

## Wilbert Huebner's 100th birthday!



The coronavirus did not deter Wilbert Huebner from celebrating his 100th birthday on April 17, 2020. Wilbert's cake is shown above. The inscription is in German, and translates to "All is Good at your Birthday." And you just have to agree with his hat — "100 Never Looked So Good!"

Above right, a steady stream of well-wishers drove by Wilbert's home to recognize the centenarian's momentous 100th birthday.

At right, Huebner's yard was decorated with "good wishes" signs and an antique John Deere tractor.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Readlyn City-Wide Garage Sales  
has moved to  
Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24.**

More details to follow in May.

**More time to clean and accumulate!**

*Grump Days will be July 23 - 26, 2020*

### Freedom Rock Dedication still planned for June 14

As of press time, the Freedom Rock Dedication Committee is still planning on the Dedication of the Bremer County Freedom Rock to take place on Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. We are planning on a lunch beginning at noon that day. The Freedom Rock is located on the north side of Readlyn at the Ball Park. Please watch for more details.





Cars lined up Friday night, April 17, by TruServ for a Car Parade to celebrate the marriage of Jessica Buck and Ben Anderson as well as Wilbert Huebner's 100th birthday. It was a fine chivaree! Photo contributed

# Miss Readlyn Comments



By Anna Richards

Wow! What a crazy way to spend the end of my senior year.

I would have never guessed that I would be spending my final quarter of high school stuck at home. In the beginning, it just felt like we were having a very limited Spring Break, but, as time goes on, it's getting more boring and upsetting. Myself, along with the other seniors, are missing out on all of our lasts from high school.

Not only did we have our last day of school, and not even know it, but we didn't have prom, students are missing out on their last season of sports, we have to move our graduation parties, and we are trying to find an alternative for graduation.

I have been trying to make the best of the scenario by keeping busy helping on the farm and getting ready for college. It didn't really set in completely until a few days ago when they canceled school for the rest of the year. Before that I was still hoping that we might get to go back and

have a few of our lasts.

Right now the school is doing a great job trying to find an alternative for graduation so that we are still able to have that. They are doing their best to make sure that the seniors do not miss out on this important part of senior year which we all appreciate. Hopefully we will be able to have it sometime this summer.

The only positive I have seen to this situation is being able to spend more time with my family. I have been so busy this year that I haven't gotten to spend much time with them. During quarantine we have played a lot of cards, watched movies together, and did farm work together. I am grateful to have been able to do this before I head off to college.

I encourage everyone to try something new or improve themselves over this break. Hopefully it will all be over soon and we can get back to normal life. Keep your heads up!

## Memorial Day to be observed Monday, May 25 in Readlyn

The Wayne Teisinger Readlyn VFW Post 5661 and Post 5661 Auxiliary will conduct a Graveside Service at Immanuel Lutheran of Klinger Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020. Following that Service, the Post and Auxiliary will have our usual Memorial Day Program at 10:30 a.m. at the Readlyn Elementary Gym at 10:30 a.m.

The program agenda has not yet been finalized, but will be followed by a Mock Graveside Service on the north side of the gym. After the program and graveside service we will have a Pot Luck Dinner at the Readlyn Library. All are invited

This announcement is given at this time, and hopefully can proceed depending on if the shutdown is lifted.

## FREEDOM ROCK DEDICATION

Sunday, June 14, Flag Day

All the towns in Bremer County are working together for this event.

**12:00 PM Lunch with a free-will offering**  
**1:00 PM Dedication Ceremony**

Volunteers will be needed.

Please contact David Wittenburg at **319-269-7192** or **davidruthw@gmail.com**

*Thank You!*

The family of Ruth Steinbronn would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy with phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and memorials upon her recent passing.

We would like to give a special thanks to Pastor Phillip Girardin for his visits and prayers and to the staff at Northcrest Specialty Care and Care Initiative Hospice for the care given to her prior to her passing. She loved each and every one of you. She felt honored to have met you in this journey called life.

