

Ladages have the Yard of the Month

Janet and Larry Ladage's perfectly manicured lawn and flower beds feature a blend of color, functionality, and nostalgia. It is easy to see why they were selected for this prestigious Yard of the Month award.

They would like to thank Weeds on Fire for sponsoring this contest and the monetary gift, which they donated to the Readlyn Gardeners.

Yards receiving Honorable Mention status for 2025 are:

224 Highland, Mike and Sandy Wolf
605 Parkview, Deb and Larry Sauerbrei

Corner of Elmer and 6th Street
337 Kalman, Kevin and Tammie Thurm
423 Goodell, Nick and Sierra West
607 Eastview, Lowell and Deb Kuecker
609 Eastview, Marty and Kristi Marticoff
509 West 4th, Shari and Denny Thacher
507 West 4th, Sue and Larry Boerschel
607 Parkview, Jeff Brunscheon
421 East 4th, Barry and Lori Fortsch
700 Parkview Drive, Gina and Barney Weirsmma
Good luck in 2026!

An assortment of lilies

Ladage's flower bed feature a variety of lilies.



Here is a sample of one of the Ladage's hydrangea flowers.

How a student from Readlyn, Iowa is shaping the future of rural medicine

WAVERLY, Iowa — For Alec Marticoff, the decision to pursue medicine started at home. Growing up in Readlyn, Iowa, Alec witnessed firsthand the impact of compassionate healthcare when his sister, Brandi, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Helping his family manage her condition sparked a lasting interest in medicine and planted the seeds for a career devoted to helping others.



Alec Marticoff of Readlyn is shown on the job at Waverly Health Center. Photo contributed

"I think that early exposure to her diagnosis, the Iowa City appointments and being part of her care gave me a unique perspective," Alec said. "It made medicine feel real and important."

That spark grew into something more during his junior year of high school, when he attended Mini Medical Week at Waverly Health Center (WHC). Inspired and eager to learn more, Alec stayed in touch with WHC staff. He returned for extra shadowing and a full summer of volunteering in the Emergency Department after graduation.

"Everyone at WHC was fantastic and encouraging. I learned so much and felt like I had found my calling," he said.

Alec went on to earn a degree in human physiology from the University of Iowa, working in orthopedics and sports medicine along the way. He spent three years as a patient care tech in surgery at Stead Family Children's Hospital while completing a master's degree in anatomy. He then began medical school at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in August 2024.

Now, through the Medical Education Community Orientation (MECO) program, Alec has returned to WHC not just to give back, but to grow.

A Personalized Experience

The MECO program pairs rising second-year medical students with Iowa hospitals, offering a unique chance to shadow physicians in real-world rural settings.

At WHC, Alec worked with a wide range of providers across departments: pediatrics, family medicine, OB-GYN, general and orthopedic sur-

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Grump Mary Lou Ungs presents September's Yard of the Month winners, Larry and Janet Ladage, 119 Kahlman Avenue.

See more photos on Page 9

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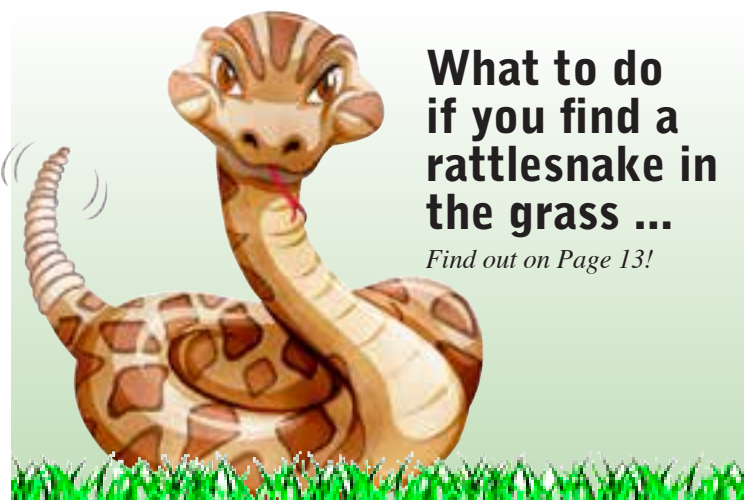
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What to do if you find a rattlesnake in the grass ...

Find out on Page 13!

Grump's Grumblings

By Mary Lou Ungs, 2025 Grump



Being the Grump is fun! I was very happy to see people in town offering to help people clean up after the storm on Facebook's Readlyn Talk. That is the type of town we are.

I went to the Readlyn fire station for the pork dinner. Seeing the people ride in the fire truck and their smiles was really nice. The food was great and I met new people. I also went to the Historical Society ice cream social. Even after the rain, there was a nice turnout.

I rode in the Tripoli Days Parade. Thanks to my cousin, Cindy Lundt, for giving me a ride in her convertible.

I also got to award another Yard of the

Month. The group of people who take care of the gardens around town work hard and it shows! We can always use more volunteers. Please join one of the community organizations. Your help would always be appreciated.

If you read this far, you deserve something funny. My brother and his wife were visiting. She had never been out of the city and it was harvest time. On the way home from the airport, she said, "Stop the car, stop the car!!!" We stopped the car, thinking she was going to be sick, but she said, "Look, they are mowing the corn!!!"

Amazing the things we know and take for granted.



Miss Readlyn Comments

By Kylie Strottmann

Hello, Readlyn Community!

It's hard to believe summer is already winding down but what a fun, full season it's been! I've stayed busy with activities that have made this summer both exciting and meaningful.

One of the things I'm most looking forward to is starting my senior year, where I'll be working every morning and afternoon at Discoveries Daycare in Denver. It's an opportunity I'm very excited about as I continue gaining experience and connecting with young children.

I also look forward to creating more memories at The Studio By Alyssa where I am involved in 11 different routines, so that will keep me busy this year!

