

Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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Marlys Wittenburg has Yard of the Month

Spunky, 87-year-old Marlys Wittenburg, 406 6th Street, is Readlyn's August "Yard of the Month" winner.

Marlys does all of the yard work herself, although she confided that about five years ago she started hiring Weeds on Fire to fertilize her lawn and spray for weeds. As you can see from the photos, she has

adorable, immaculate gardens tucked in throughout her yard.

The Readlyn Community Club and Readlyn Gardeners want to thank her for generously donating her monetary award from Weeds on Fire to them. Congratulations, Marlys Wittenburg, on your well-deserved award!



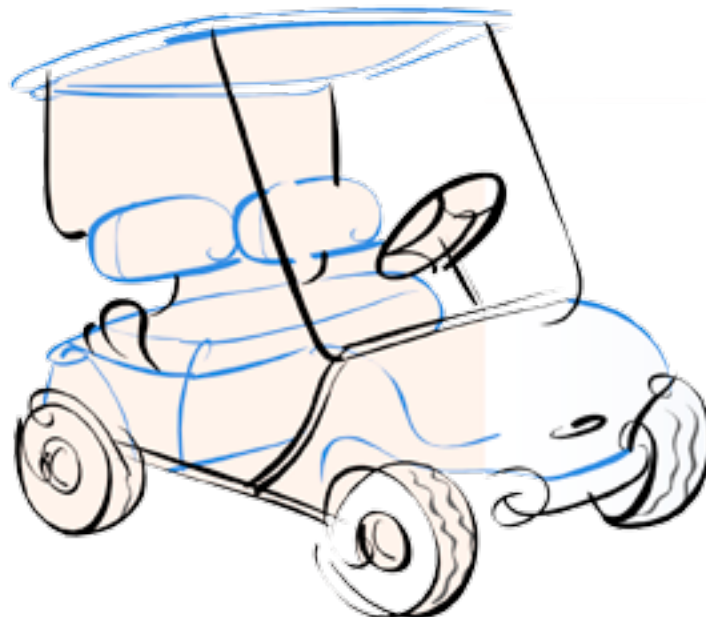
If you've ever seen the "lady in the pink hat" mow, you'll agree that she maneuvers her mower like a race car. She loves being outdoors and views mowing as her therapy.



The pie tin keeps the birds and rabbits away.



Marlys Wittenburg is pointing to the geranium plant she has wintered over for eight years.



Annual golf ride is planned for Sept. 21

Readlyn Community Club is sponsoring this year's leisurely golf cart ride on the bike trail Saturday, September 21, 1:30 to 4 PM, from Readlyn to Kildeer and back. Interested riders, please meet behind Hartman's at 248 Clark Street by 1:15 PM.

To reserve a golf cart from Rudy's at a cost of \$10, please contact Pat Wehr: Cell 319-415-2001; Home 279-3001; or email wehr@netins.net. Private carts are always welcome.

Readlyn Community Club will meet August 29, 6:30 PM for officers and directors and 7 PM for all members at Inspired. We will rehash Grump Days and make plans for Christmas on Main.

Grump's Grumblings

By Roland Schmidt



Hello, fellow Readlyn residents and people in the surrounding area. Summer is flying by. It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Grump Days. School will be starting soon so please watch out for the children going to and coming from school. And good luck to the Wapsie Valley football and volleyball teams.

I had a lot of fun riding in the Tripoli parade with some of the former Grumps. It's an honor to represent Readlyn this way. It's fun to see people from the area

out having a good time. Isn't small-town Iowa great?

The Historical Society hosted an ice cream social. I had the pleasure of serving ice cream sundaes to the great citizens of Readlyn. It was great seeing so many people enjoying ice cream on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

And the Cubs are still in 1st place. Go, Cubs, Go! My grandson had to remind me that the Braves are in 1st place, too.

2019 Grump Roland Schmidt

Fall decorating in September

Plans to decorate the Main Street Readlyn for fall have not yet been finalized, according to Ron Leistikow.

A decision will be made soon on which

Saturday in September will work best (Sept. 7 is not an option).

Contact either Ron Leistikow or Roger Detterding for more details.



Thank you, Roger Detterding, for watering the flowers on Highway 3 west all of the annuals in town throughout the summer. They look terrific!