A sincere thank you to Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home for their helpfulness and guidance during the Coronavirus situation.

My mother's favorite saying was always, "Keep your head upright even when your heart is sorely wounded!" We all need to live by this. We need to keep our heads high now with the pandemic we are dealing with. You are in OUR thoughts and prayers at this time. Please Note: we will be having a Celebration of Life at a later date.

*Lois Thacher, Gene Peters and families.*



## Leaf Burning

The City of Readlyn will permit burning of leaves. (NO building materials, or other household wastes)

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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Auxiliary meets via telephone

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 had a short meeting over the telephone with seven members on April 14, 2020.

Verdeen Pavelec called meeting to order. Election of officers was held. A motion was made by Betty Power and seconded by Luann Happel to retain the officers. Carried. President is Verdeen Pavelec, Sr. Vice President is Luann Happel, Jr. Vice President is Darlene Peters, Secretary is Luann Happel, Treasurer is Ellen Thies and Chaplain Wilda Albrecht.

Letters were delivered to homes today to send to senators to co-sponsor and sup-

port passage to H.R. 303, the Retired Pay Restoration Act.

The Auxiliary's cancer insurance is up for renewal. A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Marjorie Macken to pay it. Carried.

The year-end reports were sent in March 24. The V.F.W. & Auxiliary Dept. Convention will be June 4-7, 2020, at Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Delegate is Wilda Albrecht and Alternate is Ellen Thies. The 3rd Dist. Meeting at Cresco is tentatively set for May. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies to adjourn. Carried.



The Kuker Family

## Dear Friends and Family,

COVID-19 has closed our schools, restaurants, and churches, but it has not stopped the overwhelming love, compassion, and support you have provided Marc, my family, and me as we have battled the challenges of dealing with cancer and most recently dealing with a stroke. We have never had to face it alone.

Life is a beautiful thing and there is so much to smile about and be thankful for. Please help us spread our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone. We will never forget all you have done for us and always remember forever and for always we are family, a community that is there for each other willing to support anyone no matter who they are. There is always a hand reaching out to pick you up, not just with money to help you, but stopping to talk and offering comforting words of support or just being there.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

Marc and Julie Kuker and Family

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|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
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| Tuesday   | 10:00 -2:00  |
| Wednesday | 10:00 -2:00  |
| Thursday  | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Friday    | 10:00 -2:00  |

## Coronavirus Precautions

**The Readlyn Community library is closed to the public until further notice.**

Patrons will not be allowed in the library, all programs, meetings, and interlibrary loans are canceled until further notice.

We will be available from **10:00 – 2:00, Monday through Friday** to answer questions over the phone and curbside service/delivery. If you would like to check out materials call or email us with your request. We will check the materials out under your account and when they are ready we will walk them out to your car. If you are unable to leave the house we can delivery them to your home in special circumstances.

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### Do Something with Your Time

During this period of isolation scores of lonely individuals are learning the importance of keeping connected and communicating with others. Social distancing has not eliminated people's desire and need for community. Couple this with an abundance of new found free time and there has never been a better time to get involved with amateur radio.

If you have ever considered "ham" radio as a hobby (or just need time away from Netflix) we have a small section of books to assist you. There are also many great online resources that make learning easy (though some have a small fee). Two of our favorites are hamradio-prep.com and hamtestonline.com. Also, with social distancing mandates license exams are now being offered remotely via zoom. With the ability to test at home getting your license has never been easier.



**Stay connected, learn a new skill, and get involved in an exciting hobby!**

**Let us know if you have any questions on how to get started.**



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#### We are Empty Without You!

Do you have any interesting hobbies or collections you would like to share? Please ask us about having a month long showcase in the library display. This is a great opportunity to share an interesting passion with the community.



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Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Wilbert Huebner, Centenarian: Excerpts From His Life

Wilbert Huebner was born April 17, 1921. He turned 100 days ago.