On the weekends, I've had a blast attending as many parades across Bremer County as possible. It's been an honor representing our small town with pride,

and each event has brought its own special memories. A highlight of my summer was running for Bremer County Fair Queen. While I didn't take home the crown, the experience was unforgettable. I met so many amazing young women from around the area and formed friendships I'll always treasure.

In just a few short days, I'll be leading a dance camp, which is something I'm especially excited about. Sharing my love for dance with younger students is something I've always enjoyed.

Outside of my role as Miss Readlyn, I've been staying active by attending fairs, concerts, FFA events, and more. And through all the fun and chaos, my family has remained my biggest support system. I'm so grateful for their love and encouragement—they've been with me every step of the way this summer.



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Arlyce Harms Heideman

Readlyn High School. Arlyce married Eric Harms on January 9, 1945. They moved to the Harms family farm in the early years of their marriage and farmed until retirement after which they enjoyed traveling. Eric died on Sept 15, 1985. On September 1, 1990, she married Oscar Heideman. They resided in Readlyn and enjoyed being “winter Texans.” Oscar died Oct 3, 2018. Arlyce was a resident in assisted living from 2018 until 2022 when she became a resident of the nursing home.

Her family includes Allen (Judy) Harms, Sylvia (Bob) Casterton, and Mary (Lou) Soto. She has 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Join with her family to celebrate this special occasion by sending a card or sharing a memory to Arlyce at Hillcrest Nursing Home, 915 West 1st Street, Sumner, IA, 50674.

32nd Annual Westendorf Reunion Held

The 32nd Annual Leo and Mildred Westendorf Family Reunion was held Sunday, July 27, 2025 at the Readlyn City Park, Readlyn.

Attendees enjoyed fellowship with coffee and rolls, a worship service led by Steve Pavelec, and a noon potluck with 46 family members present from Readlyn, Denver, Janesville, New Hartford, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Waverly, Oelwein, Sumner, Traer, and Montello, Wisconsin, and Seymour, Missouri. The oldest fam-

ily member was Verdeen Pavelec, 90, of Denver and the youngest family member was Roman Pavelec, 9, son of Ed and Bridget Pavelec of Waterloo. Traveling the longest distance was Todd and Stacy Kleier and family of Seymour, Missouri. A reunion luncheon was held Saturday at Grumpy’s in Readlyn with 21 ladies present while a group of 10 gentlemen enjoyed a golf outing at Willow Run, Denver. Verdeen Pavelec of Denver hosted the events, along with her children.



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**Tues., Sept. 30
3:30 pm
Readlyn Library**

Sponsored by the Readlyn Community Library and Readlyn Historical Society

The museum will be open after the author's presentation for tours.

Readlyn Community Club to meet Thurs., Sept. 4; new members are always welcome!

RCC Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2025 6:00 pm, @ library

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Harrington @ 6:02.

Present: Michelle and Ed Harrington, Bonnie Wittenburg, Louie and Ron Hartman, John Galyean, Marge Quigley, Tiffany Matthias, and Pat Wehr

Secretary's Report - Additional thoughts

- Tying 2026 Grump Days' theme with our country's 250th birthday. No fly-over available because we need 8,000 people.

- Some complaints that there are no out-of-town entertainment groups in the parade. Please step up if you are willing to line up entertainment; contact Louie at 319-239-0533.

Moved by Louie and seconded by John; passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Fireworks account continues to grow.
- November 15 we need to file 501c form with our accountant.

Ed moved and Bonnie seconded to accept treasurer's report; passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Cans - Enough can support to book the Christmas fireworks. Thank you, Ron and John!

- Membership Renewal - a reminder was attached to the emailed minutes.

New Business:

- Basketball hoops
- Michelle will call 811 tomorrow or Wednesday.

- Ed will contact Austin and Barney. Next, Ed will establish a plan. Brady has

the auger, Scott has the bit; Dustin Heine has the cement mixer. John will help. If you can assist, please contact Ed, 319-596-5282.

- Picnic items September 14 @ 11:30
- Set up at 10:00
- Griddle; Tiffany
- Ed has a deep fryer burner to make the hot dogs.

- Bonnie will make a Sam's run.
 - o 50 hot dogs and 100 hamburger patties and store them at Harrington's.

- o Chips - 3 big boxes of 30
- o Beans - 3 big cans
- o Condiments - a 3-pack

- Buns: Ask Kristie to contact Kwik Star; 100 regular hamburger, 50 hot dog.

- Water - Louie will contact Dustin Heine to get the water.

- Potato Salad - Louie will order for 75 from Fairbank.

- Plates, silverware, and napkins: Louie will check from last year.

- Attendees: Dishes to share and lawn chairs are welcome; BYOB.

- Setup for picnic:

- Grills - Ed and Michelle's Blackstone

- Volunteers - Board members

- Tables - Ron

- Games: Connect 4, corn holes, ladder toss.

- Need to contact Barney for splash pad.

- Flying Gorillas will be playing.

- Pat will ask Ron Leistikow to contact the balloon man for noon -2:00.

- Koozies - free-will donation

- Jeremy may do cotton candy.

- Louie will check insurance.

- No charge for the pavilion.

- Collect school supplies

Golf Cart and UTV Ride: Due to volunteer burnout and declining membership, which impacts our activities financially, the Readlyn Community Club needs to curtail our number of undertakings. As a result, it saddens us to announce there will be no golf cart or UTV ride this year.

Michelle and Louie will attend the City Council meeting to discuss gazebo repairs.

Louie will contact the fireworks company for November 29, Christmas with Santa.

Next meeting Thursday, September 4, 6:00 p.m., library.

Louie moved and Ed seconded to adjourn; passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Wehr, secretary



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Readlyn's 2025 Grump Mary Lou Unga and 2025 Miss Readlyn Kylie Strottmann served ice cream.



Readlyn's Royalty Claire O'Donnell, Kylie Strottmann and Miss Congeniality Gwen Forsyth toured the Museum buildings.

