

It's another great day in Readlyn!

"It's another GREAT DAY!" This is the greeting the staff of Readlyn Savings Bank has heard every morning for the last 30 years as Ed Traeger comes bounding into the bank lobby.

On March 1, 1989 a young man and his wife, Kathy, both from Fayette, moved to town to start a new life and raise their two daughters, Emily and Rosie. This March 1, 2019 will mark the 30th anniversary at Readlyn Savings Bank for Edgar A. Traeger III, RSB's President and CEO.

It is Ed's infectious positive attitude towards life that has made the man a living legend—well, the great attitude as well as his super-human tailgating skills. As everyone lucky to have ever been entertained at the EDZONE or the BUDDY ROOM knows: Ed is a professional partner with a side gig at RSB.

However, these two sides of Ed are one-and-the-same, for it is his generous, gracious and caring way with people that make him both a superb banker and a world-famous entertainer (read: margarita maker & grill master).

RSB and the entire Readlyn community have been really lucky to have Ed Traeger around for the past 30 years. With the grace and guile of a voyaging boat captain, Ed has guided the bank through a dizzying era of modernization, while still holding true to the steadfast principal of community banking—taking good care of people. Customers and employees alike—not to mention Ed's family and numerous,

numerous dear friends—can all attest to Ed's incredible capacity to listen, care, and offer balanced, wise counsel.

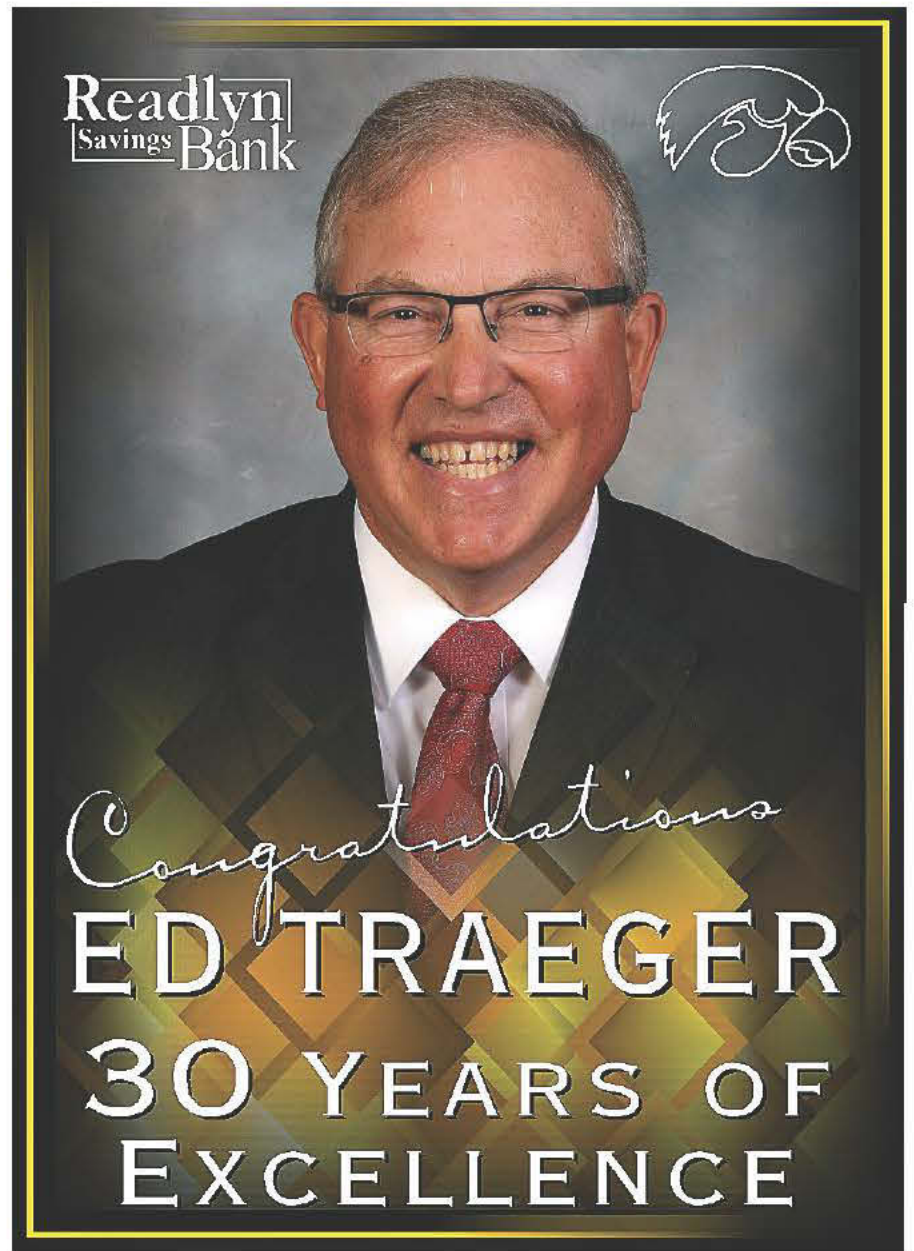
Throughout his 30 years, Ed has been a great leader in the bank as well as the community. You name it, Ed has been involved: his church, the school board, library board, education foundation, community club, emcee at Grump Days—the list goes on and on.

More recently, Ed and Kathy have taken on new pursuits of excellence in the field of grandparenting. Grampa Ed and Grandma Kathy have seven amazing grandchildren with whom they share their other passions in life such as the Hawkeyes, fishing, hunting (mushrooms included), singing, cooking, and the art of relishing life in general.

Ultimately, a monumental occasion such as a 30th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on one's achievements and thanksgivings. Thus, the Readlyn Savings Bank family – shareholders, Directors, and Staff – offer a heartfelt congratulations and THANK YOU to Ed Traeger and his family for 30 years of service to the bank and the community.

Ed, you are a true and loyal friend to all and we appreciate you. Congratulations!