His parents both came from huge families — Wilbert had over 100 first cousins. There were two older sisters, Norma, who married Arnold Otto, and Elda, who married someone from Waterloo. His two brothers, Arnold and Orval, along with Wilbert graduated from Readlyn High School. In 1935 most farm boys did not attend high school. His Dad told Arnold and Wilbert they could go to high school but farm work came first. Wilbert missed a lot of school.

In high school, Wilbert was a starter on the 1938 basketball team. The main members of the team in 1938 were Lester "Red" Diekmann, Bud Rommel, Wilbert Kroblin, Ozzie Wittenburg, Wilbert Huebner, and Melvin "Mickey" Richmann. This story is from the February 26, 1938 edition of *The Readlyn Chronicle*.

The Readlyn High School boys' basketball team won the sectional basketball tournament and advanced to the district tournament at Iowa State Teachers College gym in Cedar Falls where they met Rudd March 3. They lost to Rudd.

### First round

#### Readlyn 20, Plainfield 14

| Player     | FG | FT | PF | TF |
|------------|----|----|----|----|
| Diekmann   | 3  | 3  | 0  | 9  |
| Kroblin    | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| Rommel     | 2  | 2  | 0  | 6  |
| Wittenburg | 0  | 2  | 3  | 2  |
| Huebner    | 0  | 0  | 4  | 0  |
| Richmann   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  |

### Second round

#### Readlyn 37, Janesville 17

| Player     | FG | FT | PF | TF |
|------------|----|----|----|----|
| Diekmann   | 5  | 0  | 0  | 10 |
| Kroblin    | 3  | 1  | 1  | 7  |
| Rommel     | 2  | 2  | 2  | 5  |
| Wittenburg | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0  |
| Huebner    | 4  | 2  | 1  | 10 |
| Richmann   | 1  | 2  | 4  | 4  |

### Final game

#### Readlyn 25, Denver 20

| Denver Player | FG | FT | PF | TF |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Steinberg     | 3  | 0  | 3  | 6  |

|                       |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Repp                  | 0         | 3         | 2         | 3         |
| Matthias              | 2         | 1         | 2         | 5         |
| Brandt                | 1         | 1         | 2         | 3         |
| Bast                  | 1         | 1         | 2         | 3         |
| Meine                 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Readlyn Player</b> | <b>FG</b> | <b>FT</b> | <b>PF</b> | <b>TF</b> |
| Diekmann              | 2         | 3         | 0         | 7         |
| Kroblin               | 3         | 1         | 3         | 7         |
| Rommel                | 3         | 0         | 1         | 6         |
| Wittenburg            | 0         | 1         | 4         | 1         |
| Huebner               | 0         | 4         | 3         | 4         |
| Richmann              | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         |

Red Diekmann had the exceptional record of not having a foul called on him in three games. It is remarkable as an average of 23 fouls were called each game. The Readlyn fans are a loyal bunch and turned out in big numbers for each game. In the Denver game, Lester Diekmann and Wilbert Huebner made all the free throws they were given. Wilbert had 4 and Lester 3.

When Bud Rommel made the last basket in the Denver game which gave Read-

lyn a five-point lead with two minutes to go, Coach Kenny Werner heaved a sigh of relief that sounded like the timer's horn.

K.O. Becker and Oscar Thran have voices that certainly do carry. The last report is that some of the Denver fans were looking for Kermit (Becker).

Although I was only 9 years old, I attended some of the games. Exciting time in Readlyn.



The 1936-37 Readlyn basketball team — Front row, Wilbert Huebner, Lester Diekmann, (unknown), Bud Rommel, Arlin Detterding. Back row, Coach L. Matthias, Ozzie Wittenburg, Milton Stumme, (unknown), Melvin Richmann, Carl Buhr.

## Huebner Family's First Automobile

What a thrill it must have been, a family buying their first automobile. A complete change-instant transportation-no more hitching and unhitching their team. A piece of cake!