More than 80 are served ice cream sundaes at annual Readlyn Historical Society event

The Readlyn Historical Society hosted its Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 10 from 4-6 p.m. Mary Lou Unga, Readlyn's 2025 Grump served ice cream sundaes with Kylie Strottmann, Miss Readlyn, Claire O'Donnell, Miss Readlyn Runner-Up and Gwen Forsyth, Miss Congeniality also welcoming attendees.

Over eighty individuals enjoyed an ice cream sundae with a variety of toppings. Both museum buildings were open for tours.

The group sang "Happy Birthday!" to Judy Henn who attended the ice cream social after cele-

brating her special day with her family.

The museum buildings of the Readlyn Historical Society are open by appointment by calling 319/961-8379. Also, follow us on Facebook (@ReadlynHistoricalSociety) to stay updated on other events. The Society is looking for volunteers to serve on its Board and/or assist with projects and events.



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(At left) Ron Leistikow, Delbert Oltrogge and Charlie Albrecht enjoying an ice cream sundae.

A number of visitors took advantage of the ice cream social to tour the Museum (at right).





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Obituary

Verdeen Violet Pavelec

Verdeen Violet Pavelec, 90, of Denver, IA, formerly of Readlyn, IA, died on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at Unity-Point-Allen Memorial in Waterloo.

Verdeen was born March 16, 1935 at (Buck Creek) Sumner, IA, the daughter of Leo and Mildred (Tietje) Westendorf. She was baptized March 30, 1935, and confirmed March 21, 1948, at St. John Lutheran Church (Buck Creek) Sumner. She attended country school Dayton No. 6, parochial school in Buck Creek, and Sumner High School. She first worked helping various families in their homes and then at Buck Creek store for 5 years.

On January 9, 1955, she was united in marriage to Reinhold (Bunny) Raymond Pavelec at St. John Lutheran Church, (Buck Creek) Sumner. They made their first home at Buck Creek and moved to Readlyn in September of 1955. Bunny passed away June 16, 1998. She was a stay-at-home mom, a Cub Scout den mother, babysat, and taught many years of Sunday school and Bible school at UCC (Tripoli) and Zion (Readlyn). Verdeen was a longtime member of Zion Lutheran Church where she held all offices of the Zion Ruth Circle and served as secretary on the church council; she was also president of the VFW Auxiliary for many years. She worked part-time in a flower shop for 7 years and served 14 years on the Tripoli Nursing Home board. Verdeen volunteered at Share and Mended Hearts for 8 years, helped deliver *Readlyn Chronicles* 15 years, and took sermon tapes to shut-ins over 20 years. Verdeen represented her community as the 2010 Readlyn Grump. She moved to Willow Winds on February 12, 2022.

Verdeen loved doing things for her fam-

ily, and enjoyed cards, playing piano, gardening, sewing, and quilting. She made crib quilts, lap quilts, car quilts, treasured wedding gift quilts, and many, many more quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

She is survived by two sons: Larry (Vicki) Pavelec, Readlyn, Steven (Sheryl) Pavelec, New Hartford; two daughters: Kathleen (Robert) Thiele, Waterloo, Connie (Phillip) Fleshner, Janesville; six grandchildren: Derek (Kristin) Pavelec, Madison, WI, Brett (Karalee) Pavelec, Anna, TX, Craig (Bailie) Pavelec, Readlyn, Edward (Bridget) Pavelec, Waterloo, Sarah Pavelec, Cedar Falls, Melissa (Dakotah) Jones, Charles City; 13 great-grandchildren: Annabel and Isaac Pavelec, Bennett and Reed Pavelec, Jacob and Elijah Pavelec and Ash and Atticus Gleason, Emmeric, Maximus, Tobias, Joana, and Roman Pavelec; three sisters: Marlene Fasse and Jolene (William) McCurdy, Waverly, Beverly (Wayne) Block, Oelwein; and 25 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents; sister: Arnetta (Edwin) Whitt; brother-in-law: Edward (Violet & Alice) Pavelec; sisters-in-law: Louisa (Emil) Spier, Rose (Kenneth) Kuhrt, Pearl (Kenneth) Heinemann, Irene (Willard) Buhr, Phyllis (Robert) Maxfield, LaVera (Russell) Bergen, Evelyn (Dean) Davis; and brothers-in-law: Louis Becker, Aaron McKenzie, and Virgil Fasse; and 1 niece and 3 nephews.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn, IA with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Readlyn. The service was live streamed on the Zion Lutheran Church Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church or Readlyn American Heart Association. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

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Wasn't it Yesterday That Next Hello

As I sit alone, on one of the seven empty bar stools in my lower level, I'm doing battle with loneliness and the loss of a friend. I'm helpless in fighting fire with fire, knowing



By J.D. Francis

it's a war I can't win, when I'm up against the reality of life itself. The room is dimly lit, but I still see it plain, the door that will never again, swing both ways. I've always believed that every person you meet, comes into your life

for a reason. Tonight, I'm lacking the wisdom to understand why a person would come into your life and leave, never to return, and that too...be for a reason.

The bright light is piercing with the understanding that nothing in this life is permanent, or will remain the same for very long. That's a street that can be travelled in both directions.

Every morning the sun rises in the sky, creating daylight, and yet falls deep beyond the horizon and darkness is born. Like an old friend, the sun never fails to return. We often set out on our various journeys, but every road we travel will eventually lead us home again. Wind up a clock and the pendulum will swing to its final stroke, only to eventually fall silent. We simply wind it up again and it faithfully serves at our beck and call. Light

up a citronella candle on a cool winter's night and it will burn warm through the evening. Blow it out and simply relight it at the mercy of your next whim and desire and it comes to life for your pleasure.

When winter comes calling, the grass, the leaves, and the beautiful flowers will all die. Geese will fly away and woodland creatures will scatter, to hibernate in a deep sleep for an entire season. Soon, without fail, life, color, and beauty, all return with the coming of the new spring. As if following the cadence of a love song, a gentle rain will cleanse the earth, only to paint in colorful brush strokes, a seductive rainbow across the endless blue sky.

