delicious homemade treats, perfect for those with a sweet tooth, and all proceeds will go directly toward the building fund. Whether you need your car cleaned or you're simply looking for a tasty snack, this event is a fantastic way to contribute to the cause while enjoying a great community gathering.

The Path Ahead: Surpassing \$1 Million

Reaching the \$1 million mark is a crucial step in the journey to making the Readlyn Emergency Services Building a reality. This figure is vital because it will allow us to apply for the grants necessary to complete the project. The support of our generous donors so far has helped us reach 40% of our goal, but there is still work to be done.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to those who have already contributed. Your donations are helping to lay the foundation for an essential re-

source for Readlyn and the surrounding area. For those who have yet to donate, every dollar brings us closer to our target, and every act of support, whether through donations or participation in events like the May 10 car wash and bake sale, is invaluable.

A Heartfelt Thank You

The progress we've made so far wouldn't have been possible without the collective effort of the Readlyn community. To those who have donated, volunteered, and spread the word, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your continued support is helping to build not just a building, but a stronger, more connected community. Let's continue working together to ensure that the Readlyn Emergency Services Building becomes a reality for future generations.

Thank you to those who have made donations: In Memory of Shane Buhr, Prime Ag Services, Dennis & Mary Jo Juel, In Memory of Darlene Peters, In Memory of Elston Goodenbour, In Memory of Jolene Meyer, Kenny & Bonnie Piehl, Scott & Carol Westpfahl, In Memory of Ron L. Kohagen, In Memory of Joyce Withers, In Memory of Colby Withers, In Memory of Darlene Peters, In Memory of Jerry Van Daele, Eric & Aubrey Johnston, Harry & Erin Fowler, In Memory of Miriam Westendorf, Kevin & Deanne Leistikow Family Fund, Zion Ruth Circle - Readlyn, Smith Excavating, Phillip & Annita Destival (PADA LLC), Barry & Lisa Wittenburg, Todd & Jessi Block, In Memory of Laurie Brunscheon, In Memory of Dorothy Wenger, In Memory of Galen Nuss, Mary Chapin, Rod & Teresa Diercks, Larry & Deb Sauerbrei, Randy & Debbie Wittenburg, Ronald & Beverly Herman, Larry's Skelly, Romaine Schweer, Kenny & Bonnie Piehl, In Memory of Laverne Matthias, Ashley Kohagen, Juliann Schroeder.

We look forward to seeing you at the car wash and bake sale on May 10, and we appreciate all of the ongoing support as we work toward the \$1 million goal. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our community and ensure that Readlyn is prepared to meet the needs of its residents for many years to come.

Together, we build a stronger future.

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Wasn't it Yesterday: *Those Were The Days*



By J.D. Francis

I took the call and made the necessary arrangements to look at her great room for painting. When I arrived at her home, she invited me in for what seemed more like a social visit than a painting project. I obliged and took a seat on her couch, in the room I was to evaluate for painting. We began a conversation of mostly small talk and the fact that she had recently lost her

husband of 60 years. I didn't know her real personally but I knew she toppled my age by decades and that her and her late husband loved to dance at the local dance halls. There was a passion in her voice, and a distant look in her eyes, as she leaned forward and took me into the old dance hall days she loved so much. With a somber expression, and eyes that reflected like prisms in the mid-day sun, she took me into the "glass half full" times of her life. I followed close, as she led me there easily, somehow opening my own "swinging doors," with her every spoken word.

She referred to her dance hall days as if she were the captain of a sinking ship, slowly descending into the soft, moonlit night. Those Saturday evenings that once held her heart, have now fallen away to a point of extinction.

"Where have all the dance halls gone?" she whispered, with a pale expression of disbelief. "Those were the days."

I took a look around the room and frankly, her home was immaculate, and never even needed painting, as I saw it. That's the case sometimes, but I was happy to make my appearance anyway.

I made a suggestion or two on different colors, that only seemed to drift off, out of her scope and range. I remained seated on the couch, and just listened, as she

sprinkled her wisdom like fairy dust, using words that far exceeded this painter's knowledge.

"Where have all the dance halls gone?" she half-heartedly questioned. "The weekends just aren't what they used to be. Saturday nights come in on a slow train, with box cars full of the Friday night blues," she said, with a noticeable fracture in her voice.

"When my husband was alive, we looked forward to our Saturday evening dance nights. It was a time to dress up with an extra flair, and a time to get together with all of the friends that shared in the same passion. It was a time when the world was ours for that one evening. Seems like those times just went down in flames. Though my memories have survived in "living color," tomorrow doesn't arrive in anything other than black and white," she expressed with feeling.

"There was a special magic on the dance floor, an unspoken conversation shared in the distance between two hearts. The lights were down low, hands holding hands, and dusty shoes waltzing across a saw-dust floor. Each song became our single red rose, giving back the words and music to our own life's story. By evening's end, we garnered a full "bouquet" of roses. They were roses turned into memories, to share in the portion of "forever" that met us only half the way. Where did the local dance halls go?" she continued.

We could have visited for hours, I knew that well, but I needed to take my paintbrush towards home. As I stood to leave, the smile drained from her face as if preparing in advance... the loneliness that was about to fill her home. With my hand on the door handle, and somewhat stalling for time, I made mention that I almost forgot to ask her the one painter's question. Of all things, of all the questions a painter needs to ask, I nearly forgot to ask the one most important question. "Young lady, before I leave, may I have this last dance?"