Not quite! Cars had no starters, the driver had to learn how to master the crank.

Wilbert Huebner's family bought a new Model T in 1916, three years before Wilbert was born. It cost \$300. It came equipped with four wheels, an engine, a roof, a windshield, and windshield wipers the driver operated by hand and a crank.

No side windows or rear window, only hanging curtains. A Model T had no starter or generator.

Whenever someone drove the Model T, the automobile had to be cranked to start it. The person using the crank dare not place his thumb around the crank handle for, if the engine would backfire, the crank would spin backwards, breaking a thumb or an arm. In cold weather, Wilbert said the engine would be too stiff to turn with a crank. They would jack up one rear wheel and turn the wheel back and forth, to loosen the engine for easier cranking.

## In The Coast Guard

Wilbert Huebner enlisted in the Coast Guard one month after the Pearl Harbor attack December 7, 1941.

At first, he patrolled southern beaches at night on foot, later on horseback. Then he was assigned duty on a destroyer, protect-

ing convoys of 90 to 110 merchant vessels crossing the Atlantic. Twenty-two trips!

Dodging German u-boats and repelling German planes in the Mediterranean Sea was a challenge. Wilbert was discharged February 28, 1946.

## Returning from WWII

On reentering civilian life after being discharged following WWII, Wilbert Huebner and Paul Tiedt, Readlyn's last two surviving World War II veterans, had a similar experience.

They received discharges well after the end of the war. Most veterans were home. When they left home to enter the service they both had girlfriends who would wait for them until after the war. After a period of time they both received "Dear John" letters.

Wilbert said, "At first the letters came regularly, then less frequently until one said, 'I don't love you anymore'." Wilbert's reaction was, "I don't blame her. She

didn't know when I would come home or if I would come home. The war could last another ten years."

Wilbert said, "Returning home was difficult because, after years of being away, you wanted to find someone. Those you knew previously were taken. I had no idea who was available. With dating, I had to start over."


Wilbert was 27 when he married Irene Schroeder on October 26, 1947.

Paul Tiedt stated the same. He had to start over. He did find Marrillee Nerge. When they married, Marrillee was 16 and Paul was seven days short of his 24th birthday.

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## Easter Bunny comes to town!

Readlyn residents were treated to an official visit from the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 12, at 4 PM.

Readlyn Community Club (RCC) President Hailey Broten was determined that we could not let the kids down after the annual RCC Easter Egg Hunt was canceled. To follow the social distancing decree, she came up with the idea of an Easter parade. The other RCC officers backed the idea 100 percent.

After enlisting her volunteer fireman husband, Scott, as the driver of the fire truck and contacting the Easter Bunny, she hit the jackpot at Walmart, where they

were selling plastic eggs with wrapped treats hermetically sealed inside.

Luckily, she checked the weather forecast which alerted her to Easter's dismal weather forecast; hence the change from the original Sunday parade to Saturday. Over 600 eggs were tossed to delighted children along the parade route. It was amazing how many adults were using their phones to record this event.

The parade proved to be a welcomed distraction from the present day rule of staying at home. Be sure to thank Hailey when you see her for her tenacity and follow-through.

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# Obituaries



**Ruth Steinbronn**

Ruth Steinbronn, 90, of Waterloo, Iowa, formerly of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at NorthCrest Specialty Care in Waterloo.

Ruth was born September 17, 1929 to Robert and Viola (Tietje) Judisch, rural Sumner. She was baptized on September 29, 1929, at St John's Lutheran Church of Buck Creek. She was confirmed in 1943 at St John's Lutheran Church of Buck Creek. She was united in marriage to Lester (Pete) Peters on April 25, 1948. They made their home in rural Tripoli, where they farmed for 34 years. Lester and Ruth were active members of Grace Lutheran Church, Tripoli. Ruth taught Sunday school and also was choir director of the Sunday school. She played organ for the church and sang in the choir. They had three children Lois, Judy and Gene Peters. Judy passed away from cancer in December 9, 1997.