Oh, I'm painfully aware of life's trials and tribulations, its faults, strengths and weaknesses, but tears will dry and laughter will make way for our next journey.

Tonight, the realities in life are holding me hostage and have taken complete control. From the moment we're born, and without any defense, our youth gets stolen away, one passing year at a time. We say hello to a friend and soon after, say goodbye, expecting that soon, like the sun, the candle, the clock, the drying tears, or another coming season, that friend will return with another hello.

It's an empty feeling when comes that day, the scale has tipped off-balance and that last spoken word of goodbye, waits sad and lonely, never again to hear that next hello.

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Your donation this September could help a child continue treatment and give families hope for tomorrow. Schedule

your lifesaving blood donation appointment online at lifeservebloodcenter.org or call 800.287.4903.

Thank You

I would like to thank my children for hosting the family dinner and open house for my 100th birthday.

Thank you to my family and friends for the gifts, phone calls, cards and for attending the open house.

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Blessings to All,
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LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pries, Bremer, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carpenter and Violet, Fairbank, visited Saturday evening in the Herbert Pries home.

The Odellville Chronicle edited by Neil Mauser, son of Mrs. J. N. Mauser, was awarded the trophy cup by the E. U. I. School of Journalism at Iowa City at the close of the seventh annual conference of the Iowa Press Assn. as being the best news weekly in towns of less than 1000 population.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rickmann helped Mrs. Will Rickmann, Tripoli, celebrate her birthday anniversary Wednesday evening, Oct. 21.

Peter Henson, of Waverly, spent Saturday with Mercedes Fairbrother.

C. H. Fock, Harold Ottus and Milton Bismarck went to Des Moines Monday to see the new Chevrolet for 1937. They report a completely new Chevrolet for 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strumpf and Lois Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lehmacher went Sunday dinner guests in the Howard E. Johnson home, Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teeder of Westgate and Clara Pope of Manitowish, Wisconsin, visited Sunday in the F. G. Torgler home.

Clarence Pries spent the weekend in Mason City with Carlisle Mull.

Florence Hens and Lydia Hens of Waterloo spent Thursday evening in the Hermanns home.

Christmas Good Wishes

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Readlyn Iowa

Leonard Leistikow and Florence Struckmeyer of Tripoli, H. C. Leistikow and family, Richard Leistikow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange helped Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday evening, Oct. 21.

Midnight show, "Ramona" at Grand Theatre, Odessa, Halloween night. Show starts at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange visited Sunday in the Ed Hoppe home at Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fock and Mrs. Arnold Burger and daughter visited in the Wm. Hiedeman home at Tripoli Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mahlenhaug and Luanne went Sunday dinner guests in the Wm. Mahlenhaug home in honor of Mrs. Mahlenhaug's birthday anniversary.

Rev. Carl Howe of Eldora and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Matthias of See City attended the funeral of Mrs. Engel Matilda, Oct. 20. Relatives and friends were also present from Waterloo, Bremen, Westgate, Waverly and Tripoli.

Last week—Thursday, Friday and Saturday Theo. C. Wente attended the Chevrolet School in Des Moines.

Rev. Arndtger, Rev. and Mrs. Baum, Mabel Mauser, Mrs. F. Ottus, Mildred and Clarence Pries and Mrs. Fred Papenauer attended the Sunday School Teachers Conference at First Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on Sunday, October 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson (nee Esther Schumacher) moved to Waterloo last week.

Irma Kuhn and Mrs. Martha Pries and daughters of Maynard visited Sunday in the ancestral J. W. Kuhn home.

A. H. Miller was a Dubuque business caller Monday.

Selma Kiehl of Waterloo spent the weekend with Gertrude Torgler.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pries and Josephine accompanied K. O. Berker and family to Buffalo, Minnesota, Oct. 17. All returned the following evening except Mrs. Berker and sons Bobby and Jerry, who remained for a longer visit.

H. Busch moved one of the old school houses to Kettler Saturday when, we are informed, he will open a store in the near future.

Mrs. Geo. Lane and daughter of Waverly visited Monday and Tuesday in the A. C. Schulz home.

Relatives and friends from Charles City, Fayette, Odessa, Bussett, Waterloo, Tripoli, Readlyn and Klinger and vicinity attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leistikow held in Wm's Hall Sunday afternoon and evening, Oct. 21. An excellent lunch was served cafeteria style at five o'clock. The program consisted of a talk by Rev. Vetter, singing of hymns and vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. John K. Erick, Florence Struckmeyer, and Leonard and Richard Leistikow.

Small piano, 8 months old, terms like new. See in Readlyn. Wholesale Dept., Valdeira Piano Factory, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Powdered Sugar	Bulk, Three pounds	22c	Rinso	Large Package	19c
Shredded Wheat	Two packages for	21c	Instant	Postum	39c
Wheaties	Two packages for	21c	Butter Nut	Coffee pound	28c
Peanut Butter	Quart jar	25c	Jello Dessert	Jack Sprat 6 packages	25c

Herbert Pries

READLYN IOWA

Senior Citizens group gives Grump Days a big thumbs up

On July 16, 2025, twenty members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA. We were served a very wonderful meal. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow after our meal.

The birthday celebrated for the month of July was Marilyn Lampe. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Marilyn. There were no anniversaries celebrated for the month of July.

The secretary's minutes for June 18, 2025 were read by Lois Thacher. Larry Ladage made a motion to approve the notes as read. Shirley Kuker seconded it. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht. The balance in the account after expenses was \$154.00. Mary Chapin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Mary Lou Ungs seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business: We discussed Grump Days and per the response we felt it was a success! The Readlyn Community Club will be meeting to discuss some minor changes for next year, 2026.