Please join us Friday, March 1, 2019 for an Open House in the lobby to celebrate with Ed from 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.



Buffet and Trivia Night is March 30

The Readlyn Community Club (RCC) is presenting a buffet and Trivia Night as this year's membership drive.

The event will be held Saturday, March 30, starting with social time at 5 PM, a delicious meal at 6 PM, meeting at 7 PM, and an evening of trivia beginning at 8 PM. All of this will be held at the Readlyn Event Center.

Cost is only \$20 per person, which includes a delicious broasted chicken and

roast beef buffet, a fun night of trivia, and voting rights for the 2019 Grump, RCC officers and projects. There will be a raffle for three nice items donated by Readlyn Telephone Company.

It is time to renew your RCC membership! It is time to become a new member! RCC encourages you to become a member so that you can be a part of this active community organization that is the envy of our neighboring communities. Read-

lyn's annual events add value to our lives and lasting memories for our children. Your financial and volunteer contributions are vital to continue offering these opportunities.

Our regular membership meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. You are invited to attend; you personally decide how much you would like to volunteer. Possible committees that would benefit from your talent and interest: The *Readlyn Chronicle* newspaper, Valentine Ball, Miss Readlyn Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, Fall and Christmas Decorating, Grump Days and Parade, Kids in

the Park, Christmas on Main, and Santa's Visit. By liking "Readlyn Community Club" on Facebook, you can be notified concerning events.

Membership dues are \$20.00 per member. Your membership entitles you to vote for the 2019 Grump, Grump Day T-shirt design, officers and directors during the short meeting Friday, March 30, at the Readlyn Event Center.

Please bring or mail this form with your dues of \$20.00 each, and donations to:

Dani Sauerbrei, RCC Treasurer, Readlyn Savings Bank, P.O. Box 40, Readlyn, IA 50668

Readlyn Community Club



& Membership Drive Dinner Sat., March 30

If you are not a Readlyn Community Club member but enjoy playing trivia, we invite you to form a 4 – 6 person team and join us at 8:00 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Prizes include six \$10.00 Kwik Star certificates for first place, six \$5.00 Inspired certificates, and a surprise prize for last place. RTC has donated items for a raffle. Come join the fun.

READLYN COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM – 2019
Membership Fee includes buffet dinner at the March 30 Annual Meeting at The Readlyn Event Center!

NAME(S): _____
 ADDRESS: _____
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 HOW MANY MEMBERSHIPS? _____ ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? YES ___ NO ___
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ DATE PAID: _____
 PAYABLE TO: **Readlyn Community Club**
(Can be dropped off at the Readlyn Savings Bank during business hours or in the night drop)
 Are you attending the Annual Meeting on March 30th? _____ (\$20.00 each membership)
 Committee Interest: _____
 You can volunteer as much as you wish!

Community Foundations' grant deadline is March 31

February 18, 2019 – This is a reminder to submit grant applications to the Bremer County Community Foundation and Waverly and Readlyn Community Funds for their 2019 grant cycle. The deadline for grant applications for the 2019 grant cycle is 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2019.

Grants are awarded to projects in the following areas: art and culture, community betterment, education, environment, health, historic preservation and human service.

There is one application process for all three grant cycles. Please make sure to review grant guidelines for detailed information. The online grant application and guidelines can be found at any of the three Community Foundations' websites: www.bremerccf.org, www.waverlycf.org or www.readlyncf.org. Grant recipients will be announced in June 2019. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2019 to be considered for funding.

First-time grant applicants should contact Dotti Thompson, Program Manager, at (319) 243-1358 prior to submitting an application. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization (or government entity) serving Bremer County in order to be considered for funding.

For more information, please contact the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa at (319) 287-9106.

The Bremer County Community Foundation and Waverly and Readlyn Community Funds are local organizations making grants to organizations creating a stronger and more vibrant quality of life in the community and help people establish permanent funds for the causes they care about in their community. The Community Foundations are affiliates of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, a nonprofit committed to creating long-term impact in 20 counties in Iowa. For more information, contact 319-287-9106 or visit www.cfnea.org. CFNEIA is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.



Wednesday,
March 20, 2019

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Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Ladage



Let it snow! Let it snow!

The end of January and first part of February had more snow and cold weather than we have seen in a long time. As of this writing, we have had another 8 to 10 inches. I have spent several afternoons blowing snow out of our driveway.

The last few weeks I have not been able to work very much because of schools being closed. This gives me time to read the Amish books that I received for Christmas. When I finish books, I give them to Ron and Judy Leistikow and Glennys Wedemeier to read. Some of the books have Amish recipes in them and Judy printed them off and had quite a few to choose from, so Ron and Judy invited us to their house for an Amish supper. Everything was very good, even though we had not ever tried some of the dishes. How many of you reading this has ever heard of Shoofly Pie, made with chocolate and very good.

February 10 was Janet's birthday and our 41st wedding anniversary. On Feb. 20 we will go to a chili and oyster supper in Janesville at the Riviera Roose. This is a yearly treat for both of us to celebrate Janet's birthday (she loves oyster stew) and our anniversary (I stick to the chili).

We went to the Readlyn's Valentine Ball at the Readlyn Event Center. We had a very good meal and lots of visiting with friends and neighbors. The live auction is always good and everything seemed to bring quite a bit. There is also the silent auction and every bit goes to help organizations in and around Readlyn. Over the last 10 years, the Ball has raised over \$200,000 for Readlyn. Miss Readlyn provided some very good entertainment. As Abraham Meyer said during her inspirational speech, "Everything Happens for a Reason."

2018 Readlyn Grump – Larry Ladage

His Hands Food Pantry is open Tuesdays, Fridays

His Hands Food Pantry, serving the communities of Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Oran, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Westgate, provides food assistance to those in need. His Hands is open Tuesdays 5:00 - 8:00pm and Fridays from 9:00am - noon.