Community Calendar

- Mondays- Novel Knitters 6:00 pm at the library
- Tuesday, September 3-V.F.W. Post #5661 7:30 pm Readlyn Telephone Co.
- Tuesday, September 10-VFW 7:30pm at the library
- Tuesday, September 10-Coloring in back room 1-3pm
- Thursday, September 12- 5 pm news deadline for Sept. 25 Chronicle
- Wednesday, September 18-Senior Citizens lunch and cards 11:30am at Inspired
- Wednesday, September 25-Merry Elders 11:30am at Inspired
- Thursday, September 26- Readlyn Reads Book Discussion 7pm at library

Community Foundations grant over \$158,000 to projects

The Bremer County Community Foundation, Readlyn Community Fund, and Waverly Community Fund held their 2019 spring grant awards ceremony at the Riviera Roose in Janesville on Thursday, June 27, announcing the distribution of \$158,788.16 in grants to 50 nonprofit organization projects serving Bremer County communities.

"The Bremer County Community Foundation and our partners, the Readlyn Community Fund and Waverly Community Fund, are honored to be part of the stories of these incredible nonprofit organizations and the people they serve," said Bremer County Community Foundation Committee Chair, Madeleine Ambrose. "The projects funded today will improve the quality of life in our communities and make Bremer County a better place for all people. We are grateful to the visionary individuals who, through their generosity, make it possible for all three of our Foundations to truly be here for good in Bremer County."

Grant recipient organization, project the grant will fund, and grant amount for Readlyn are.

Community Betterment: City of Read-

lyn, Library - Digital Media Studio: Expanding Communication and Learning, \$3,500

Education: Wapsie Valley Community Schools, Health and Wellness Improvement Project, \$5,000

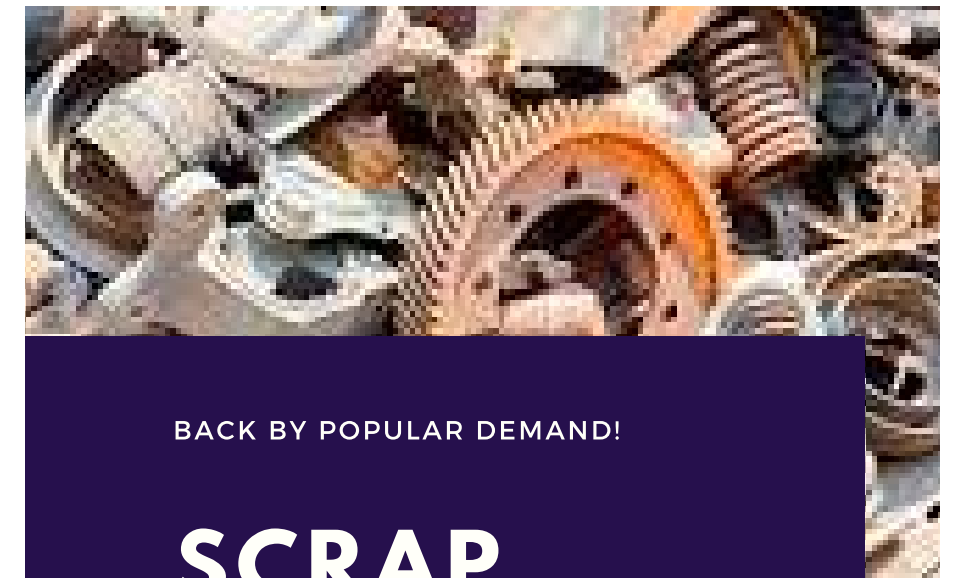
Human Service: City of Readlyn, Police Department - Portable Electronic Radar Speed Sign, \$3,000

Grants are awarded through each Foundation's competitive grant process. Decisions on grant awards are determined by volunteer committees, which consists of volunteers from Bremer County, Readlyn, and Waverly. Grants may be awarded to projects in the program areas of: art and culture, community betterment, education, environment, health, historic preservation and human service.

Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization (or government entity) serving Bremer County in order to be considered for funding.