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College News

Local student named to Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic

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- Faster than me eating my Box Combo at Cane's! (Jaylin May)
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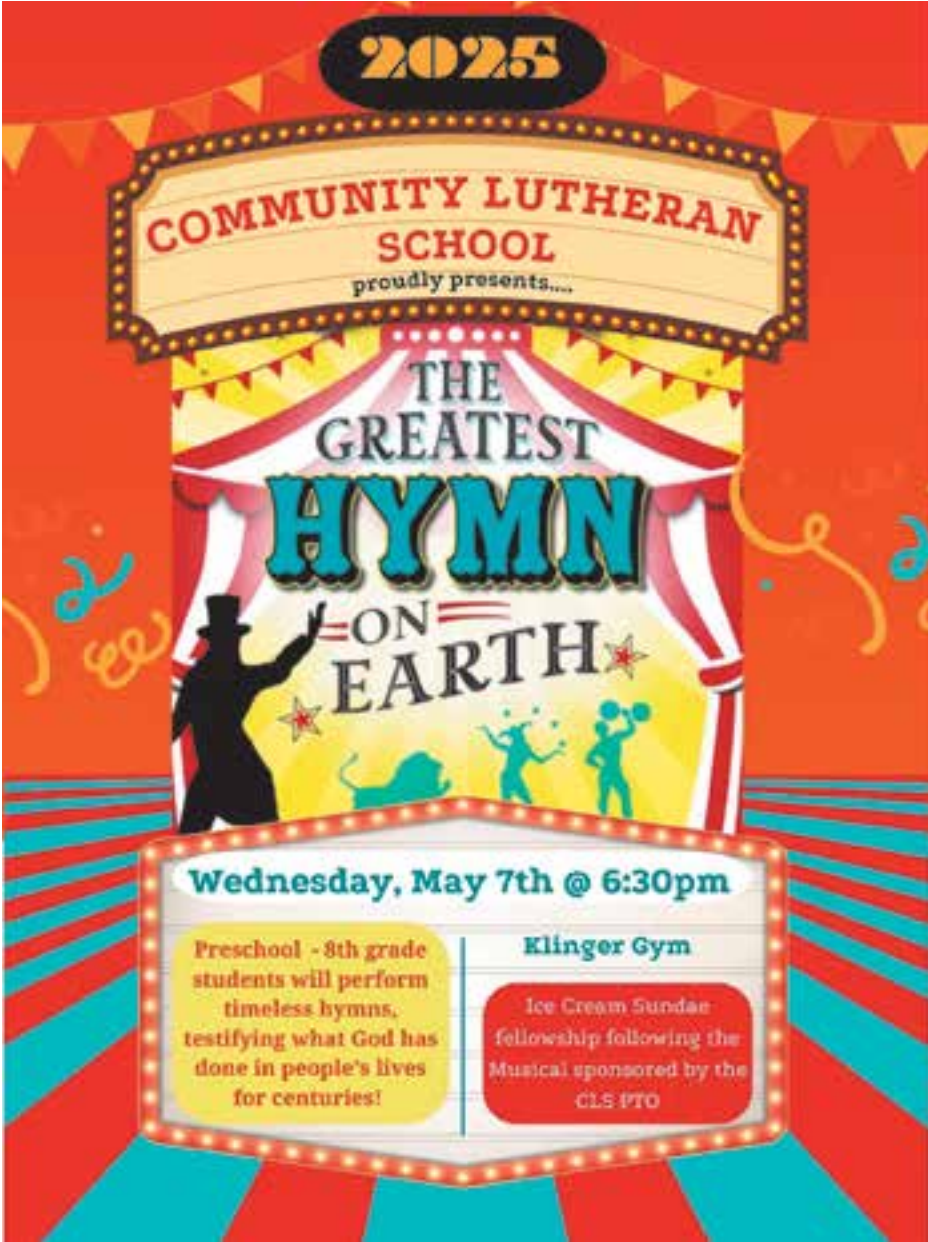
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Reclassification Hearing May 6, 2025, for Drainage District No. 5 Landowners

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& Wood, Chad; including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 5, Bremer County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Bremer County, Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 5, appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 5, Bremer County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Bremer County Auditor, Waverly, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of future repairs or improvements required in this District.

RECLASSIFICATION is shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification of benefits for each of the 40 acre tracts or other tracts in Drainage District No. 5. There is a copy of this Report in its entirety in the office of the Bremer County Auditor and on the County's website at <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/drainage> Commissioners' Report.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for repairs and improvements made in this District. The Bremer County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for May 6, 2025, 6:00 P.M. at the Readlyn Elementary School, 200 E 4th St, Readlyn, Iowa.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Bremer County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Bremer County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the District, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by itself or counsel.

YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that if you fail to file a written objection the Board of Supervisors could make a final decision, increase your assessment and reclassify your land and as a consequence of your failure to object in writing you would lose your right to appeal a decision within 20 days in the Iowa District Court in Bremer County.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Bremer County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 5.

Shelley Wolf, Bremer County Auditor

Obituary

Galen Lloyd Nuss

Galen L. Nuss, of Readlyn, passed away peacefully Sunday, February 17, 2025, at his home.



A Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Readlyn Fire Station. Inurnment was at St. John Lutheran Church-Buck Creek Cemetery, rural Sumner. Memorials may be made in Galen's name to the Readlyn Fire Department. Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner assisted Galen's family. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesrettig.com.