The Food Pantry is located at 5001 Main Street, Oran, Iowa. For more information, call (319) 638-4357.

Community Calendar

- Mondays** - Novel Knitters at the library 6 pm
- Thursdays** - Storytime at the library 9 am
- Saturday, March 2** - Pepper Tournament at Events Center, 2 pm
- Tuesday, March 5** - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library call 319-235-6201 for an appointment.
V.F.W. Post #5661 at Readlyn Telephone Company 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 12** - Coloring at the library 1-3 pm
School-agers welcome after school
V.F.W. Auxiliary at the library 7:30 pm
Blood Pressure check at the library 1:00-3:00
- Thursday, March 14** - 5 pm deadline for *Chronicle*
- Saturday, March 16** - Instrument Petting Zoo at the library 10-noon
- Sunday, March 17** - 4H at the library 6 pm
- Wednesday, March 20** - Senior Citizens lunch and cards at Inspired, 11:30
- Saturday, March 23** - Resume Writing Tech class at the library 10 am
- Thursday, March 28** - Readlyn Reads Book Discussion @ the Library 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 27** - Merry Elders at Inspired 11:30
- Saturday, March 30** - RCC Buffet & Trivia Night, starts at 5 pm, Readlyn Events Center
- Steve Meier's Bike Trail photos in the library display case all month.

Miss Readlyn Comments

By Cassidy Brunscheon



Love is in the air...and snow is too! This past January-February has had some crazy weather! From wind chills at a staggering -50°F to 10 inches of snow overnight, schools haven't had much school. I've been stuck inside a lot this winter and during snow days I've been filling out scholarship applications, baking treats, binge watching tv shows, and video chatting with my friends. It's been both a relaxing and busy time for me.

At the beginning of the month, I had the pleasure of attending the 10th annual Readlyn Valentine's Ball. I had the opportunity to greet many people from Readlyn and surrounding towns. I also sang some popular love songs, including *At Last* by Etta James and *Can't Help Falling in Love with You* by Elvis Presley. Abraham Meyer was the key speaker and had a very inspirational message. Thank you to everyone who donated and to those who purchased the donations for worthy recipients in our community. Thank you also to all who organized this fantastic event.

The Wapsie Valley High School speech team went to State Large group. The event took place at Waterloo West and teams from all over NE Iowa competed. There were so many people! Reader's Theater performed first and did amazing. Reader's Theater got a Division I rating! I'm so incredibly proud of how our team did and how much work we've put into our pieces! Our ensemble also made it to state and they earned a Division II. That's the end of Large Group season for speech, and now I'm working on my individual piece! I will be doing acting, which is where I act out a monologue, and my piece is called "When Love Brings Pain." District competition is later this month and I can't wait to perform!

Ever since the second semester started, my choir has been working hard. We had many new members join, and we have been working on our songs for the Variety Show! The Variety Show is Wapsie Valley's talent show and has performances from not only the band and choir, but also individuals and small groups! The whole night is a lot of fun and Wapsie students put on a very entertaining show. The Variety Show is March 8 so come out and support the Music Department! (It's also my birthday....so another reason to come!)

Winter athletics are starting to wrap up. Two wrestlers will be represented by Wapsie at State Wrestling: Kaleb Krall and Rylan Duffy. The boys' and girls' basketball teams are both working to punch their ticket to state. Good luck to all the athletes competing and congratulations on a successful season!

Enjoy the rest of winter and stay safe!
Miss Readlyn, Cassidy Brunscheon

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Readlyn Community Happenings

~ Obituary ~



Trevor Schaefer, Bobbi Moeller

Moeller/Schaefer plan wedding

Brian and Marcy Moeller, of Tripoli, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bobbi Moeller to Trevor Schaefer, son of Kirk and Amy Schaefer of Waterloo.

The bride-to-be is a 2013 graduate of Tripoli High School and graduated in 2017 from Allen College with a bachelor of science in nursing degree. She is currently a nurse at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit in Iowa City and currently resides in North Liberty.

The groom-to-be is a 2012 graduate of West High School and graduated in 2017 from Hawkeye Community College with an associate degree in horticulture. He currently works for grounds maintenance for Friendship Village in Waterloo and currently resides in Waterloo.

The couple is planning a wedding on March 23, 2019, at St. John's Crane Creek in Tripoli. A public dance is to follow at the Watering Hole in Readlyn at 7:00p.m.

Vincent L. Maurer

Vincent L. Maurer of Iowa City passed away December 14, 2018 while in Mercy Hospital after a sudden illness. He was 90 years old.

Vince was the son of Lila and Louis Maurer of Readlyn, Iowa. He was born on January 1, 1928. He was a graduate of Readlyn High School, Wartburg College, and the University of Iowa College of Law. Vince worked at First National Bank for nearly fifty years where he served as Senior Vice President and Senior Trust Officer.

He is survived by Sally, his wife of 67 years. His family includes three children, Tom (Jeanette), Ginny, and David (Susie); seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his three sisters, Genevieve Schrage, Jeanette (Lavern) Brase, and Lorraine (Bob) Pipho.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Bill Schrage.

Funeral services were held at Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service, Iowa City. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Pepper Tournament

Ten players participated in the Pepper Tournament Saturday, February 2 at the Readlyn Community Event Center. The winners and their scores were:

1st Place: Roger and Connie Buhr - 221
2nd Place: Reiny and Corlyn Freitag - 205

3rd Place: Ron Brunscheon and Judy Henn - 171

4th Place: Karan Boevers and Shirley Kuker - 143

The next tournament will be held on Saturday, March 2 at the Event Center at 2:00 P.M. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner.



Vincent L. Maurer

Thank You

Thank you doctors and nurses at UnityPoint Hospital and Bartels. Dr. Pastor Rabary, family, and friends for the care, prayers, visits, cards, gifts, flowers, food, daily texts and caroling. It was the thoughts and prayers that strengthened me in my recent illness. Thanks to my home health care too!