The Bremer County Historical Society's Ag event that was June 29, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. was attended by about 50 people. It was very much enjoyed by those that attended. Larry Pavelec of Readlyn was the speaker for the event. Everyone knows now that Bremer County was once called the "Dairy Spot" of Iowa. Big thank you to Larry Pavelec for all the research he did to present this event.

New Business: The Bremer County Fair will start July 27, 2025 and run through August 2, 2025. The event will be celebrated at the new location at 300 39th St. NE, Waverly, IA.

August 10 from 4-6 p.m., the Readlyn Historical Society will have their annual Ice Cream Social. Both buildings will be open for people that want to walk through for viewing. The cones are still 25 cents!

The St. Matthew and Zion Lutheran churches will have a picnic in the park on August 13, 2025. Everyone is welcome!

The Readlyn Community Club Picnic at the park will be September 14, 2025. More details to follow.

The next Senior Citizens meeting will be August 20, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at Panther Lanes in Tripoli, IA. Judy Leistikow made a motion to adjourn and Roland Schmidt seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

We played bingo after our meal and meeting. The first winner of traditional bingo was Don Heineman. He won two scratch tickets donated by Lois Thacher. Charlie Albrecht won the second bingo and he received two scratch tickets donated by Lois Thacher. Jan Schumacher was the 3rd winner of the bingo and she received a homemade pie donated by Charlie Albrecht. The blackout winner was Mary Chapin who received a gift card to Kwik Star donated by Ron and Judy Leistikow.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

Come join the fun!

Page 7 from the 1936 Chronicle

Pages from the 1936 *Readlyn Chronicle*, entitled the "Campaign Issue," were found in a time capsule at the Bremer County Courthouse. Page 7 is shown at left.

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Janet & Larry Ladage have the Yard of the Month Continued from Page 1



This rock festooned with chicks and hens was Larry's mother's.



The spinner was a gift from their daughter.



In the spring this is the pink and purple garden.



The butterfly garden.



The enormous maple tree.



This garden features a birdhouse built by Larry.



Mums decorate this garden area.



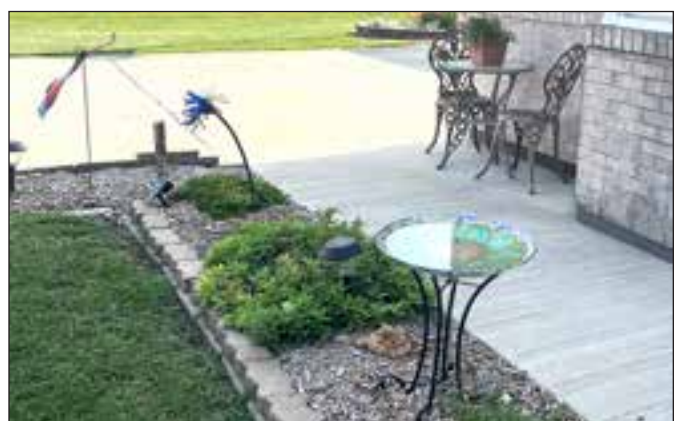
Herb garden.



The large elephant ears, a Mother's Day gift from Janet's son, protect the black elephant ears, a retirement memento.



Edging provides separation for some of the plants.



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The Ladage home at night.



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How a Readlyn student is shaping the future of rural medicine

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gery, ENT, the Emergency Department and more.

“Every single provider has taken time to get to know me. I’ve received incredible advice and had the opportunity to see so many different sides of medicine. This experience has felt personal and fulfilling.”

Rooted in Community

Returning to Waverly has only strengthened Alec’s desire to serve rural communities. “My parents, grandparents and friends are still in Readlyn,” he said. “It means a lot to work alongside doctors who care for people I know.”

His upbringing also shaped how he views the challenges and strengths of rural health care.

“I was very involved in farm safety advocacy through 4-H and FFA, so I’m familiar with the injuries and health issues rural communities face,” he explained. “Growing up, we had to travel to Iowa City for specialty care. That gave me a real appreciation for how vital it is to have access to care close to

home and how hard it can be without it.”

Alec sees that the gap being bridged through the work WHC does with clinics in nearby towns and visiting specialists to help improve continuity of care.

“It’s been great to see how WHC physicians encourage patients to come in not just when they’re sick, but for regular, preventive visits. That’s how you really make a difference.”

Looking Ahead

Alec’s passion for medicine is matched by his commitment to teaching and giving back.

“I’d love to be involved in medical education, whether that’s mentoring, teaching or community outreach. But whatever specialty I choose, I want to have a direct, positive impact on patient health.”

When asked if he sees himself practicing in a community setting, Alec didn’t hesitate. “Absolutely. Growing up in a small town has given me a deep appreciation for the kind of relationships and care you can build in these environments.”

His advice for other rural students con-

sidering health care?

“Don’t be afraid to dive in. Shadow, volunteer, get different experiences, whether it’s clerking, CNA work or research. Learn from your peers, talk to patients, ask questions and take every opportunity to grow.”

A Fulfilling Chapter

When asked to describe his MECO experience at WHC in a single word, Alec chose “fulfilling.”

“Every interaction with staff, providers and patients has exceeded my expect-

tations. It has reinforced every reason I chose to pursue medicine. I’ve learned so much, and I’m incredibly thankful.”

Outside of school, Alec unwinds by cooking (inspired by binge-watching cooking shows), playing board games with his girlfriend or family and staying active through workouts and sports.

Waverly Health Center is proud to have played a part in Alec’s journey from Mini Medical Week to MECO and looks forward to the difference he’ll make in the future of rural health care.



Alex Marticoff is shown (center) with his family.

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What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to
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This recipe has a funny name, but it is delicious.