Galen Lloyd, son of Lloyd and Dorothy (Kappmeyer) Nuss was born August 29, 1961, at the Sumner Hospital. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church-Buck Creek, rural Sumner. Galen graduated from Wapsie Valley High

school in 1979. While in high school, he participated in football and wrestling. In 1993, he was united in marriage with Kim Kohagen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. The couple would later divorce. Galen began his professional career at the Readlyn Co-Op, prior to Denver Construction, Terex Cranes, Black Hawk Rental, and Quality Distributors, where he retired in 2019. He was a faithful member of the Readlyn Fire Department for 31 years. Galen enjoyed fishing, hunting, and fabricating products.

Galen is survived by his two children, Jessica Novak of Hazleton and Jerid Nuss of Readlyn; two grandchildren, Coral and Corbin Novak; siblings, Glenda (Bob) Eubanks of Solon, Gary (Jody) Nuss of Carrolton, Illinois, Gail Hart of Holly Springs, North Carolina, and Gene Nuss of Guttenberg; three nieces; three nephews; and aunt, Marion Wilharm of Bremer.

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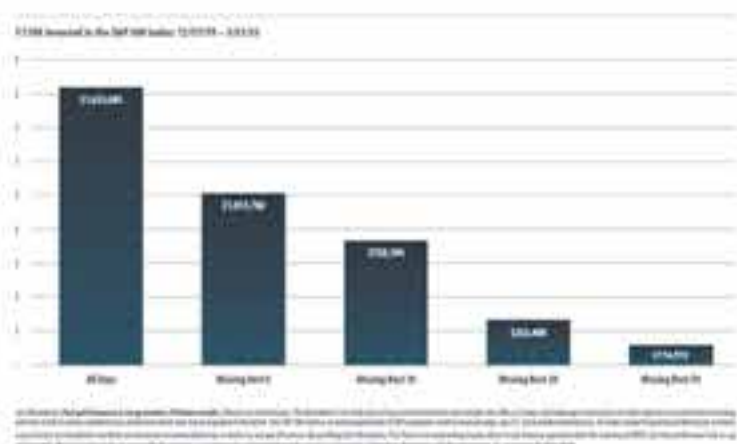
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Volatility.

As I write this on Thursday April 3rd, 2025: Trump Tariffs have taken effect, the S&P 500 is down over 4%, and the Nasdaq is down over 5%. I am listening to CNBC where all of their guests are giving different projections on chances of a recession and trying to predict which companies will be the winners or the losers of the international effects of trade tariffs. It would be very easy to log in to your 401k or IRA account and turn to panic or have an emotional response.

Anytime there is volatility in the market, it is important to remember that emotional decisions are rarely positive ones and as long as you don't need all of the cash today, there is still time for the market to work in your favor. It's time, not timing, that matters.

1. Review your cash reserves. It never hurts to have some cash on the sidelines. Anything from 3 to 12 months of expenses in cash makes you less likely to respond emotionally to the portion of market exposed assets.
2. Review your timelines. Your investment allocations should match the timeline of liquidity needs for that money. If you are investing for the long term – leave it alone and let it work long term. Even if you are retiring soon or already retired, it is not uncommon to have a "bucket" of less volatile short-term assets for the next few years of income – then a long-term chunk of assets that are more apt to recover from short-term volatility. As life changes, your advisor will help you allocate and recalibrate accordingly.
3. Don't overcomplicate your portfolio. The more levers available to pull, the higher the chance of an emotional reaction to pulling one. If you or your advisor can't explain your investment goals in 1 or 2 sentences, it is likely more complex than it needs to be. Your portfolio should be built to absorb volatility. It should not need to be fine-tuned every time there is a market reaction.
4. Remember why you wanted to invest in the first place. Volatility is the price you pay to have long-term returns that historically have outpaced any other long-term growth vehicle available to the market. If you truly can't stand the volatility, you need to be in an annuity product, the money market, or simply cash – but then you can't complain when your returns lag; especially at the risk of inflation outpacing your returns over time.
5. Focus on what has worked in the past. Owning a basket of successful businesses has historically rewarded long-term investors and carried them through every challenge or bear market up to this point. Things like timing the market or moving to cash has historically been the worst thing an investor can do.
6. Focus on the things you can control. Your savings rate, cash flow, tax planning, asset allocation, and above all: your EMOTIONS. If you can not get control of these things, you are setting your long-term goals up for failure.



As an advisor, helping my clients manage their emotions is sometimes the majority of my day. Paying a fee to an advisor isn't just tied to returns. For some, the value in the fee is to be able to call me and have a sounding board. It has literally saved some of my clients thousands by not responding to emotional triggers. We are all human and hate to see our hard-earned monies go backwards, but remember to keep the long-term, long-term and keep the cash, cash. Nobody can have the best of both worlds and those who try end up missing some of the best days in the market.

Anyone is free to call us to talk through fears anytime, but know the answer is likely going to be: stick to the plan. Keep saving, stay focused, and turn off the news if you need to.

"Somewhere out there, there is some poor soul in the wilderness who doesn't have a phone or TV so he doesn't know what he is supposed to be anxious about."

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NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Recently, we have had some questions regarding Educational Savings Accounts (ESA/Vouchers). Below is a brief summary of the program.

In Iowa, the Education Savings Account program was introduced as part of the Student First Act, which was signed into law in January 2023. The program is designed to provide financial assistance to families who want to send their children to private schools, giving them more educational options outside of the public school system.

Here's how the program works:

1. Eligibility:

- Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, the program is available to families with children who are entering kindergarten through 12th grade.