Glennys Wedemeier

Obituaries and local fundraising events submitted for publication in the *Chronicle* are free of charge.

HELP WANTED:

Seasonal part-time workers needed at both our Readlyn & Shell Rock offices for driving tender trucks. CDL helpful but we can help you get a seasonal one.

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- The Grinch
- Bohemian Rhapsody



Bremer County Libraries Offer Free Technology Classes

Your Bremer County libraries are excited to offer a new set of technology classes this spring! Have you heard about different "apps" for your phone or tablet but don't know what that means? Would you like to put together a resume but aren't sure how to write, save, and send it to a potential employer? Or, have you ever wondered how to download free eBooks and audiobooks to your Nook, Kindle, or smartphone? Your local libraries are prepared to answer these questions and more! Classes will be offered in February, March, and April all throughout Bremer County. All classes are provided free of charge through funding from Bremer County. Classes are taught by qualified instructors and open to anyone. There is no limit on the number of classes you can take, and you may attend classes at any library.

Registration is greatly appreciated but not required.

March Schedule:

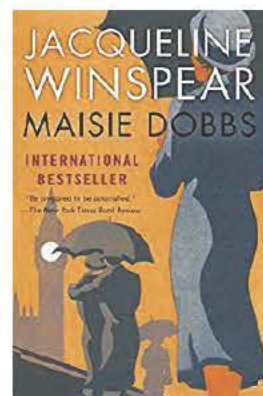
- Mon. March 18 at 5:30 PM – Sumner – Resume Writing
- Fri. March 22 at 10 AM – Waverly – Resume Writing
- Fri. March 22 at 2 PM – Plainfield – Phone Storage
- Sat. March 23 at 10 AM – Readlyn – Resume Writing
- Mon. March 25 at 5 PM – Tripoli – Resume Writing or Google Docs
- Thurs. March 28 at 10 AM – Janesville – Phone Storage
- Thurs. March 28 at 6:30 PM – Denver – LinkedIn/Job Search

Novel Knitters News

Anyone wishing to knit or crochet scarves, hats or headbands for the Iowa Special Olympics is welcome to contribute.

The colors for 2020 are Red Heart ROYAL BLUE #0385 and LIGHT BLUE #0381. (Although any royal blue or light blue yarn will be just fine.)

If you have any questions please contact Novel Knitters who meet at the Library on Mondays evenings at 6:00 P.M.



Booktalk Readlyn Reads

March's title: **Maisie Dobbs** by Jacqueline Winspear

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on

Thursday March 28th at 7:00 pm

"[A] deft debut novel . . . Romantic readers sensing a story-within-a-story won't be disappointed. But first they must be prepared to be astonished at the sensitivity and wisdom with which Maisie resolves her first professional assignment."
—*The New York Times*

Maisie Dobbs got her start as a maid in an aristocratic London household when she was thirteen. Her employer, suffragette Lady Rowan Compton, soon became her patron, taking the remarkably bright youngster under her wing. Lady Rowan's friend, Maurice Blanche, often retained as an investigator by the European elite, recognized Maisie's intuitive gifts and helped her earn admission to the prestigious Girton College in Cambridge, where Maisie planned to complete her education.

The outbreak of war changed everything. Maisie trained as a nurse, then left for France to serve at the Front, where she found—and lost—an important part of herself. Ten years after the Armistice, in the spring of 1929, Maisie sets out on her own as a private investigator, one who has learned that coincidences are meaningful, and truth elusive. Her very first case involves suspected infidelity but reveals something very different.

In the aftermath of the Great War, a former officer has founded a working farm known as The Retreat, that acts as a convalescent refuge for ex-soldiers too shattered to resume normal life. When Fate brings Maisie a second case involving The Retreat, she must finally confront the ghost that has haunted her for over a decade.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss



Will begin again on
Thursday March 7th at 9:00 am



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."
-Dr. Seuss



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JobNow & VetNow

The Readlyn Community Library is pleased to announce the launch of JobNow, a versatile online service designed to support employment seekers in every step of the job search process. JobNow is the result of a collaboration between the State Library and online educator Brainfuse. Brainfuse is one of the nation's leading online tutoring providers and has served a diverse client base of libraries, school districts, and colleges/universities for over 18 years. Their experience providing real-time tutoring via their custom online classroom made them an excellent choice to partner the JobNow program.

JobNow provides powerful tools and resources for job seekers as well as direct online assistance which includes live interview coaching, resume/career document lab, and job coaching services. Special assistance with VA benefits is also available for veterans. Patrons of the Readlyn Library can receive access to the JobNow suite of services, available from any home or library computer, by following the custom JobNow link on the library's homepage and creating an individual account. Contact your friendly Readlyn Library staff for assistance or to answer any of your questions.



Color Us Creative

JOIN US
Tuesday, March 12th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Children are Welcome after School



Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran

In the next two issues of the *Readlyn Chronicle* you will be able to read my Veterans Day speech to the student body of Wapsie Valley Junior and Senior High. I recommend you retain the first installment and reread that before the second *Chronicle*.

Veterans Day Program - Korean War

Greetings! My name is Bob Thran, I live now in Nashua but was born and raised in Readlyn. I graduated from RHS in 1947. I am a veteran of the Korean War and spent 11 months in the US Army in Korea during the war.

When we were drafted into the service during the Korean War era and later, it was for a two-year stretch. During WWII those in service were drafted for the duration of the war plus six months - sometimes up to four or more years.

I am going to talk about the Korean War, often called The Forgotten War, a period of United States history from 1950 to 1953, 68 years ago. Those three Korean War years had a great effect on the lives of the men who were between 18 and 23 years old at that time. Twenty or more of us from Readlyn, and many from the Fairbank and Oran areas, were in Korea during the war. Of the twenty or more from Readlyn only three of us, Arlin Poock, Reiny Freitag and I, are still alive. Arlin is 89, Reiny, 86, and I am 89 years old.