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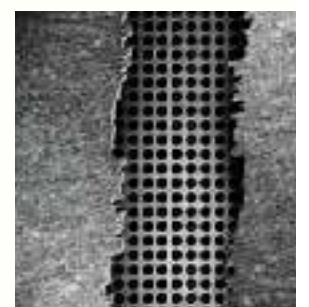
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Readlyn Community Happenings

Buls to note 50th wedding anniversary

Elston and Mary Buls will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 21, from 2-5 p.m. in the Poor Farm Dining Facility (former Bremer County Home). **Location:** 3-1/2 miles north of Hwy. 3 & 63 intersection and 1/2 mile east OR 1/2 mile south of C-33 & Hwy. 63 intersection & 1/2 mile east. Use the east entrance to the three-story building; it is handicap-accessible. The public is invited.

Elston Buls and Mary Benning were married September 21, 1969, in St. Peter's United Church of Christ, rural Geneva. They have two sons, Douglas, from Cedar Falls, and Darren from rural Waverly. Their home address is: 1645 140th Street, Waverly, Iowa 50677.



Mary and Elston Buls

Westendorf reunion held

The 26th annual Leo and Mildred Westendorf reunion was held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the Readlyn City Park in Readlyn. Attendees enjoyed muffins, Kringle and coffee at 10:30 A.M. A mini-church was led by Steve Pavelec at 11:30 A.M. He and Dave Becker played guitar. The message was by Edward Pavelec. At noon was a potluck dinner with 63 members from: Readlyn, Waterloo, Janesville, Madison, WI, New Hartford, Waverly, Oelwein, Racine and West Allis, WI, Denver, Seymour, MO, Cedar Falls, Marietta, GA, Charles City, Minneapolis, MN, Lake Mary, FL, Cedar Rapids and Sumner.

The oldest family member was 84-year-old Verdeen Pavelec and the youngest was 10-week-old Charlie Dierks, son of Jonnu and Olivia Dierks of Minneapolis, MN. Traveling the longest distance was Randa King of Lake Mary, FL. Win-

ners of the Bean Bag Tournament were Craig Pavelec of Tripoli and Bob Thiele of Waterloo. On Saturday at 7:00 A.M. 16 enjoyed breakfast at the End Zone and golfed at Denver Country Club. Winners were Scott McCurdy of Cedar Falls and Bob Thiele of Waterloo. At 11:30 A.M. 26 attended lunch at Mary Detweiler's Amish Store and followed with playing Westendorf Bingo. At night was a grill-out and a sing along around the campfire with guitarists Steve Pavelec, Dave Becker and Jon Happel at Cedar Bend Park.

Verdeen Pavelec of Readlyn was host along with children Larry and Vicki Pavelec, Steve and Sherri Pavelec, Bob and Kathy Thiele and Phil and Connie Flesher.

We lost one member during the year; Arnetta Whitt of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661 met August 13, 2019 at the Readlyn Community Library with 5 members present. The meeting opened with prayer read by Betty Powers and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Betty Powers to accept the audit report, carried. General Orders and chairman reports were read by all. Volunteer hours were turned in for July. Post and members enjoyed a meal at the Watering Hole honoring the VFW Auxiliary on 70 years. The table was decorated with flags, poppies and decorated cupcakes. The Auxiliary received the bond for the president and treasurer. The 3rd district meeting will be August 24 at Charles City Post. Pow-Wow will be Sep 27-28 at Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel.

Big 10 conference will be Oct 17-18 at the Doubletree by Hilton, Omaha Downtown. Thank you was read from Marjorie Macken. 12 legislature letters were handed out for Veterans Bills. A motion was made by Betty Powers and seconded by Darlene Peters to adjourn, carried. Closed with prayer. Hostess was Betty Powers.

Estate Garage Sale:
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Community Lutheran School is hiring for a Teacher Aide position in our Three-Year-Old Preschool classroom for the 2019-2020 school year. This position is part time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-11:45am. Rate of pay is \$8.50/hr (as well as daily doses of giggles, cuteness, pure-hearted honesty, and affection!) This is a super active Christian learning environment, where children playfully learn and love Jesus. Applicants must have ability to engage with three-year-old children in a patient, loving, and consistent manner. Applicants will assist the classroom teacher with activities, supervision, cleaning, and classroom management. **There is also a one day a week volunteer opening** in three-year-old preschool on Fridays from 11:30am-3:30pm. Volunteers assist the classroom teacher during lunch and rest time.
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The Digital Media Center has Arrived

A huge thank you to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa! The Readlyn Community, and surrounding area, now has access to a full suite of digital media equipment and software. These resources will empower patrons to tell their story, capture moments, and preserve their history.