- Initially, priority was given to families who were below a certain income threshold or those whose children are currently enrolled in public schools. Eventually, the program was phased in to provide wider access.

2. How the ESA works:

- The state provides a funding amount per student, which can be used to pay for tuition and other qualified educational expenses at participating private schools.

- For the 2024-2025 school year, the amount is \$7,826 per student. This amount can vary slightly depending on the final budget and legislative changes.

- Families can use the ESA funds for tuition, fees, books, educational therapies, or other services related to the child's education at a private school.

3. Account Management:

- Once eligible families are approved, they receive funds in the form of an Education Savings Account, which is managed by a third-party provider.

- The funds are deposited directly into a designated account for each student. Families can then use these funds to pay for approved expenses related to private school education.

- The public school plays no part in this money NOR does any of this money funnel through the public school.

4. Impact on Public Schools:

- While the program provides an alternative for families, it does reduce the funding that public school districts receive because the state funds are diverted to the ESA accounts.

- This can lead to potential challenges in public school budgeting, especially in areas with high numbers of families using ESAs.

Hopefully this information can answer any other questions that may be out there. Thank you for your support and Go Warriors!

Chris Hoover

Wapsie Valley Superintendent

Obituary

Ruth Rose Schutte

Ruth Rose Schutte, 100, formerly of Readlyn, Denver and Janesville, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Pinnacle Specialty Care in Cedar Falls.



Ruth was born on July 20, 1924, on the family farm in Mount Vernon Township, the daughter of Harry and Ida (Boedecker) Burkhardt. She attended school at Mount Vernon Township No. 5. She was united in marriage to Henry Schutte on July 26, 1942, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger, rural Readlyn.

Ruth enjoyed dancing with Hank at the many ballrooms in the area. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts and the American Cancer Society. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, pillowcase dolls, embroidery, puzzles and word games. The last fifteen years she developed a fondness for mandala coloring and the family used some of her work for Christmas cards.

Ruth is survived by a son, Dale (Wendy) Schutte of Harpers Ferry; a daughter, Beverly Gill of Waterloo; a daughter,

Joyce Caley of Paris, Illinois; and a son, Joe (Lin) Schutte of Cedar Falls; six grandchildren, Aaron (Kristin) Schutte of Jesup, Christopher (Jeanne) Cooley of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tim A. Pfalzgraf of Waterloo, Jay (Khristin) Pfalzgraf of Grimes, Amy (Christopher) Ring of Kensett and Patrick (Kelly) Schutte of West Des Moines; ten great-grandchildren, Preston Schutte-Brown, Olivia Ring, and Henry Ring of Kensett; Kallie Schutte and Karlie Schutte of Jesup; Simon Cooley and Elise Cooley of Minneapolis; and Alexis Pfalzgraf, Ella Pfalzgraf, and Noah Pfalzgraf of Grimes; and a sister, Vera Hains of Shell Rock.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Henry Schutte on January 2, 1999, and a brother, Ralph Burkhardt.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver and continue for one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls with Rev. Dr. Gerald Kapanka officiating. Burial will be held in Fairview Cemetery in Denver.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver is assisting the family. 319-984-5379

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'Wild Edible Plants' will be the topic Monday, May 19

Join retired Nature Center Director and native plant enthusiast Dawn Snyder on Monday, May 19 at the Bremer County Master Gardeners and Friends regular meeting. Snyder will share her knowledge of plants in the program entitled, "Wild Edible Plants." She will share tips for safely identifying, foraging, harvesting, and preparing edible wild plants.

The program will be held at the Bremer County Extension Office in Tripoli at 6:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Snyder recently retired from a successful 35-year career as naturalist and Nature Center Director for the Woodbury County Conservation Board in Sioux City, Iowa. She continues to share her love and knowledge of the natural environment and is active in the Loess Hills Wild Ones, a non-profit group that advocates for planting native plants in yards and local landscapes. Dawn is a Master Gardener and a native of Tripoli.

For more information, contact Bremer County ISU Extension office (319) 882-4275.

Albrecht, Gipper complete 6,000 mile boat journey

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were those spent reconnecting with family and friends along the way. What a fantastic way to travel and visit loved ones! However, these reunions were rivaled by the joy of meeting fellow Loopers and locals at each stop. We encountered many wonderful, welcoming people who shared fascinating stories and extensive knowledge about local areas, their boats, and the Looping lifestyle.

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MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

Page 5 of the Readlyn Chronicle from October 29, 1936

Pages from the 1936 *Readlyn Chronicle*, entitled the "Campaign Issue," were found in the time capsule at the Bremer County Courthouse recently.

The front page was in the Dec. 25 issue, page 2 was in the Jan. 29 issue, page 3 was in the Feb. 26 issue and page 4 was in the March 26 *Chronicle*. Page 5 is shown

below. To see past issues of the *Chronicle*, go to: <https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us>.

The *Chronicle* will continue to publish more pages in upcoming months.

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READLYN, IOWA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1936
\$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Lowered Utility Rates

Gov. Alf Landon forced lower utility rates in Kansas that are saving the people of the state about \$1,000,000 a year.

Good Stock

The ancestors of Governor Alf Landon, Republican candidate for president, were a combination of English, Scotch, Irish and Dutch.

Fourteen New Tax Laws

The Roosevelt administration has passed fourteen new tax laws. Under them the poor man pays, but does not know it. They account for the higher living costs.

Far Not Growing Wheat

Seven wheat growers received government checks of more than \$10,000 for not growing wheat and one was paid \$20,000. How big was your check?