I'll begin by telling you conditions entering the military were completely different for us old-timer veterans. Today, with the volunteer army, recruits have a great opportunity to control their own destiny. We old-timers present here had no options. At age 18 we registered for the draft. When our number was called we reported for a physical and, if we passed our physical, we were told to report for induction into the service. From this point we had no idea what would happen to us. We went where they sent us. There was one option. If you wanted to avoid the fighting in Korea you could volunteer for four years in the Air Force or the Navy. Almost all of us took our chances for two years in the United States Army.

General Grant said, "War is hell." I will tell you in vivid terms, sometimes in crude army language, what some of us went through in the Korean War.

The Korean War

World War II ended in 1945 in the Pacific shortly after two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. The US stationed many troops in Japan to occupy Japan. Japan invaded Korea in 1933 and claimed Korea as her territory. The peace treaty ending WWII divided Korea at the 38th parallel with Russia controlling North Korea and the United States controlling South Korea.

On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea. This caught the entire world by surprise. South Korea was totally unprepared. North Korea came across the border with many Russian tanks. President Truman convinced the United Nations that Communist aggression should be halted. Many nations - England, Turkey, Australia, France, Philippines and many other countries - pledged troops and other aid to battle North Korea. A short time after the invasion, the US flew in 640 troops from Japan in an effort to slow down the North Koreans. Those poor devils never had a chance. Those 640 troops faced an oncom-

ing force of 32 Russian tanks and more than 6,000 infantry. You can't fight tanks with M1 rifles. They needed bazookas and tanks. Many of these soldiers were killed. Hundreds were captured. My uncle, Lester Diekman, whose face is on the Freedom Rock in Readlyn, was captured. He was transported north and later force marched several hundred miles through freezing weather and snow to a prison camp in North Korea. He died of being starved to death and exposure in December 1950, seven months after being captured. It was winter, the ground was frozen, they could not dig graves. The bodies of the hundreds who died were placed on the ground and covered with stones so the animals could not get to them.

The enemy pushed the United Nations forces to a small pocket in the Southeast corner of Korea near the port of Pusan called the Pusan Perimeter where the United Nations held out. They were under constant attack. Reinforcements poured into the port of Pusan. Vern Schweer told me he was in a foxhole with another soldier there at night. They were a listening post ahead of the front line. They were there to warn of an attack. The two were to alternate being awake and sleeping in two hour shifts. Vern woke up and found his companion sleeping when he was to be on alert. Vern warned the other soldier that if it happened again he would kill him. You veterans here: should he kill him? He was endangering not only Vern but all other troops behind him.

For months the news from Korea was bad news. The war changed completely when the United States Army launched an invasion by landing troops at Inchon on the west coast of Korea far behind enemy lines. They met limited resistance moving across to the east coast of Korea cutting off the North Korean forces around Pusan and taking thousands of prisoners.

The UN forces then drove north with little resistance into North Korea. I recently visited with a man who was in the Inchon invasion. He remarked about the bravery of the combat engineers whose mission was to construct a pontoon bridge over the wide Han River into Seoul. The troops bravely kept working out in the open while enemy small weapons fire from the far side picked them off one after another. Finally the pontoon bridge was in place. Tanks, trucks, troops and artillery could proceed north.

At this time, North Korea had hundreds of American prisoners. Prisoners were force-marched north to stay ahead of approaching UN troops. Ray Rindels, whose father, Simon, farmed from the North Church near Readlyn one half mile west and a mile north, was a prisoner. The United Nations troops were rapidly moving north. The day before these prisoners were to be repatriated by the approaching United Nations forces, the North Koreans forced the prisoners to sit in a tight group and without warning they machine-gunned them. Ray lay under the pile of dead bodies all day, crawling out at night. United Nations troops arrived the next day. Ray had seven wounds and survived. Ray's story is published in a book about the Korean War. Ray never got over his experience. He had difficulty coping with life. Ray died several years ago in Tennessee.

The UN forces proceeded north with little resistance. We at home thought the war would be over by Thanksgiving that first year. President Truman warned General MacArthur not to advance to the Yalu River, the border between North Korea and China. MacArthur was an egomaniac and he wanted the glory of advancing to the Yalu River. He did not heed President Truman's warning. His decision to move forward cost the lives of many thousands. Our troops moved to the Yalu River, the Chinese border. The Chinese entered the war by sending tens of thousand of troops into North Korea. Our troops were unprepared. The Russians did not intend to enter the war but, when they saw the success of the Chinese forces, they brought their air force into the war. Their MIG fighter planes engaged against our Sabre jet fighters. This was the first time two jet fighters flew against one another in aerial combat. Herbie Diercks was one of our fighter pilots.

The Chinese kept coming in such numbers their soldiers were stacked up in piles in front of our machine guns. It was a slaughter. Machine guns are to be fired in short bursts to allow the barrel to cool. They came in droves, machine gun barrels melted. Our troops were overrun. In this stage of the war, the UN forces were retreating south, back through the mountains, fighting the enemy behind them and in front of them. During the day, UN forces had air cover from US planes to protect them. At night, the Chinese would come out of the mountains in force, sometimes outnumbering our forces 10 to 1. At dawn they would go back into the mountains. Our troops went days without sleep. Laverne Schmidt, Rueben Wittenburg, Vern Schweer, Fritz Buhrow and Vince Albrecht were in combat in Korea at this time.

The Chinese surrounded the First Marine Division, going behind them blowing up the bridges on the route the Marines needed to get to the east coast. The Navy was waiting there to evacuate them. Don Blum was a captain in the US Marines and was in charge of installing bridges needed during the retreat. The Marines needed bridges to move tanks and trucks in their retreat. Temporary bridges were flown by helicopter from Japan. The engineers needed materials to shore up the bridges making them level with the road. No wood piling was available! What did they use? Dead, frozen Chinese bodies!