The significance of this resource cannot be understated and without the Community Foundation this capability would be out of reach for rural communities. Stop in the Readlyn Community Library to familiarize yourself with the new media center and please extend a personal thank you the Community Foundation, its members, and generous contributors. To learn more about the Community Foundation visit their webpage (<https://www.cfneia.org/>) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CFNEIA>).



New DVDs



Color Us Creative

JOIN US
Tuesday, September 10th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Foot Clinics Are Back

Starting January The Bremer County Health Department will begin having foot clinics at the Readlyn Library on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Baby's First Book

The Readlyn Library strives to promote a lifetime of reading. If you know anyone in the Readlyn area that is expecting, stop by the library and register them to receive a free book. Help us welcome new Readlyn's newest residents to the world and also to the world of reading!

Idea for an event? Let us know!

Remember: The library is the perfect place to do homework!

Amateur "Ham" Radio

The library's Amateur Radio program is moving closer to fruition. If you or someone you know is interested in getting their ham radio license let us know. Moving forward, the library would like to host training, license testing, and maintain radio equipment for patron use, however, we need participants in order to proceed.

Amateur Radio has long been fertile ground for gaining knowledge and skill with electronics and communication technology through hands on experimentation and application. It can also keep you alert to local emergencies, allow you to stay connected during disasters, provide a skill to learn and maintain, and make you part of a tight knit community of "hams". Sign up now!



August's title:
A Land of Permanent Goodbyes
by Atia Abawi

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **Thursday September 26th at 7:00 pm**



A powerful novel of refugees escaping from war-torn Syria, masterfully told by a journalist who witnessed the crisis firsthand.

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Compiled by Bob Thran

Readlyn, Long Ago

The Readlyn fire in 1912 destroyed six store buildings



Readlyn in 1912 - This picture shows the west side of Main Street Readlyn which burned. The far white building in the next block is the former hotel. At present five buildings replace the structures that burned. For many years, the site of the first two lots was vacant and was the site of the Readlyn summer movies. The Community Building was later constructed on the two lots. The next three brick buildings were built immediately after the fire and in the 1940s hosted Thrans Tavern, Herb Pries Jack Spratt Foods and Ernie Dettmering Hardware Store. For years, Charlie Pook had a Cheve Garage in the next building now occupied by Jim Wolff.

Conditions at Time of Fire

In 1912, at the time of the fire, Readlyn was a town of approximately 100 inhabitants. Conditions in Readlyn were primitive with no running water in homes or businesses, no indoor toilets and no electricity. The water supply consisted of pumping water with a hand pump from a well near their home.

As late as 1943, as I attended St. Paul School, we still used an outdoor facility and there was no indoor toilet in the St. Paul Church until 1943. (For TP, we tore out a page from an old Montgomery-Ward or Sears catalog.) With mostly wooden structures in Readlyn, it was no wonder that a fire of this magnitude could break out. It was a losing battle to fight the fire with pails of water which mostly splashed out in the hurry to douse the fire. Imagine the panic when the fire was out of control and little could be done to contain the big blaze.

The Readlyn Fire: Six Store Buildings Destroyed By Fire

Waverly Democrat September 23, 1912

Monday evening, between 8 and 10 o'clock, a fire started in the ice house back of Otto Hahn's restaurant at Readlyn and before anyone was aware of it the flames had spread to the adjoining buildings, and, fanned by a light breeze, was soon out of control of the wholly inadequate fire apparatus of the town fire department.

As soon as the fire was noticed, the alarm was given and every man for miles responded to the call but it became soon evident that nothing could be done to save the buildings so all efforts were directed to saving as much as possible from the stocks of the stores, restaurants and pool hall. Art Haverstrite's men and John Fangmeier of the Brooks Lumber Co. were very much in evidence in taking the goods from the burning buildings. Everding's Restaurant, Hahn's Restaurant, Klemp's Pool Hall and

Barber Shop, Kehe's Drug Store, Beckhus' Hardware Store and Booth's General Store all went up in smoke. The bucket brigade could not do any good against such a blaze and it was sheer luck that the fire stopped where it did, only one vacant lot separated Pook and Meier's harness shop and, had the flames crossed this lot, the chances are that all the houses on that side of the street would have been destroyed.