Marry Me Chicken Submitted by Mary Lou Ungs

3 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts sliced lengthwise into thin cutlets

1/2 Teaspoon salt

1/4 Teaspoon ground black pepper

6 Tablespoons all purpose flour

2 Tablespoons olive oil

2 Tablespoons unsalted butter

3 Cloves minced garlic

1 Cup chicken stock

1 Cup heavy cream

1/3 Cup sun-dried tomatoes, chopped

1/2 Cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 Teaspoon chili flakes

1/4 Teaspoon oregano

1/4 Teaspoon thyme

1 Tablespoon fresh basil leaves

Season chicken with salt and pepper then dredge in flour shaking off any excess. In a large skillet heat olive oil on medium heat. Swirl to

coat with oil and butter evenly.

Brown the chicken (do not overcrowd and work in batches if necessary) for 4-5 minutes on each side until golden brown or cooked through. Transfer to a plate, cover and set aside.

Saute the garlic for a minute or until fragrant. Add chicken stock, deglaze the pan scraping any bits from the bottom with a wooden spoon.

Adjust heat to medium-low and add cream and Parmesan cheese. Allow to simmer a few minutes, then season with chili flakes, thyme and oregano. Season with salt and pepper to your taste. Add sun-dried tomatoes. Put the chicken back in and let it simmer.

Garnish with fresh basil and pour over pasta or rice.

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“Financial Fitness”

WITH ASHLEA (KLEITSCH) JONES

People inherently love solving problems.

Earlier this month, I was at the Bremer County fair at the Figure 8 Races. If you’ve never been to one, there are 6-10 cars on a dirt track in the shape of an “8” where the drivers are navigating, trying to maximize speed while slicing through oncoming traffic at the intersection of each lap. It’s loud, it’s fast, there are bound to be collisions, and fun had for all.

Every time there was smoke or steam or some sort of noise coming from one of the cars, the men in the audience would start saying things like “gasket”, “transmission”, “serpentine belt”, etc. It made me giggle to listen to them diagnose the problems from so far away in the stands. There is no doubt in my mind that their guesses were accurate - everyone sitting around me was guys that have tons of experience with equipment of all sizes and the problems that can come with it.

It just made me realize that I am not alone in being someone who enjoys the challenge of solving a problem. We all know people who hop right in to help someone in need... sometimes as a friendly neighbor... sometimes because that little itch of wanting to solve the puzzle first gets the best of them!

I think we all have inside of us some need to be challenged. Some challenges we are willing to take on ourselves, some just have too much risk involved to go at it alone, so we ask or hire someone more versed in that area.

This is where professionals come in.

At my house, there are a lot of small things that Cody and I are comfortable with trying to figure out ourselves, knowing we can’t hurt much if we screw up, however, if it is electricity related I am not touching it! It scares me to know what can happen if we do something wrong so I (still) call *my dad first :)*, then Etringer’s if it is a bigger project. I am happy to pay them what they’re worth to sleep well knowing it was done right.

This concept is the same as being a Financial Advisor. Some investors are DIYers and do a fine job of accepting and managing the risk of a bad decision. Others would rather pay a knowledgeable professional, lowering the risk of something going awry. To each their own.

Ashlea Jones doesn’t know how electricity works beyond changing a lightbulb. Ashlea Jones doesn’t know how to fix a transmission (or what a transmission looks like). But if you have cash or investments that are old, new, tax-deferred, tax-free, complex, not complex, whatever! And you need a second set of eyes on it, we can bring value and enhance your ambitions with our team and client-centric approach.

I **LOVE** the journey of helping people find solutions to their financial obstacles. Sometimes it is just a matter of helping them believe in what we can help them achieve. Sometimes it’s plugging in a private investment you don’t have access to on the street.

Other times it can be much more complex like a total rebuild... but when someone walks in with ambitions on their mind, nothing brings us more fulfillment than being able to say with confidence, **“We’ve got this!”**

If you feel there might be more out there than what you’ve been offered so far, let us look under the hood of your portfolio (a consultation is ALWAYS free). We will help you plan to dream big!

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Threatened species of Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (Sistrurus catenatus) found on Leistikow’s Smoketown Enterprises

Article by Bremer County Conservation Board Chair Larry Pavelec

I went to church Sunday, August 10 at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church where I got some astonishing news. Ronnie Leistikow told me about his son, Kurt, finding a rattlesnake on the west side of the Wapsie River. He found it by almost stepping on it. This is on their property between south of C 33 about a mile and a quarter mile on the east side of Sable Avenue.

For quite a few years, Iowa DNR, with the help of the Bremer County Conservation Board, has been tracking this state-endangered and federally-threatened rattlesnake species along the east side of the Wapsipinicon River. This is the first time the Massasauga Rattlesnake has been seen on the west side of the river since the

program was started in 2001. I saw them often in my youth on the Pavelec farm on the west side of the river in the same general area.



If you ever come across one of these rattlesnakes, please report it and leave it alone. (Editor’s Note: You don’t have to tell me twice.) Photo by Kurt Leistikow

Just this same week, Terry VanDeWalle got out the Iowa DNR’s tracking equipment. One of our Bremer County Conservation Board members, Stacy Snyder, was out hunting rattlesnakes with him. They found all four rattlesnakes with the tracking devices in them. Stacy was excited to find one of the male rattlesnakes was with a female. Radio telemetry involves attaching a small radio transmitter (surgically implanted) into the snake and using an antenna and receiver to locate its position. This allowed Stacy and Tom to locate the snakes, even when they’re underground or in dense vegetation. Our rattlesnake hunters talked to the Leistikows, gathering as much information about this snake to record

in the conservation plan. A specific population in east-central Bremer County has been studied since 2001. We have a relatively small but stable population.

Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes are gray or grayish-brown with dark bands or blotches down the back, 18½ - 30 inches long. Blotches on the back become bands near the tail, which is tipped by a small rattle. The eyes have vertical, cat-like pupils and the head is shaped like a spade, though it is not as wide as the heads of other rattlesnakes in Iowa. So don’t be afraid.

It’s great to see them all alive. These rattlesnakes are north of C 33 and south of C 33 on Bremer County Conservation Board property. If you ever come across one of these snakes, please report it and leave it alone. Let it go about its business for sure. They generally are considered non-aggressive. They are more likely to avoid encounters with humans than to strike.