Winter came early that year. Many of the troops were fighting in 20 below zero weather, some in summer uniforms. They were fighting in snow with little shelter. Many UN soldiers froze to death. I asked Wayne Hull who was in Korea what was the worst thing he experienced in the Korean War. His answer---seeing the frozen bodies of the many soldiers loaded into trucks. In the retreat back south the United Nations lost thousands of men. The Chinese pushed the United Nation forces hundreds of miles back into South Korea well below the 38th parallel.

The UN forces added additional reinforcements and regrouped. The Chinese had a major problem. Their supply lines were extended too far. At that time China was a poor nation and the Chinese government would give their army no trucks to haul supplies. They carried supplies

hundreds of miles on bicycles, moving at night. In the next few months the Chinese were pushed back into North Korea to the present truce line. Both sides dug in and fortified to the point where an all out attack for more territory would be very costly. Peace talks were launched but had no effect in stopping the fighting.

While this was happening, back in America I took my physical in Des Moines, passed and was ordered to report for induction to the draft office in Waverly. Eight of us from Bremer county were bused to Des Moines. Here they gave us our Army Serial Number, mine was US55162283. We raised our right hand and were sworn in. We were then taken by train to Fort Sheridan, an army camp near Chicago. Here we were issued army clothing, boots, got our dog tags and received our orders. My orders read infantry basic training in Hawaii. Good, winter was coming. I wouldn't be cold and I would get to see Hawaii. Bad, I would be in the infantry assigned directly to Korea. We traveled to California by troop train. Some of us on that troop train had just left home, said goodbye to our parents and would die in Korea. If we were to die, we had just seen our parents for the last time. We were put on a troopship for a five-day voyage to Hawaii.

First day out, calm seas. Next two days, rough seas. Everyone was seasick--worst two days of my life-- so sick I wanted to die. Vomited all over. I was four decks below. Steel steps were so slippery from vomit I could hardly get to the top deck. Days four and five we recovered.

We landed in Honolulu, then were hauled by truck to Schofield Barracks, a beautiful army post on Oahu. We were issued M1 rifles and footlockers. Rifles were to be kept clean and footlockers arranged as instructed, subject to inspection at any time. We slept in a barracks room housing 60 soldiers. There were fights. Reveille next morning was at 5 AM. We started infantry basic training, a 16-week period of hell. We learned to march, 120 steps a minute and double time at 240 steps per minute, column left, column right, We march to the following: You had a good home and you left--you're right--Jodi was there when you left--you're right--sound off--one, two--sound off--three, four--cadence count--1,2--3,4 etc.

You students at Wapsie Valley attend school, the purpose, to prepare yourself for a successful and happy life. We, in Hawaii, were in a 16-week school, infantry basic training, the goal, simply to learn how to KILL PEOPLE.

Learning to master our rifles was challenging. We learned to hit a bullseye target the size of a pie plate 300 yards away, the equivalent of three football fields. We fired machine guns, bazookas, pistols, threw hand grenades. We learned how to aim mortars. We were taught how to strangle using piano wire.

We spent hours being instructed on using the bayonets that we attached to the front of our rifles. Bayonets were to be used in hand-to-hand combat. We were ordered to put on our gas masks and to enter a building. Tear gas was released to see if we put on our gas masks properly, then told to take them off. They waited

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awhile before they opened the door. Being exposed to tear gas without a mask is a terrible sensation.

We learned how to kill! I'll pose this question to you! If an enemy is approaching you with his weapon ready to fire, do you shoot him in the head, in the chest or in the stomach? You shoot him in the stomach. Why? If you shoot him in the head or chest he will reel backwards and may get a shot off. In the stomach he will just double up and fall forward.

We spent a lot of time on first aid in the hopes of saving the lives of our wounded comrades.

We were taught to be able to identify booby traps. We dug foxholes using the little shovel attached to our backpack. A foxhole is constructed by digging deep enough, about armpit deep, to permit you to have a stand from which you can comfortably fire. You continue digging deeper and slant a chute ending in a little cave into the wall of the foxhole. The purpose of this slant into the cave is that, in the event that a hand grenade is thrown into your foxhole, you can kick it down into that little cave.

Most importantly we were taught discipline. If your unit is ordered to attack, and even though it means almost certain death, you move out when the leader yells MOVE OUT. Discipline at Schofield was not like in the modern army where a soldier cannot be touched. We had a Hawaiian sergeant, I do not remember his name. If your rifle was dirty he would drop the

butt of that ten-pound rifle on your toes, If your bayonet was dirty he would scrape the point of the bayonet under your chin until he drew blood, then jam it into your scabbard and yell CLEAN IT.

He had us doubletime for miles carrying our rifles in front of us while carrying a heavy backpack. We thought he was a mean SOB, at first. We found out what he went through in Korea and realized that he was really preparing us for Korea. We loved him and gladly would have followed him into combat anywhere. One night another one of our sergeants made a surprise inspection of our barracks, some recruit lipped off to him. In a second Sergeant Chun decked that wiseass and he just laid there.

After completing our 16 weeks infantry basic, we were assigned to Korea as individual combat infantry replacements taking the place of a soldier who was either killed or wounded or rotated home. We got a seven-day furlough in Hawaii but no transportation home. I was one of the few who made it back home. My father paid \$600 for my plane ticket. I think he wanted to see me alive one more time. \$600 was a lot of money at the time. For twice that amount, \$1200, he could buy a new car. By coincidence my seven-day furlough fell at the exact time that Readlyn played Roland in the state basketball tournament in Iowa City. Virgil Matthias and Roger Wolff were on that team and are here today. Elston Miller, Morgan Cowan and Danny Buhr were veterans and were also on that team 66 years ago.