Lester passed away on October 27, 1981. Ruth moved into Tripoli off of the family farm. She attended Hawkeye Community College in 1982 and 1983 taking floral design classes. She worked for the Blumenhaus Floral and Gifts in Tripoli and several other floral shops in the area like Kathryn's Floral and Gifts, in Denver; the Wild Rose in Sumner and Dawn's Floral and Gifts in Readlyn. She was also chairperson helping with the Tripoli parades for many years and she participated in the Tripoli Boosters variety show as an Elderberry for many years.

Ruth married Edwin Steinbronn on September 12, 1987 and she moved to rural Readlyn where she and Edwin farmed for 4 years. They moved into Readlyn in 1991 off of Edwin's family farm. Edwin had five sons and one daughter. One of his sons passed away in an auto/deer accident in 1999. Edwin and Ruth were active members of Klinger Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Readlyn. She was active in Ladies Aid. Ruth served on the Bremer County Dairy Board and was the Bremer County queen candidates' chaperone. She was past secretary of LWML zone. Edwin and Ruth enjoyed traveling together to Branson, Hawaii, Albuquerque, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Germany and Norway. Both were active in the Luren Singers and Ruth served as past secretary for the Luren Auxiliary of Decorah. Edwin passed away July 1, 2004. Ruth moved into her condo in 2005. She was also chairperson helping with the Readlyn parade for many years; active in the community club and received an award for volunteer of the year in 2012 from the city senior citizens and Merry

Elders groups. She was the former queen mother of the Red Hat Gems red hat group and was voted the Readlyn Grump in 2002. She led the dancing granny's exercise class every Tuesday morning for 7-1/2 years. Ruth enjoyed playing in numerous card clubs, eight to be exact, and going to dances. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On February 24, 2015, Ruth had a stroke and was hospitalized. She was later brought to NorthCrest for some rehab for six weeks. She returned to her home again in March 2015 until December 18, 2015. On December 22, 2015, she ended up in NorthCrest for rehab again, only not to be able to go home again as she needed 24-hour care.

Ruth is survived by a daughter, Lois (Rick) Thacher of Readlyn, Iowa; a son, Gene (Kathy) Peters of Tripoli, Iowa and a son-in-law, John (Becky) Williams of Vinton, Iowa; stepchildren, Mark Steinbronn, Jim Steinbronn, Jerald (Elaine) Steinbronn, Jeffrey (Meg) Steinbronn, Sherri (Steve) Borglum, four grandchildren: Jeffrey (Monica) Neuendorf, Jill (Ben) Thrasher, Jena Jackson and Ben (Erin) Peters; 12 step-grandchildren, Theresa Burmahl, Holly Reeves, Grant Steinbronn, Morgan Steinbronn, Jack Steinbronn Daniel Steinbronn, Matt Steinbronn, Ariel Chung, Ayla Fialko, Dena Williams, Steve Williams, Jonathan Williams; 8 great-grandchildren, Britini Neuendorf, Brayden Neuendorf, Zachary Thrasher, Maxwell Thrasher, Carter Fecht, Evan Peters, Nolan Peters and Jacob Peters; 8 step-great-grandchildren; 8 step-great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Miriam (Westendorf) Walker, Shirley (Lahmann) Shookman; one brother, David Judisch; sisters-in-law, Joyce (Peters) Larsen, Dorothy (Boevers) Judisch, Gail (Haberkamp) Judisch, Maryls (Steinbronn) Bennett, Mary (Steinbronn) Hoppenworth, Ann (Bast) Steinbronn and brothers-in-law, Dean Larsen, Orville Niemeyer and Russell Bennett and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Judisch and Viola (Tietje) Judisch; her sister, Dorothy Gloede-Niemeyer; a brother, Lawrence Judisch; her husbands, Lester Peters and Edwin Steinbronn; a daughter, Judy Peters-Williams and stepson, Michael Steinbronn; her sisters-in-law, Joyce (Mauer) Peters, Lucille (Peters) Matthias, Linda (Steinbronn) Schneider and Lucille Steinbronn; her brothers-in-law, Leslie Gloede, Oryln Westendorf, Arlin Matthias, Virgil Peters, Don Walker, Ron Shookman, Ervin Schneider, Paul Steinbronn, Adolph Steinbronn, and Rueben Steinbronn.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and with the recommendations and the rules regarding gatherings being limited to a total of 10 people at one time, Ruth's services will be private and there will be a private graveside service at Grace Lutheran Cemetery, rural Tripoli, with Pastor Phil Girardin officiating. There will be a celebration of Ruth's life at a later date. There will be no public visitation. Memorials may be directed to Care Initiatives Hospice, Waterloo or Immanuel Lutheran Klinger and online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn is assisting the family.