A big thank you, Ron and Judy Leistikow, for reporting the rattlesnake.

Rainbow Clovers 4-H Club Bremer County Fair Results and Pictures By Emersyn Powell

2025 Bremer County Fair Static Project Results

Henry Geerts, Safety and Education in Shooting Sports, Blue
Calvin Jones, Fish and Wildlife, Blue
Carissa Jones, Static Clover Kids, Green
Carver Jones, Static Clover Kids, Green
Evan Kleitsch, Fish and Wildlife, Purple Selected for State Fair
Reid Kleitsch, Welding, Lavender Jr. Honorable Mention
Wyatt Kuker, Static Clover Kids, Green
Greysen Miller, Sewing and Needle Arts - Constructed Item, Purple Selected for State Fair
Greysen Miller, Woodworking, Blue
Greysen Miller, Woodworking, Yellow Considered for State
Greysen Miller, Woodworking, Blue
Greysen Miller, Food & Nutrition - Prepared Product, Blue
Greysen Miller, Food & Nutrition - Prepared Product, Yellow Considered for State
Griffen Miller, Photography, Blue
Griffen Miller, Home Improvement, Blue
Griffen Miller, Photography, Yellow Considered for State
Griffen Miller, Photography, Blue
Griffen Miller, Personal Development, Blue
Griffen Miller, Food & Nutrition - Prepared Product, Purple Selected for State Fair
Griffen Miller, Food & Nutrition - Prepared Product, Blue
Griffen Miller, Woodworking, Yellow Considered for State
Griffen Miller, Sewing and Needle Arts - Constructed Item, Blue
Griffen Miller, Sewing and Needle Arts - Constructed Item, Purple Selected for State Fair
Griffen Miller, Science, Engineering & Technology, Blue
Griffen Miller, Bremer County Photography Challenge, Blue
Coral Novak, Food & Nutrition - Prepared Product, Yellow Considered for State
Coral Novak, Bremer County Baking Challenge, Blue
Coral Novak, Animal Science, Blue
Coral Novak, Bremer County Photography Challenge, Blue
Coral Novak, Animal Science, Blue
Coral Novak, Photography, Blue
Coral Novak, Photography, Blue
Corbin Novak, Static Clover Kids, Green
Corbin Novak, Bremer County Clover Baking Challenge, Green
Emersyn Powell, Child Development, Yellow Considered for State
Emersyn Powell, Child Development, Blue
Emersyn Powell, Food & Nutrition - Prepared Product, Blue
Emersyn Powell, Visual Arts - Design, Process, or Technique Exploration, Blue
Emersyn Powell, Visual Arts - Design, Process, or Technique Exploration, Blue
Emersyn Powell, Photography, Blue
Emersyn Powell, Photography, Yellow Considered for State
Emersyn Powell, Home Improvement, Yellow Considered for State
Emersyn Powell, Horticulture, Blue

Ashlyn Strottmann, Photography, Blue

Bennett Strottmann, Home Improvement, Blue
Keegan Strottmann, Welding, Red
Breanna Wenger, Science, Engineering & Technology, Yellow Considered for State
Breanna Wenger, Visual Arts- Original Art, Blue
Rhett Wenger, Clover Club Static Welding, Green

Poultry Show Results

Rhett Wenger, Poultry Clover Kids- Green

Swine Show Results

Ashlyn Strottmann, Market Pigs- Champion Rate of Gain, Blue
Bennett Strottmann, Market Pigs, Blue
Keegan Strottmann, Market Pigs- Champion Rate of Gain, Blue

Pet Show Results

Coral Novak, Kunekune pig, Purple, Reserve Champion
Corbin Novak, Clover Kids pets, Green
Corbin Novak, Clover Kids Costume Contest, Best Costume

Rabbit Show Results

Will Kuker, Senior Buck, White
Wyatt Kuker, Rabbit Clover Kids, Green
Coral Novak, Junior Buck (3-6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Buck (3-6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Senior Doe (8 months), White
Coral Novak, Senior Doe (8 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Doe (under 6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Doe (under 6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Single Fryer, Blue
Coral Novak, Single Fryer, Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Buck (under 6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Buck (under 6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Senior Buck (over 6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Senior Buck (over 6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Doe (3-6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Junior Doe (3-6 months), Blue
Coral Novak, Pen of Three Fryers, Lavender Reserve Champion Pen of Three
Coral Novak, Pen of Three Fryers, Purple Champion Pen of Three
Coral Novak, Senior Doe (over 6 months), White
Coral Novak, Senior Buck (8 months), Blue
Corbin Novak, Clover Kids-Rabbit, Green
Corbin Novak, Clover Kids Costume Contest, Best Costume
Rhett Wenger, Clover Kids-Rabbit, Green

Beef Show Results

Calvin Jones, Junior Bottle/ Bucket Calf, Lavender
Evan Kleitsch, Dairy Market Steers, Blue
Reid Kleitsch, Dairy Market Steers, Lavender
Ashlyn Strottmann, Dairy Market Steers, Purple
Bennett Strottmann, Dairy Market Steers, Blue
Keegan Strottmann, Dairy Market Steers, Lavender
Breanna Wenger, Dairy Market Steers, Purple
Breanna Wenger, Crossbred Market Steers, Blue
Breanna Wenger, Costume Contest, Best Costume



Readlyn City Council - August 11, 2025

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 PM for the regular meeting. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wedemeier. The following named council members were present: Nicole Barnes, Keith Brunscheon, Jason Franck and Rocco Imbrogno. Absent: Joseph Jones. Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias and Steve Aiello.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the July 14, 2025 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve the police report. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to have the property owner correct the driveway at 422 Goodell Avenue so it meets city code and have Public Works Superintendent Wiersma inspect it. Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Brunscheon, Franck, Imbrogno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier provided an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation board meeting.