This a hard blow for the town of Readlyn, for although they were frame structures they were put up only eight or ten years ago. Of course they were insured, except for Frank Fettkether's ice house and store building where Otto Hahn was conducting a restaurant. The insurance on this building had run out and Mr. Fettkether had not re-insured. John A. Beckhus, the hardware man, would probably be the heaviest loser, he carried only \$2700 on his building and stock of which very little would be saved. Wm. Klemp was another loser having only \$1500 on his property; John Kehe, \$1500 in insurance; J. O. Booth, \$3000, and L. H. Meyer, who owned the building occupied by Everding's. Restaurant, \$700.

The buildings across the street were damaged considerably by the fierce heat. The windows are cracked and the paint is scorched so that the buildings will have to be repainted.

Since the fire there has been considerable talk among the businessmen and citizens of Readlyn about installing a waterworks system for fire protection. The subject was long under consideration but nothing was done. The close call on Monday night will make the people sit up and take notice and the chances are that within a year Readlyn will not only have waterworks and adequate fire protection but will have six new brick or cement store buildings along Main Street that will add greatly to the beauty of the lively little town of Readlyn.

It is possible that misfortune might keep the Readlyn folks from celebrating their Harvest Home Picnic on Saturday but, according to the latest reports, there will be

bigger things than ever. And we'd better all turn out and go to Readlyn Saturday to give the boys a helping hand.

The following was printed in the Oelwein Daily Register:

READLYN IS SWEEPED BY CONFLAGRATION

Bucket Brigade was Only Method of Combating Flames Last Night. Loss Probably will Amount to \$100,000.

Readlyn, Iowa, September 11.—Seven business buildings, most of them two-story wooden structures, were wiped out by fire, causing a loss approximately \$100,000, with partial insurance. The flame originated in an ice house back of a restaurant, and were quickly communicated to the buildings, which formed a part of a solid block on the main business street of the town, which runs in a northerly and southerly direction. Because there are no waterworks the citizens and farmers for miles around, who were attracted to the scene by the illumination, were obliged to exert their energies in the formation of bucket brigades to keep the fire from spreading. It was checked finally by a brick block, thus sparing the following business places:

Two general stores, harness shop, furniture store, meat market, two lumber yards, bank, elevator, livery stable and saloon.

Those Suffering Loss.

The fire was confined to one side of the street, in one block, and the business houses destroyed include:

The Readlyn Telephone Exchange.
The postoffice, of which James Booth is postmaster.
Wm. Klemp pool hall.
Drug store, owned by H. H. Meyers and John Kehe, Jr.
J. Beckhus hardware store.
Henry Everding's restaurant.
Otto Hahn's restaurant.

Because of the rapidity with which the fire spread it was impossible to save much of the contents of the places that were destroyed.

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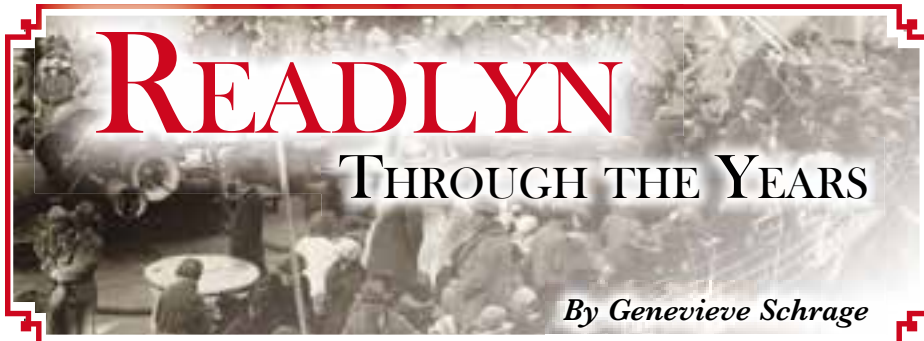
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READLYN THROUGH THE YEARS

By Genevieve Schrage

Part One

Instead of beginning my story just before World War II, which started in Europe in 1939, I thought that I should test my memory of important events as far back as the most memorable year which was 1927. Remember, these were years after Readlyn was incorporated in 1904, and it was the youngest town in Bremer County. I was only eighteen months old, so I had assistance in "fishing out" important news events of that time.