**Ruby June Huebner**

Ruby June Huebner, 91, of Nevada, formerly of Readlyn, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2020, at Rolling Green Village in Nevada.

Ruby was born June 11, 1928, in Sumner, IA the daughter of Robert and Louise Aschbrenner. She graduated from Sumner High School and Concordia Lutheran College. Ruby was united in marriage to Marvin Edward Huebner on June 13, 1948, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Klinger, IA.

Ruby taught school at Klinger and farmed with Marvin. She also operated R & V Café in Readlyn and ran her own beauty shop for several years. Ruby was a devoted member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She also enjoyed being a part of the "Fabulous 5" with her close friends. In her spare time, she enjoyed ceramics, baking, cooking, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Ruby is survived by her children: Becky (Ken) Jordan of Collins and Dave (Cindy) Huebner of Omro, WI; her grandchildren: Rachel (Glenn) Huebner, Matt Huebner, Jesse (Marla) Jordan, Scott (Michelle) Jordan and Kim (Brent) Kramer; her great-grandchildren: Leah, Lydia, Marvin Mark, Manny, Macy, Annika, Dane, Austin, Atlas, Phoebe, Daphne and Teddy. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son and daughter-in-law, Mark (Rhonda) Huebner; a granddaughter, Emily Huebner; five brothers and four sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School in memory of Ruby. Memorials may be sent to Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home, Attn: Ruby Huebner Family, 1418 Fawcett Pkwy, Nevada, IA 50201.

A memorial service will be planned for this spring/summer.

Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home in Nevada is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rasmussonfh.com](http://www.rasmussonfh.com).



**Connie Kay Heine**

Connie Kay Heine, 73, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at UnityPoint-Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

Connie was born on April 20, 1946, in Fremont Township, Bremer County, Iowa, the daughter of Ervin and Viola (Williams) Heinemann. She was baptized on May 12, 1946 on Mother's Day by Rev. E.A. Hasiff and confirmed on March 26, 1961, by Rev. Arnold Thalacker, both at Grace Lutheran Church in Tripoli. Connie graduated from Tripoli High School in 1964 and later attended Weaver Airlines School in Kansas City, Missouri. She was united in marriage to Fritz Heine on February 6, 1965 at Grace Lutheran Church. After their marriage, Connie worked as a teletype operator in Chicago, Illinois until their son, Jeff, was born. In 1967, Connie and Fritz moved back to the Waverly area and Connie helped with the farming.

Connie was a kind and considerate person and was always thinking of others. She loved spending time visiting with friends and family, especially at the reunions with her cousins. She enjoyed cooking for her family and trying new recipes. Connie was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Artesian where she served on the Ladies' Aid, taught Sunday School and Bible School. Over the years, she served in various jobs with the L.W.M.L. and volunteered at the Poor Farm. Connie loved working on and researching family genealogy.