SEED CORN LOAN PLAN ANNOUNCED

The Federal seed corn loan program announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in September will soon be under way, officials said this week. The necessary loans have been prepared and will be available for distribution within a very short time.

Through the operation of the new loan program and the publicity given to it, AAA officials are of the opinion that seed corn supplies next spring will be adequate in all areas except where no seed was produced this year. In the latter areas, it is probable that farmers will need from \$20,000 to 1,000,000 bushels from outside sources. The new loan program assures producers that supplies of corn adaptable for seed will remain on the farm where it is needed and will prevent the shipwrecking of seed prices next spring.

The program consists of two types of loans on farm-stored seed corn: (1) a loan of \$1.75 a bushel on seed stored in corn bins with proper ventilation and storage requirements, and (2) a loan of 35 cents a bushel on good quality cribbed corn which can be stored for seed at a later date. Each loan agreement carries with it an option of right of purchase by the Government at a rate considerably above the loan value rate.

Though the loan plan is designed as an emergency drought measure, it will be continued in some form, officials said, as the very best progress of the past three years which provided low-cost credit to thousands of farmers throughout the Midwest. Through a number of States had warehouse loans and the means for financing emergency loans prior to 1933, it was not until the advent of the Roosevelt administration that farmers were provided with the use of these facilities.

Provides Low-Cost Credit

Farmers long held that they could market their crops more effectively, could turn out to some extent the whole business in a year and could more adequately protect the country against shortages, if adequate low-cost credit were available on their commodities in storage at or near the farm. It was not until 1933, however, that the commodity loan was initiated by the Government when loans were made on stored corn at 18 cents a bushel and on farm-stored corn at the rate of 45 cents a bushel. If similar facilities had been provided a few years earlier, thousands of farmers would not have been forced by low prices to burn their corn and wheat as feed.

Loans to corn farmers on their 1933 crop totaled about \$10,589,000. It is estimated that growers taking advantage of the loan on 127,849,000 bushels of corn received a net profit of nearly \$25,000,000 over the value of their corn, and the cost of the loan. The amount placed under loan, approximately one-fourth of the average annual corn crop, made it possible for farmers to carry their corn through the 1933-34 marketing season when it was greatly eroded as a result of the unprecedented drought in 1934.

A 35-cent a bushel loan on the 1934 crop totaled \$11,941,200. The \$11,000 farmers taking advantage of these two loans have repaid them in full.

The Government loans to producers on their 1935 crop amounted to nearly \$15,000,000. Practically all of these loans have now been paid. Though they were started on July 1, 1936, liquidation was not started after the drought developed, thus enabling farmers to dispose of their supplies in orderly fashion. Some farmers had to finance their corn prior to this date because of the need for seed and financial assistance or because their stored corn had been damaged or was threatened by damage as a result of high moisture content.

RED CROSS AID TO MORE THAN 500,000 DISASTER VICTIMS

Large Urban Areas Devastated As Elements Hit 20 States East of Mississippi

"The number of disaster victims assisted by the Red Cross during the fiscal year ended June 30, was more than four times the number aided in the previous twelve month period," Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman, said in commenting on highlights of the annual report just issued. "Over 11,000 families were given food, clothing, shelter and medical care, and thousands of homes were rebuilt or repaired by the Red Cross to enable them to start on."

Pointing to the many-sided problems created by the wide variety of types of disasters which occurred during the year, Admiral Grayson said, "The Red Cross sent hundreds of trained workers into it active to meet the many exigencies of catastrophe which belated earthquakes, epidemics,

Bargains for This Week

One McCormick-Deering Farmall Tractor
One McCormick-Deering 10-20 Tractor
One John Deere Gang Plow Tractor
One Case 9-15 Tractor
One 14 inch Smalley Receptor
One Gehl Hammer Mill
One McCormick 8 roll Special Shredder
One Appleton 4 roll Shredder
One I. H. C. 1 Ton Truck
One I. H. C. Pickup
One Ford Pickup
One 10 inch Letz Grinder
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Two Oliver Two Bottom Tractor Plows
A number of used Milkers and Cream Separators

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WHERE IS Your Real Economy IN THE Treasurers Office

The following was taken from campaign literature for Bremer County Treasurer in the 1935 primary election

Year	Office Expense
1931	\$4,190.74
1932	3,513.73
1933	3,521.26
1934	3,441.97

The figures for 1935 office expense for the various offices were available when those were printed—

WHY WERE THEY NOT INCLUDED? BECAUSE

1935 Treasurer's office expense	\$4,710.19
Back salary collected in 1935	332.80
Total office expenses 1935	\$5,043.99

TAXPAYERS—THINK THIS OVER AND DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS

These figures taken from 1935 Bremer County Financial Report.
(This ad is paid for by Bremer County Taxpayers) Political Advertisement.

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Political advertisement

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The Heroic Adventures of the Coast Guard.

Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7

Ken Maynard and Geneva Mitchell in "The Cattle Thief"

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Deadline for the May 28 Readlyn Chronicle is Thurs., May 15 at 5 PM - Send news to ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com



“Keeping An Open Mind For Angling Success”

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I've been told many times over the years that change can be a good thing. While most of us struggle to deal with change and fight it all we can, I have come to find that change can actually be a good thing in the fishing world. While it's very easy to become locked in your comfort zone and have decent success in angling, I've recently found that stepping out of that comfort zone on areas and techniques can raise the ceiling on your Angling abilities. This month, I'll dive into what I mean with this.