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Reagan	Barnes	7			Paige	Burgart	9				Tanner	Blaylock	11	*
Aliya	Brandt	7			Hailey	Eitzenhefer	9				Cayle	Huebner	11	
Jady	Buhr	7			Cael	Gray	9				Gavin	Hyde	11	* *
Anna	Curley	7			Nicholas	Grober	9	*			Samantha	Kane	11	* *
Veronica	Deleon	7			Lydia	Imbrogno	9	*			Traeton	Kaufman	11	
Jack	Jans	7			Maxwell	Kayser	9				Melody	Kayser	11	
Kimberly	Kalenske	7			Michael	Mann	9				Hannah	Miller	11	* *
Brock	Kleitsch	7			Sydnie	Martin	9				Cole	Neil	11	
Brody	Kleitsch	7			James	Muir	9				Alexandra	Parker	11	
Tucker	Ladeburg	7			Ellie	Neil	9	*			Adrianna	Richards	11	* *
Kaliya	Lampe	7			Becca	Platte	9				Reily	Richards	11	
Lexie	Lansing	7			MaKenna	Porath	9				Katie	Sauerbrei	11	* *
Isabel	LaRue	7			Ayden	Powell	9				Samantha	Schnor	11	
Gabriel	Matthias	7			Jaylyn	Robinson	9				Emma	Silva	11	
Matilda	Miller	7			Elly	Schares	9	*			Elsie	VanDaele	11	* *
Reese	Peine	7			Ryan	Schares	9	*			Reese	Welcher	11	
Kate	Risse	7			Bridget	Seemann	9	*						
Ava	VanDaele	7			Nolynn	Silva	9				Magen	Biretz	12	
Ella	Weepie	7			Christopher	Tibbott	9				Cassidy	Brunschon	12	* *
											Isaac	Buzynski	12	
Brylee	Bellis	8	*		Blayde	Bellis	10				Veit	Coerlin	12	*
Brooklyn	Etringer	8	*		Grace	Imbrogno	10	*	*		Connor	Franzen	12	
Jenna	Hammitt	8			Asa	Kelley	10				Maria	Hammitt	12	
Ashlyn	Hyde	8			Kaylee	Kleitsch	10	*	*		Mikenna	Joerger	12	
Emma	Jones	8	*		Joslynn	Miller	10	*	*		Hayley	Kleinheksel	12	*
Chloe	Kleinheksel	8			Ethan	Oltrogge	10	*	*		Mekyley	Klenzman	12	
Hannah	Knight	8	*		Tyler	Ott	10				Julia	LaRue	12	*
Sydney	Matthias	8			Kobe	Risse	10				Celin	Lorek	12	
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Speaker Abrah Meyer will be graduating from Iowa State this year and told about growing up in Readlyn. Her special message was "Everything Happens for a Reason."

Valentine Ball a success!

The 10th annual Valentine Ball was held on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Readlyn Community Event Center.

160 guests were greeted by the Readlyn Mayor Dan Wedemeier, Miss Readlyn Cassidy Brunscheon and the Little Miss and Mister Readlyn, Alexander and Makayla McCabe. Larry Ladage, the Readlyn Grump of 2018, was also welcoming everyone as they gathered to enjoy hors d'oeuvres of smokies, shrimp, vegetable tray, cheese, sausage and crackers. Pastor Rabary led us in prayer. A delicious meal of prime rib, broasted chicken, baked potato, carrots and rolls were accompanied by wine on our tables. Decorated cupcakes were our dessert.

Jason Kayser provided musical entertainment along with being our MC. The guests were treated to two songs sung by Kathryn Moyer from the original music written by Emelie Osnes of Readlyn, published in 1929.

Next our Miss Readlyn Cassidy Brunscheon sang several selections of beautiful love songs. They both did an awesome job

and everyone was delighted to hear them.

Our speaker for the evening was Abrah Meyer. Abrah will be graduating from Iowa State this year and told about growing up in Readlyn. Her special message was "Everything Happens for a Reason." How true it is and she did a great job of speaking. A special thanks to all of you for the memories.

The evening continued by being able to bid on 110 silent auction items and having 40 items on the live auction conducted by our faithful auctioneer, Dolan Burreson of Fairbank.

A great time was had by all and the money raised, approximately \$16,000, will be given back to the local groups at the Readlyn Community Club's Annual Meeting on March 30, 2019. Over \$200,000 has been given back to the Readlyn Community from the Keep Your Heart In Readlyn Valentine Balls.

Thank you to all who attended this wonderful event and a huge thank you to those who worked to make it a success.

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Guests to the 10th annual Valentine Ball were greeted by Readlyn Mayor Dan Wedemeier, Miss Readlyn Cassidy Brunscheon and Little Miss and Mister Readlyn, Alexander and Makayla McCabe. Photos contributed

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Miss Readlyn Cassidy Brunschein sang several selections of beautiful love songs at the 10th annual Keep Your Heart in Readlyn Valentine Ball.



These are the people who have helped make the annual Valentine Ball such a success. Left to right are auctioneer Dolan Burreson, in his 10th year helping to raise money for various organizations in Readlyn; Kim Brown, who announced this is her last year of chairing the Valentine Ball; Luke Schaeffer, who served as DJ for nine years; Dani Sauerbrei who assisted by creating the program; Ron Leistikow, who, with Brown, has been chairing this event for 10 years; and Jason Kayser, the man of many hats.



Jason Kayser wore many hats for the 10th annual Valentine Ball. He provided musical entertainment, served as Master of Ceremonies, and assisted auctioneer Dolan Burreson as ringmaster. Photos contributed

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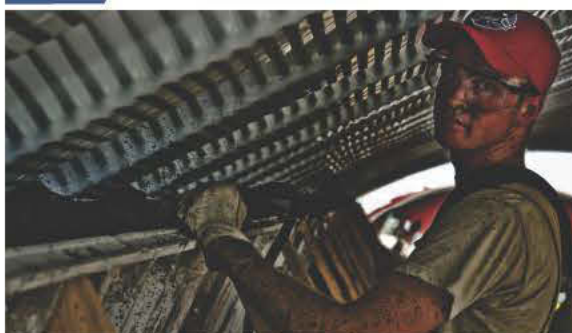
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Wapsie Valley FFA members spent a day at the Iowa State Fair to teach everyone at the fair about agriculture.