Connie's memory is honored by her husband, Fritz Heine of Waverly; a son, Jeff (Beth) Heine of Waverly; two brothers, Darol (Carol) Heinemann of St. Charles, Missouri; and Dan (Connie) Heinemann of Sumner; sisters-in-law, Delores Lynch of Grundy Center, Alice (Arlyn) Hesse of Des Moines, Lou Fortsch of Sumner, and Mildred Clark of Readlyn; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers-in-law, Erwin (Norma) Heine, Alfred (Carrie) Heine, Lavern Heine, Ervin Fortsch, and Wayne Lynch; and sisters-in-law, Agnes (Elmer) Hennings, and Arlene Schweer.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will not be having a public service at this time. Private services will be held at St. Paul Artesian with Pastor Larry Feldt officiating. Burial will be held in St. Paul Cemetery, Artesian, rural Waverly. Memorials may be directed to UnityPoint Hospice and St. Paul Artesian Church.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family.

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

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Even though students and staff are not at school, they are still interacting with dress-up days and daily challenges!

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### The Month of May

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It's the end of April and one of my favorite months of the year is finally upon us! No, I'm not talking about my favorite month of the year, Sweet November and the Whitetail bowhunting that I love so much, but May ranks right up there with it! This month's article I'm going to talk about some of the great outdoor activities you can get outdoors to experience in the month of May!

The month of May for me means four things: turkey hunting, great fishing, mushroom hunting, and we are finally out of winter's grip! Early on in May, to about mid-month, I'm usually dedicating my time to chasing our great population of turkeys! We are fortunate enough to live in an area that has a very healthy population of Eastern Wild Turkeys and, if the Wapsi River behaves itself in the spring, plenty of area to hunt them. As you've read in articles past, I love turkey hunting and early-May to the end of the season, around mid-May, can be a very productive time to harvest a big spring gobbler!

May is Iowa's fourth and final turkey season of the spring. Seasons one through three, while exciting in their own right, can be very inconsistent as birds can be what we call "henned-up." What I mean by that is a gobbler can get with a group of hens and stay with them for as long as a week or two. Henned-up toms can be frustrating to hunt as it's extremely difficult to pull one away from the group. Add in the inconsistent weather April brings, and those earlier seasons can, at times, be difficult.

What I love about fourth season is a hen's priority starts to become nesting. By May, a hen will fly down from her roost and immediately go to her nest of eggs and stay there all day. This leaves the toms lonely and looking for the final hens of the spring breeding season. A hunter can capitalize on this.

While the birds have seen pressure from hunters through the first three seasons, oftentimes they forget about that in desperation for that last hen. The other bonus to May turkey hunting is warmer temps and not having to bundle up. In May, I like to move a lot, calling and trying to get a turkey to gobble back to my calling. When you get one to gobble, set up as fast as you can, as a lot of times he's coming to you after that first gobble. This time of year I prefer to not use a turkey decoy. Usually

in May, the timber's undergrowth has had a chance to grow up and become thick. In that thick vegetation, I like to make a gobbler look for me and my calling to produce a close shot. Use this "run and gun" technique to bag a fourth season gobbler.

Also, May produces my favorite meals of the year, morel mushrooms! By May, temperatures have brought the soil temps to the mid 50s and, with a little moisture, that's the perfect recipe to get them mushrooms popping!

I always direct my attention to finding dead elm trees to find my mushrooms. If I can find an elm tree that recently died and the bark is just starting to peel, it's usually game on to find them. Now, not all elm trees produce morels, but those are the trees I look for to narrow down my search in the timber. I wish I could figure out the exact recipe of what trees produce over the others, but I haven't figured that exact science out over 30 years of hunting morels!

My favorite way to prepare them is a little seasoned flour and pan-fried in butter. There are many ways folks prepare them, but I stick to the classic way of eating them. In recent years, my daughter has discovered she loves them as much as I do, so it's great to have that extra set of eyes while hunting!