You've heard it many times I'm certain, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." This applies heavily in fishing. As you might imagine, my bass tournament fishing is now past twenty years of experience, most of that experience on the Mississippi River, specifically pools 9 and 10. In that time, I've found myself locked into certain areas that have historically been good at one point or another in my career. To a point, sometimes my stubbornness on an area producing has hurt me bad in tournaments. "I caught 18 pounds off this sandbar in 2008 at this very water level and time of year. They've gotta be here." I've said this to myself in my head more times than I would care to admit. As an angler gets older and more experienced, especially on a certain body of water, they become stubborn and try to tell the river how it's gonna go, instead of listening to what the river and fish are telling you they want. Last time I checked, Mother Nature is undefeated and I don't

see her losing anytime soon. This year in the off season, I had a lot of reflection on why I've struggled in tournaments. I decided to make a change on things I can control like personal health, boat and tackle care and maintenance, etc. But I've also made the conscious decision to fish with an open mind. The big reason out-of-state tournament participants beat locals on their home waters is due to the fact they don't have preconceived notions on where the fish "should" be. Instead, they use their skills of season, water level, and weather to find areas that are conducive to where to find fish. I made up my mind this spring to look at the river as a blank slate. Sure, I still check in on spots that have produced before, but I'm not living or dying by them. Instead, I'm forcing myself in my "practice days" to do nothing but fish areas I've never fished before to seek out new bass hiding spots. For once I'm hoping to be ahead of the game on changing my mindset!

Another element in fishing that can hurt your success is becoming locked on certain baits or colors because, once again, "I hammered them on black and blue here in 2002, it's gotta be the color!" Take a walk through your local tackle shop and look at all the different colors and types of baits on the shelves. While some are there to catch anglers, there's a reason for so much variety as fish prefer variety. Keep an open mind and try different baits and techniques.

Speaking of techniques, Don't hesitate to try new ones. Never used a drop-shot before? Try it out! The list of different techniques is endless for all species of fish, and the beauty of today's tech world is we have YouTube University in the palm of our hands to not only learn how to rig different techniques, but also how to fish it and under what conditions to do so. Utilize the technology resource no matter what species you're after. Technology has come so far in the last five years for fishing. Some of it honestly scares me for the future of not only tournament fishing, but Mother Nature's resources as well. With things like GPS mapping and, yes, I'm gonna say it.... FORWARD FACING SONAR. For those not completely in tune with the fishing industry 24/7 as I am, FFS or



FFS or



"livescope" is new technology that came on the scene a couple years ago and has become quite a hot button topic on both sides of the argument for and against. FFS is a depth finder that shoots a signal out to 100 feet in front of the boat and shows fish swimming in front of you, around structure, and shows a detailed picture of the bottom of the lake and you can even see your bait and the fish reacting to it in real time. Some have started calling it "video game fishing." If set up correctly, you can literally stare at the screen all day long, looking for and catching fish.

I fought hard not to have it for the last two years, but this spring I made the purchase as in the tournament world I don't want to get left behind as so many others have it and many tournaments are won with it. I'm still very inexperienced with it, but I have it dialed in well enough to see fish and my baits and have caught some fish using it. Personally, I feel it takes the magic and wonderment out of fishing and I'm not real accepting of that change. A big thrill for me, and I'm sure most anglers, is not knowing what's there every cast you make. I'm also fearful of it for our panfish

population as it makes it very easy to find the fish in a hurry. Will it ever be banned? Too soon to tell, as these electronic companies pump a lot of money into the tournament organizations with sponsorship dollars. It's hard for a tournament organization to turn that extra money away by banning the use of it in their tournaments. My opinion on it for bass fishing is its another tool in the arsenal to help me locate fish. Time will tell its future and FFS is a topic for a full article down the road.

To sum up for the month is the fact that fishing, like everything else in life, is ever-changing. The best way to deal with change is embrace it and keep an open mind. Try new areas and techniques often. Challenge yourself to learn a new technique by taking only one rod with you and sticking to that technique until you get good with it. The same applies to areas. Pick out a certain section of the river you've never been on a map and focus on it for a day and learn new spots to fish. Or try a new body of water altogether - the exploration and learning is what makes the angling journey more fun! Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!



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Wapsie Valley School Board Meetings - March 20 & 27, 2025

Wapsie Valley CSD
Public Hearing & Regular School Board Meeting
March 20, 2025
Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Public Hearing on the 25-26 Property Tax Statement to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call-Aiello-Aye, Auel-Aye, Kaufman-Aye, Sauerbrei-Aye, & Wolfe-Aye Motion carried 5-0
A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe
B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Principal Murphy
C. Others: Dave Hunt, Annette Hyde, Brett Bergman, Donald Fratzke, Kyle Martin, Jon Biederman, Brian Stark, Vaughn Gross, & virtual participants.

2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. President Wolfe read opening statements regarding public hearing requirements and property tax statement.
Superintendent Hoover stated the property tax statement was published at the highest property tax rate due to supplemental state aid not being set by the legislature at the time of the public hearing notice. Different scenarios with lower property tax rates will be presented at the April 23, 2025 Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting.

4. Public comment-No written or verbal comments

5. Closed the Public Hearing and adjourned at 6:06 PM-Roll call-Aiello-Aye, Auel-Aye, Sauerbrei-Aye, Kaufman-Aye, & Wolfe-Aye Motion carried 5-0

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:06 PM.
A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe
B. Supt. Hoover, & Secretary Arndt - Principals excused
C. Others: Dave Hunt, Annette Hyde, Brett Bergman, Donald Fratzke, Kyle Martin, Jon Biederman, Brian Stark, Vaughn Gross, & virtual participants.

2. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Aiello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Public Comment: Vaughn Gross talked about looking at a 4-day school week, & Robotics Bill 278

4. Brian Stark presented vision and schools previously worked with regarding track and football field projects.

5. Consent Items: Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Kaufman to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Brent Sauerbrei with Kelsey Kerns requesting to open enroll her 1st grade daughter from Tripoli effective the 25-26 school year. Motion carried 5-0 Also, funds will be transferred from the Activity interest account to support minimum registration fees for Future Business Leadership of America (\$100-5 students), Family Career & Community Leader of America, (\$240-12 students), Future Farmers of America (\$100-5 students) & Skills USA (\$100-5 students). \$500 will also be transferred to National Honor Society to start the program.

6. Communication & Reports: Board: None.
Superintendent: Mr. Hoover's report included budget comments, area tax rates, enrollment trends, and Every Student Succeeds Act.

District-PK-12 Principals: Report includes student led conferences, professional development, literacy week, NICL academic conference, intervention period, blood drive, spring activities, POPS concert, & FFA district contests.

7. Personnel Actions- Resignations: Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Auel to approve the resignations of Austin Jeanes-JV Girls Basketball Coach, & Heidi Shannon, Teacher Leadership Instructional Coach effective 6-30-2025 and thank them for their service to Wapsie Valley. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve contracts for Jordan Smith-Van Driver-\$26.10 per route, & Elizabeth Bergman - Co-Head Golf Coach-\$3,008 Base 1/Year 0 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

8. New Business-Arndt presented the FY26 preliminary budget, FY26 budget guarantee and FY25 budget amendment Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to publish the proposed budget with a tax rate of 14.37514 & set the public hearing date for the FY26 budget, FY25 budget amendment for April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Kaufman to approve WV/CLS 25-26 PK Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve 25-26 AEA Purchasing Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Auel to approve the 25-26 girls tennis agreement with Oelwein as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to approve sharing girls soccer with Denver for the 24-25 season as presented. Motion carried 5-0

9. Board Talking Points - None

10. Went into Closed Session at 7:16 PM with a Roll call vote: All Ayes Motion carried 5-0 21.5 (g). To avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection. Came out of Closed Session at 8:12 PM with a Roll call vote: All Ayes Motion carried 5-0

Went into Exempt Session at 8:13 PM with a roll call vote: All Ayes Motion carried 5-0 Negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitrators shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 21. 21.9 Employment conditions discussed. A meeting of a governmental body to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under chapter 20 is exempt from this chapter. For the purpose of this section, "employment conditions" mean areas included in the scope of negotiations listed in section 20.9. Came out of Exempt Session at 8:33 PM with a Roll call vote: All Ayes Motion carried 5-0

11. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to adjourn at 8:33 PM Motion carried 5-0