I remember reading about 1927, and that notable year in between World War II. 1927 was an important year for Charles Lindbergh, who had the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean to Paris, France. Others had tried to make it but failed. Then Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig had their best baseball year with the Yankees. Henry Ford had manufactured his one millionth "Model T" Ford that year and Al Capone, besides a number of gangsters who had made millions on "booze," were finally incarcerated for all the corruption they had caused. This was the beginning of the "Flapper Era," with women's short dresses, among many smoking and drinking women --- they had really taken off.

Arriving into the next decade of the 1930s, the world had found itself in the throes of the upcoming, land-grabbing national leaders, especially that of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party. One might also add the famous names of Hirohito, Tojo,

Mussolini, who were collaborators in later years. Moving on into the later 1930s after Hitler had overrun Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia; the Allies, including France and England, stepped up to the plate and tried to put a halt to this advancement. This move was the beginning of World War II in Europe — 1939. The United States wasn't directly involved, but all eyes and ears were directed in that direction. The Marshall Plan soon came into existence.

There were certain indications going on in our country that could have been interpreted as ways of readying for war, but they weren't carried through until later.

Readlyn's Doctor Osnes and family had been residents in town for more than 20 years. With the building of a hospital, the crude methods of treating patients, besides the trips into the country on many days when the roads were almost impassable, the doctor had finally decided to retire; however, he was not sold on retiring in Readlyn, so he had made previous arrangements to move to Los Gatos, California. He had contacted a carpenter crew — Louis Schweer was his choice. He was not familiar with any builders out west and did not want to take a chance.

It was December, and, for some reason, people were on edge, thinking that there were fears of war throughout the world. It wasn't just in Europe, but every mysterious transfer of war weapons, planes, or troops from one place to another, created anxiety.

It was getting close to that time of year when my Aunt Anna Tiedt would invite relatives, mainly her sisters and families, and anyone else who might be considered a waif, over to her farm home for Christmas dinner. She had several Christmas dinners, so they weren't always right on Christmas Day. She loved to entertain, so the dinners were spread out over the month of December - Sundays, also.

Many of the farms at this time, 1941, had not had electricity installed on their property as yet. The part that I remember the most was the fact that they could not turn on their Christmas tree lights. I had grown up with electricity, which had been wired when our house had been built in 1920. Aunt Anna and her daughter, Muriel, would light the candles on the tree after the dinner dishes were washed and they burned only a short time, and then they were snuffed out. Fire was always at the top of their minds, since Aunt Anna's husband, Muriel's father, Ed Tiedt, had burned to death years before this. This particular day was on a Sunday, but not on Christmas Day as so many times it had been. We were not the only guests. There were the Osnes' family, Dr. and Emilie, and their adopted daughter who was their niece, Astrid, and several guests. Before the real excitement came on the radio, Emilie had brought some sheet music that she had written, which was a big surprise to everyone. Then the horrific news came on the radio — it was battery-powered, and was not in good working condition at that moment; however, we could make out what was being said. This was that famous December 7, 1941 speech, "A day that will live in infamy," as President Roosevelt has been heard to repeat many times. This was one special day, but it has been memorable through the years. I was almost 16 and a sophomore in high school, so I can remember almost everything that occurred after that. I often wondered whether my dad had a premonition that something like that

was about to happen. He was a veteran of World War I and was always interested in the world news.

The huge battleships, Arizona and the Oklahoma, were totally destroyed, and more than 4,000 men were lost, after years of counting bodies. The battleships were huge, and all were named after states. There were many hundreds of smaller ships that participated in the war.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had been president from 1932 - 9 years - should have had much experience in leading the country in both war and peace.

Then the thought of Dr. Osnes retiring on the West Coast entered the minds of those who were at the dinner. If the Japs were to attack the United States mainland, it would probably be in the San Francisco Bay area, in the area where the Osnes family were to move. The mention of this fact did not change any plans. They were going ahead with their original plans.