Wapsie Valley celebrates National FFA Week

By Jacob Risse, Chapter President

February 16 marked the start of National FFA week, and the Wapsie Valley FFA chapter was ready to spread the word about agriculture!

Throughout the week, the Chapter hung fun agriculture facts around the school. Anything from the average amount of pizza an American eats in a lifetime (an impressive 6,000 slices) to the number of hours it takes for a chicken to lay an egg (26 hours), facts were displayed around the Junior/Senior High School. Students were then put to the test with daily quizzes sent out to the student body over the facts with the first student to answer all questions correctly winning a free malt courtesy of the FFA.

In addition, every morning the chapter hid three stuffed ears of corn around the

school. Whoever found one of the stuffed corns also won a prize.

FFA week at Wapsie came to an end with FFA cake being served during lunch on Friday.



While FFA week is a fun time once a year, Wapsie Valley FFA is always remembering agriculture. The chapter is active year round at county and state fairs, town celebrations, competing in career development events, and much more. Every student at Wapsie is shown the difference agriculture makes in their lives by the many events put on by the FFA.

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Tanner Sauerbrei is shown above with Wapsie Valley Head Coach Tony Foster.

Signs with UNI - Tanner Sauerbrei from Wapsie Valley recently signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at the University of Northern Iowa. He is pictured above with his family, (left to right) Trevor Sauerbrei, Denise Sauerbrei, Tanner, Brent Sauerbrei and Traeton Sauerbrei. Not pictured is oldest brother Taylen Sauerbrei.

Evie Roberts accepted for admission to Luther College

DECORAH, Iowa—Scot Schaeffer, Luther College vice president for enrollment management, has announced that Evie Roberts of Readlyn, Iowa, has been accepted for admission for the 2019-20 academic year. Roberts has been awarded the Achievement Award.

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News from Wapsie Valley Elementary



Mrs. Ott's second grade class is contributing to the Kindness Snowman by writing about kind acts that were done to them on snowballs and hanging them by the snowman.

Students offer random acts of kindness

Wapsie Valley Elementary has started a kindness project throughout the elementary promoting Random Acts of Kindness.

The theme right now is a Snowman and we are filling the snowman with 'kindness

snowballs." To obtain a snowball, students or staff fill out a snowball stating the act of kindness witnessed or done to them, the recipient's name, and who it is from. The recipient then gets to hang the snowball on

our snowman.

Our students and staff have done a wonderful job noticing those above and beyond random acts, but we are still on the lookout for many more. When we go to a

different theme in the spring, students and staff will be able to take their snowballs home to share their specific acts.

You are able to find our "Kindness Snowman" outside of the gym in Readlyn.



Readlyn kindergarteners named their kindness monsters and wrote about one kind thing they did. Photos contributed



Warrior Way All-Stars

The Fairbank Warrior Way All-Stars for the months of December and January show the Warrior Way every day! Photo contributed

Valentine Ball committee scholarship deadline is April 8

The Readlyn Valentine Ball Committee is excited to announce this year's senior scholarship opportunity!

All Wapsie Valley High School 2019 seniors with a Readlyn address, Readlyn telephone number, or those who completed grade school at Readlyn Elementary are eligible to apply for this \$500 scholarship.

The subject of this scholarship is "My Readlyn Community Involvement." Please submit a well-written, thought-provoking 300 word minimum essay describing ways you volunteered in Readlyn and have been involved in the Readlyn community throughout the years. Describe

how your involvement has impacted you and influenced your future plans.

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Readlyn Library no later than Monday, April 8, 2019. The scholarship winner will be announced in the May Chronicle as well as by mailed letter.

The Valentine Ball Committee believes that Readlyn offers priceless opportunities to give roots and wings to our young citizens. Roots to hold them strong in their beliefs and where they can always call home. Experiences to help them spread their wings and contribute to the bigger world outside of our great town.



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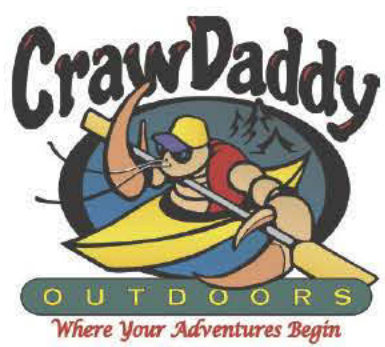
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Corn/soybean growers meet

The corn/soybean growers held their annual banquet on February 20, 2019 at the WAVP in Waverly with about 80 members in attendance.

President Steve Mummelthel opened the meeting with table prayer, then everyone enjoyed a great meal served by Sunrise Catering of Readlyn. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Board member Jeff Reynolds presented \$500 Scholarships to Grant Grober, Bryce Kleitsch and Lydia Martins. John Finely,

district Field Representative spoke on all the activities of the Bremer County group, and Mark Mummethel and Bruce Lantzky presented the Ag College program from 2018. They plan to have one in 2019 also. Comments were given by Mark Mueller, our district representative on the Iowa Corn Board.

President Mummelthel presented a plaque of appreciation to Charlie and Wilda Albrecht for many years of serving on the board of directors. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Charlie and Wilda Albrecht were presented a plaque for their many years of service on the Corn/Soybean Growers board of directors. Photos contributed



The three Corn/Soybean Growers' scholarship winners are Grant Grober, Bryce Kleitsch and Lydia Martins. Presenting the scholarships is board member Steve Reynolds, right.



Bremer County Corn/Soybean Growers' board of directors include, left to right, Brett Walker, Mark Lenius, Steve Mummelthel, Dean Buhr, Jeff Reynolds, and Ron Leistikow. Not present were Bruce Lantzky, Adam Traetow, Curt Brandt, Chris Pries and Steve Rathe.



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