The other passion of mine that is great in the month of May is fishing! My bass tournament season usually starts in May, bringing the excitement that I have with that, but May also triggers the spawn in most fish and, along with that, comes great fishing. The water in our area lakes, rivers, and ponds are warming up and with that the fish come shallow to begin their spawning rituals.

As the fish come shallow and prepare to spawn they go on the feed and become easier to catch. Bass, bluegill, and crappies are the primary May spawners. So, the opportunities for many species of fish exist and the warmer May temperatures make it a more enjoyable experience to be on the water.

As we head into May and we get away from a virus I'd rather not mention, the outdoor opportunities are plentiful! Get out there, bag that gobbler, find them mushrooms, catch some fish, and enjoy it all with friends and family because after all, that's what it's all about! Until next time, in the month of May GET OUT-DOORS!



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Here are a few quotes from some of the team members:

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# Coaches, players sound off

“I’m thankful for the wonderful support we received from the community and student section throughout the season. It’s awesome to have as much support as we did, especially during the tournament run!” *Kobe Risse*

“I want to thank all the janitors for setting up all the chairs for the Championship Game watch party at the high school, that unfortunately never got to happen, for cleaning up the gym after every game-day, and also for cleaning up the messes left in the bleachers after games.” *Garrett Barnes*

“I am thankful for all the community supporting us throughout our whole season and believing in us.” *Casey O’Donnell*

“I would first like to thank the community for their overwhelming support throughout the season. The support the community showed proved what we said everyday, because we truly are family. I would also like to thank my basketball family who I was able to be with on our amazing ride to the state title. I would also like to thank the coaches, cheerleaders, Erin (trainer), my brothers on the team, the community, Nick (bus driver) and everyone who was with us throughout our journey. I am so thankful to have been a part of this team, and I hope to celebrate soon with our whole Wapsie Family!” *Brody Stark*

“To all my teammates’ parents and family members that I have met and now know better, because a lot of them would come up to me after the games and I would have conversations with them about the game.” *Gunner Meyer*

“I would like to second everything that was said by our players and want to give a big shout-out to my assistant coaches! John, Mitchell and Jaden at the high school level plus Jake and Cameron at the junior high level. These guys do an amazing job and are a major reason why we are who we are!” *Head Coach Marty McKowen*

“Thank you to the community for their support, and I also wanted to thank the state for letting us play our state championship game.” *Tyler Ott*

“Growing in Wapsie, I always had a sense of family and community, but it was made more apparent during our state basketball tournament run. Seeing the fans standing behind at the very beginning of the season to the end really drove home the type of community that is Wapsie Valley. We Are Family!” *Parker Landsgard*

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# Flint Hills Resources awards grants to Fairbank, Independence Fire Departments

FAIRBANK, IOWA — Flint Hills Resources announced it has awarded grants to local fire departments in its ethanol communities. The Fairbank and Independence fire departments are two of ten departments to receive Flint Hills grants to help fund the purchase of new firefighter safety and rescue equipment.

The Fairbank fire department received \$5,000 to help pay for structural fire-fighting gear for two new members of the department, as well as upgrades to the department's radio system. The Independence fire department will use a \$5,000 grant to help replace some of the department's bunker gear - the personal safety gear worn by firefighters.

"This grant funding will help our firefighters have upgraded equipment and gear when they're responding in life-saving situations," said Fairbank Fire Chief Brad Gordon. "We appreciate our ongoing partnership with Flint Hills Resources."

Photo at right: Annette Chihak, director of environment, health and safety for Flint Hills Resources Fairbank, presents a check to Fairbank firefighters. Left to right are Ryan Westemier, Chris West, Chief Brad Gordon, Nick Curley and Kevin Bodensteiner.



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|  | <p><b>St. Paul Lutheran Church</b><br/>         120 West 4th Street<br/>         Readlyn, IA 50668<br/>         (319) 279-3961<br/>         Pastor Philip Giradin<br/>         Worship 8:30 AM</p>   |
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