President Roosevelt spoke to the people: we were declaring war on Japan and its subsidiaries. Our fleet of ships that had been used to assist the Allies in Europe would now be added to our Pacific fleet, which was lying in wait.

Conscription of men, or draft as we know it, had begun. At the most, there were as many as 30 to 40 men who left for training each month. All healthy men were called, with the few exceptions who were farm workers. The railroads were filled with troop trains.

President Roosevelt emphasized the importance of rubber, and he spoke of all the machines that were used in the war effort as well as at home on the farms. We had to conserve "rubba." Quoting President Roosevelt, "And when I say "Rubber" I mean "RUBBA." Women who had never worked outside of the home, became "Rosie, the Riveter."

Part Two continues next month

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Boys State/Girls State Reunion is September 8

By Kathy Epley, Waverly American Legion Auxiliary Unit President, #176

The Waverly American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit #176, are planning an event for Sunday, September 8, 2019, and we are asking for your help, for those who can assist us in locating the men and women who were chosen and sponsored by Bremer County Legion Posts and Auxiliaries to attend a week of Boys State or Girls State, the summer after their junior year in high school. We have included the community of Shell Rock, in Butler County, because of their Waverly-Shell Rock connection.

We are holding our first Boys State/Girls State Reunion, to be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at the Waverly Area Veterans Post, located at 1300 4th ST NW, with a meal being served at 12 noon, on the lower level of our beautiful facility. Our hosts for this special event are George and Kathleen Beebe, former residents of Waverly, currently living in California. George attended Boys State in

1960, sponsored by the Waverly Post, and they look forward to meeting those who also had this great opportunity to be a part of Boys State or Girls State Week!

If you attended Boys State or Girls State, please let us know, or if your son, daughter, sibling or friend attended, we want to contact them and extend this invitation! Please contact us at: hhb109mab@gmail.com (Maxine) or msmcfan@aol.com (Kathy). Please include the word RE-UNION in your subject line above your message.

If you will be able to attend our event, you may RSVP (by Sept. 3) at either of these email addresses, or by letter to: Kathy Epley, 1991 Hawthorne Ave., Waverly, IA 50677.

If you did attend Boys State or Girls State, but are unable to attend, we would appreciate hearing from you; the year you attended, what post or unit (community) sponsored you, and any memories of that week you would like to share with us!

Annual Craft Show Sept. 14 at Oran School Event Center

The 2nd Annual Craft Show at Oran School Event Center, Oran, Iowa will be held Sat., Sept. 14 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Thirty crafters will display leather work, wood working, metal work, glass block team items, toys, games, cards, sewing, crochet, kitchen items, dolls and clothes, Christmas, wreaths for all occasions, bird houses, nature art and more!

A guest artist will be on stage perform-

ing free hand silhouette art keepsakes while you wait. On the lower level of the school, five home businesses selling Color Street nails, re-purposed items, Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, flowers and more. Delicious food will be available for purchase on site from The Oran Locker/The Butcher Block.

Questions? Call Rita Losh at 319-638-5445.

Auditions set for murder-mystery dinner theater in Oran

A murder-mystery dinner theater is planned for this fall at the Oran School, Oran, by Sumner Community Theater and auditions will be held over two weekends.

The first weekend of auditions were held Saturday, Aug. 24, and Sunday, Aug. 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Faith Evangelical Church, Sumner.

The second weekend of auditions will be Saturday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Oran School, Oran.

Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to come to auditions to learn more about the productions.

The performance will feature six males and six females and they are all adult roles (18-years-old or older). Along with actors, the production welcomes anyone interested in assisting with set, lights and sound.

Performance dates are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Oran School, Oran.

The show is set in the '50s and the dinner theater setting will be a 1950s diner complete with a diner meal.

Lori Frisch is directing with assistance by Deb Fedeler. Anyone with questions or unable to attend auditions, should contact Frisch at (319) 464-6256.


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Deb Saurbrei got her hole-in-one during the ladies' golf tournament at Big Rock in Fayette, Iowa. She used her 7 wood for the 153 yard hole #2. Above, friends toasted Sauerbrei's hole-in-one.