Mayor Wedemeier provided an update on the recent EBRRA board meeting.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Brunscheon to approve Resolution 2025-09: Electric Utility Inspection and Maintenance Plan. Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Franck. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Resolution 2025-10: Organization Borrowing. Roll call: Ayes: Brunscheon, Imbrogno, Franck, Barnes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Resolution 2025-11: Readlyn Savings Bank Agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Imbrogno, Franck, Brunscheon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier advised there is approximately \$28,000 left in the Main Street fund. He will provide council members with information and examples of holiday decorations/lights for Main Street. Wedemeier would like council members to provide input to him in the future. No action was taken.

Correspondence – Public Works Superintendent Wiersma provided a list of dead, diseased and damaged trees in the city right of ways to the council. Mayor Wedemeier and Wiersma will take steps to get bids and estimates on costs to get them removed. Wiersma also advised that there are now security cameras in the recycling center and the city is cleaned up from recent storms.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Franck to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Kris McGrane, City Clerk

Readlyn City Council - July 14, 2025

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:45 PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 PM for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wedemeier. The following named council members were present: Rocco Imbrogno, Joey Jones and Keith Brunscheon. Absent: Nicole Barnes, Jason Franck. Others in attendance: Austin Matthias, Steve Aiello, Kyle Hesse and Lois Buhr.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve minutes from the June 9, 2025 council meeting. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve budget and library reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to approve the police report. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Discussion on current updates to the civil defense siren.

Discussion on the driveway at 422 Goodell Avenue. No decision made.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Brunscheon to approve the Kwik Trip, Inc, dba Kwik Trip #708, class B retail alcohol license (LG) & Sunday Sales amendment. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Brunscheon, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to approve the authorization for the mayor to sign Nondisclosure Statement/MISO Transmission Project Confidentiality Agreement with the Iowa Public Power Agency, North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association, South Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association, Missouri River Energy Services, and such cities, municipal electric utilities, joint-action agencies and/or electric power agencies for the MISO Long Range Transmission Planning Trance 2.1 project. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve purchasing security cameras for the recycling building. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Dan Wedemeier, Mayor

ATTEST: Kris McGrane, City Clerk

Wapsie Valley School Board - July 21, 2025

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Meeting July 21, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:31 PM

A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Kaufman, Sauerbrei & Wolfe. Declared a quorum

B. Administration - Supt. Hoover. Board Secretary Arndt (excused)

C. Online participants

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

3. Public comment: None

4. Consent Items: Motion by Auel second by Kaufman to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Sauerbrei and the open enrollments as follows: Kurtis Foley request to open enroll his daughter to Waterloo after a family move. Motion carried 5-0

5. Communication & Reports: Board: None
Superintendent Hoover: Congratulations to our baseball and softball teams on their successes this summer! Report

includes thoughts on WV logo use; DLT retreat, facilities updated, and AEA Service Agreement District & PK Principals: None

6. Personnel: Resignations: Motion by Aiello second by Kaufman to approve the resignation of Melissa Hingtgen-Lead Cook as presented and thank her for her service to the students and staff at WV. Motion carried 5-0

Contracts: Motion by Aiello second by Auel to approve the contracts as presented: Mentee-\$1,000/5 days, Jaylyn Gibbs, Tyler Fall, Gunner Rogers, Reese Balvanz, Marlene Franzen, & Kristin Sadler, Mentor-\$1,250/5 days-Jacqueline Faust, Jennifer Merdinger, Duane Foster, Kari Pleggenkuhl, Jaime Henning, & Angie James, Building Leadership Team-\$2,500/10 days; Angie Wagner, Jennifer Merdinger, Melanie Curley, Jacqueline Faust, Kayla Ott, Jody Busch, Brianna Hayward, Amy Stessman, & Jess Miller, Leader In Me \$750-3/days; Heather Robinson, Amanda Bockholt, & Katelyn Cusick, Corynn Downs-Elementary Guidance Counselor-BA+30/0-\$45,670 (Base Contract) + \$4,780 (TSS) = \$50,450; Reese Balvanz-FB Elementary Teacher- BA/0 -\$38,339 (Base Contract) + \$11,661 (TSS) = \$50,000; Jenna Platte - Custodian - \$16.84 P/H and \$25 per month cell phone reimbursement. Motion carried 5-0

Addendum: Motion by Aiello second by Auel to approve the addendum presented: Heather Sullivan -

Increase per hour salary from \$16.29 to \$17.29 due to obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Motion carried 5-0

7. Old Business: Motion by Auel second by Kaufman to approve the second reading of Board Policy 503.09: Use of Personal

Electronic Devices. Motion carried 5-0

8. New Business: Motion by Kaufman second by Aiello to approve 25-26 School Resource Officer (SRO) 28E Agreement with

Bremner County's Sheriff's office. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Sauerbrei second by Auel to approve 25-26 CAPS agreement for facilities at Grumpy's Event Center, Readlyn, IA. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Kaufman second by Sauerbrei to approve 25-26 SBO Resource Only sharing agreement with Sumner Fredericksburg. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Aiello second by Auel to approve 25-26 Concurrent Enrollment Contract with NICC. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Kaufman second by Aiello to approve the use of the Warrior head logo but not the WV logo or Wapsie Valley name for Ackerman's car wash. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Sauerbrei second by Auel to approve Emergent Architect fixed fee for track/football field improvements. Motion carried 4-1; Kaufman-Nay

Motion by Auel second by Sauerbrei to approve 28E agreement for Librarian with Gladbrook/Reinbeck. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Aiello second by Kaufman to approve 2025-26 AEA Service Agreement. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Auel second by Aiello to approve the Talented and Gifted handbook. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Kaufman second by Auel to approve an additional \$1000 stipend to Tara Sullivan for services due to Online Registration through Infinite Campus. Motion carried 5-0

9. Board Talking Points: None

10. Motion by Auel second by Sauerbrei to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Motion carried 5-0

Written by Chris Hoover

Respectfully submitted by Kim Arndt

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