March 20, 2025 Bills: ADAMS, LONDON \$32.00 AGVANTAGE

FS \$15,809.13 ALLIANT ENERGY \$397.46 ALPHAGRAPHS \$133.66 Amazon \$339.29 APLINGTON-PARKERSBURG \$182.00 ARNOLD MOTOR \$259.43 AUDIBLE \$8.51 AWARDS GIFT \$113.75 BEACHY, RACHEL \$57.39 BEHNKE, NOLA \$37.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$446.24 BREMER COUNTY DARE \$506.16 BUTLER COUNTY REC \$3,804.90 BUZYNSKI, AMY \$170.00 CASEY'S \$40.00 CEDAR FALLS CSD \$8,218.46 CENTRAL IA DISTRIB \$320.00 CHEM-SEARCH \$221.65 CITY LAUNDRY \$1,378.63 CITY OF FAIRBANK \$4,311.31 CITY OF READLYN \$4,010.67 COLUMN SOFTWARE \$51.92 COMMUNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS \$44,273.30 CONAWAY, XANDER \$14.00 CONTINENTAL RESEARCH \$1,289.57 DENVER CSD \$6,495.30 EAST-CENTRAL IA REC \$523.72 Employee Benefit Systems \$81,152.84 EMS DETERGENT \$52.05 FAIRBANK FOOD \$6.38 FAREWAY \$24.29 HAWKEYE COMMUNITY CLGE \$41,127.57 HERSHBERGER, MARY BETH \$85.01 HESSE, RACHEL \$0.00 IAS-BO \$245.00 IADHS \$6,514.88 IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES \$519.27 IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS \$1,716.00 IXL LEARNING \$5,250.00 JANESVILLE CSD \$6,017.40 Kaufman, Adam \$2,800.00 KAY L. CHAPMAN, CPA \$4,700.00 KENWORTHY, STOREY \$3,109.76 KLUESNER SANITATION \$640.00 KUM & GO \$51.04 LARRY'S SRVC \$694.36 LITTLE WAPSIE COMM \$175.08 Menards \$533.44 MENZEL, EMMA \$149.94 MERCYONE \$110.00 MILLER, BEN \$18.00 MILLER, CATHERINE \$76.50 MODERN BUILDING \$73.06 NEW HAMPTON CSD \$5,255.08 OELWEIN CSD \$393.73 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE \$161.00 QUALITY TRUCK RBLDRS \$860.63 RABER, EDNA \$85.01 RAISA A HALLELUJAH \$1,400.00 READLYN TELEPHONE \$196.54 SCHOOL BUS SALES \$110.60 School Fix \$88.29 SCHULTZ, LANDRY \$34.00 SCRIBNER, RACHEL \$403.20 STICKFORT ELECTRIC \$304.50 STREET SMARTS \$1,368.00 TAYLOR PHYSICAL THERAPY \$1,272.50 Teacher Synergy \$79.15 TIMBERLINE \$115.46 UBIQUITI STORE \$6.00 UNI \$150.00 UIU \$1,368.00 Walmart \$478.27 WATERLOO CSD \$4,181.26 WAVERLY CSD \$59,742.85 WEEDS ON FIRE \$2,445.00 GENERAL TOTAL \$329,786.39 Employee Benefit Systems \$4,546.25 MANAGEMENT TOTAL \$4,546.25 BLUUM OF MINNESOTA \$2,094.62 Farmers State Bank \$29,361.75 NW Automation \$816.00 SAVE TOTAL \$32,272.37 ACCESS SYSTEMS \$1,663.30 BLUUM OF MINNESOTA \$3,187.36 BOOMERANG \$143.81 Central Rivers AEA \$4,038.85 FERGUSON \$1,875.69 ORAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE \$100.00 YOUNG PLMBG & HTNG \$2,071.30 PPEL TOTAL \$13,080.31 Amazon \$2,830.51 BRAIN POP \$175.00 GOBILDA \$649.48 GRIZZLY \$1,888.84 WVEF TOTAL \$5,543.83 DECORAH CSD \$75.00 IHSMA \$165.00 IAHSAA \$20.00 J.W. PEPPER \$660.33 REV ROBOTICS \$336.22 SEWING PARTS \$1,699.15 WEST MUSIC \$866.00 GALLUP TRUST \$3,821.70 ALLISON, GAIL \$225.00 Amazon \$86.13 COCA-COLA \$462.19 BERGMAN, BRETT \$498.66 BOEVERS, ZACH \$50.00 Brady, Aidan \$330.00 CASEY'S \$95.12 COUNTRY VIEW DAIRY \$252.00 CREATIVE IMPACT \$385.32 CURLEY, PEYTON \$150.00 DAVE & BUSTERS \$240.43 DAVIE, BRILEY \$200.00 DICKINSON RELAYS \$50.00 EDDY, JACK \$85.00 EGGS & JAM \$82.02 ELITE SPORTS \$295.50 FCCLA \$28.00 FAREWAY \$42.73 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) \$80.00 GLEN SNYDER \$170.00 GOBILDA \$276.60 HELMER, AXTON \$120.00 HESSE, KORVIN \$20.00 HILSENBECK, HAYDEN \$375.00 HOME DEPOT \$59.99 Iowa AAU Wrestling \$220.00 IOWA FCCLA \$2,691.80 IHSAA \$646.00 J.W. PEPPER \$11.50 JERSEY MIKES \$127.29 JO-ERGER, LAKIN \$200.00 JOLIESCH ENTERPRISES \$50.00 Jones, Ashlea \$98.89 KELLEY, SABRINA \$70.00 Krall, Brian \$203.17 MAPLE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB \$500.00 MICHELL'S \$496.32 MILLER, JOHN \$45.00 NATIONAL FFA ORG \$198.00 NE IA HUSTLERS \$160.00 NITZ, KATELYN \$25.00 PEYTON, JAYDEN \$350.00 SAM'S CLUB \$248.92 SCHIPPER, ADAM \$85.00 STUBER, ELY \$200.00 STUBER, LYDIA \$200.00 TEXAS ROADHOUSE \$243.42 TIEDT, MARSHALL \$20.00 TownePlace Suites by Marriott \$2,486.40 U.S. POST OFFICE \$8.35 UNI ATHLETICS \$200.00 VIBES KITCHEN \$76.80 Waskow, Dave \$85.00 WENGER, ERNIE \$250.00 WESTERN DUBUQUE CSD \$90.00 WIERMSA, BARNEY \$120.00 WILLE, CARMEN \$116.34 ACTIVITY TOTAL \$15,182.89 COCA-COLA \$302.89 EMS DETERGENT \$328.15 KWIK TRIP \$20.87 MARTIN BROS. \$14,339.03 PRAIRIE FARMS \$2,854.87 WILSON RESTAURANT \$589.03 LUNCH TOTAL \$18,434.84

Wapsie Valley CSD
Public Hearing, & Special Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Public Hearing on the JH/HS HVAC Phase III Project to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call-Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe-Ali Ayes Motion carried 5-0
A. Directors: Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe.
B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Brian Stark

2. Brian Stark presented the bids for the JH/HS HVAC Phase III Project-Steeg Construction (low bid of \$537,200)

3. No public comment on the JH/HS HVAC Phase III Project.

4. Closed the Public Hearing and adjourned at 6:01 PM. Roll call-Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, & Wolfe-Ali Ayes. Motion carried 5-0

1. President Wolfe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 6:01 PM.
A. Directors: Auel, Aiello, Kaufman, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe.
B. Supt. Hoover, Secretary Arndt, & Brian Stark

2. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Aiello to approve the amended agenda striking number 5, and number 6 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

3. Moved by Kaufman, Seconded by Sauerbrei to accept the JH/HS HVAC Phase III Project bid of \$537,200 with Steeg Construction, Inc as presented. Motion carried 5-0

4. Moved by Auel, Seconded by Kaufman to purchase the baseball mound from BSN Sports for \$16,100 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

5. Board Talking Points-None

6. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to adjourn at 6:03 PM. Motion carried 5-0



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