Willow Winds Assisted Living commemorates National Assisted Living Week Sept. 9-14

Denver, Iowa- A week-long celebration kicks off September 9 and Willow Winds is joining tens of thousands of assisted living communities across the country for the festivities. National Assisted Living Week continues through Saturday, September 14, and Willow Winds is honoring this year's theme, "A Spark of Creativity."

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We encourage members of the community to come visit Willow Winds during National Assisted Living Week. Please join Willow Winds as we host these special events:

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• **Monday, September 9, at 10 a.m.** Join us for our weekly community coffee. Goodies from Rocket's Bakery. Socialize with our tenants and community members.

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• **Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.** "Maria's Angelic Enlightenment." Come and join us as Maria Peth PHD, leads us through "The Beautiful Creative Soul, Keys to Joyful Living." Maria is a spiritual teacher, social psychologist, intu-

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Wapsie Valley wrestlers participate in Luther's Team Wrestling Camp

DECORAH, Iowa—The Wapsie Valley High School wrestling team participated in the 2019 Luther College Team Wrestling Camp in Decorah, Iowa.

The Luther wrestling camps, directed by Luther Head Wrestling Coach Dave Mitchell, have grown into some of the largest and most recognized athletic camps in the Midwest. More than 800 wrestlers from 8-plus states attended the 2019 Luther College Wrestling Camps throughout July, making the series of camps some of the biggest camps in the country.

Max Thomsen, All-American wrestler from the University of Northern Iowa, and Lee Fullhart, NCAA champion and four-time All-American from the University of Iowa, served as clinicians for Team Camp I.

Campers at the 2019 camps wrestled 10-plus matches and also participated in team building activities, and intensive "Train Like a Norseman" sessions. The camp closed with an individual tournament, where tournament champions who went undefeated throughout camp were given a 'Luther Wrestling Camp Outstanding Wrestler' singlet.

Michael Petersen served as the Wapsie Valley Camp Coach, providing guidance and coaching for campers throughout camp giving campers quality feedback.

The Wapsie Valley wrestling team is

coached by Danny Adams and Brian Krall. This was their 10th year attending Luther team wrestling camps.

13 national championships, 12 NCAA

runner-up honors and 98 All-American honors have been earned by Luther student-wrestlers. For more information about the Luther wrestling program, vis-

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Sculpture created by UIU associate professor of art and Fairbank, Iowa, senior

FAYETTE, IA - Move over Butter Cow, Upper Iowa University (UIU) has churned out a new piece of creamy yellow artwork for the Iowa State Fair. After migrating 170-miles from Fayette Campus to Des Moines, UIU's Butter Peacock arrived safely Wednesday, July 31, in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The Butter Peacock took "creativity" to an entirely new level for its sculptors, UIU associate professor of art Elissa Wenthe and senior art education major Meghan Kleitsch.

The two first-time butter sculptors assembled a wood, plastic, cloth and steel mesh frame depicting the peacock sitting upon a pedestal, before bringing approximately 50 lbs. of butter to room temperature for the project. When the

butter had reached the desired consistency, the artists entered a 38-degree cooler to complete their work.

Over a five-hour span, the sculptors applied and molded layers of the dairy substance until the 44-inch tall piece of artwork was completed. Both artists acknowledged the experience was very similar to working with clay.

"I thought everything worked out great, but I quickly discovered I do not like working in a cooler," said Wenthe, who suggested the idea for a buttered version of the Upper Iowa mascot after the completion of last year's State Fair.

"I am always excited to trying new things artistically," said Kleitsch, who is from Fairbank, Iowa. "The biggest challenge for me was working with a substance that melts and becomes

greasy in your hands."

Trying to keep handling at a minimum, Wenthe noted that transportation remained her biggest concern throughout the project. Needless to say, she was relieved when the artwork was safely unloaded and set up in the UIU fair booth Wednesday, July 31.

On behalf of Upper Iowa University, Wenthe expressed appreciation for those who made generous donations that made the Butter Peacock possible: Prairie Farms (butter), Coca Cola Atlantic Bottling Company (exhibit refrigeration) and Country View Dairy (transportation).



First-time butter sculptors (l-r) Elissa Wenthe and Meghan Kleitsch churned out UIU's Butter Peacock in five hours.



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