

# Readlyn Chronicle



Home of **857 Friendly People and One Old Grump**

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## Readlyn Community Club

# Trivia NIGHT

## & Membership Drive Dinner Saturday, March 27 at the Center Inn Event Center

You don't want to miss getting out and supporting our community by attending the Readlyn Community Club (RCC) Dinner. This is your chance to show your support for the awesome job the RCC did to adjust Readlyn's annual events: The Easter Bunny and Santa on fire trucks in parades, golf cart ride, Main Street decorating, candy and ham giveaways ... and how about those winter fireworks!?

The evening will include introduction of 2021 Grump candidates after enjoying a scrumptious buffet by Sunrise Catering. As in other years, teams of 3 to 6 at a cost of \$10 per person are invited to join the Trivia Contest at 7:30 p.m.

A membership drive mailing will give more specific information, but for now mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, March 27!

## 4-H drive thru omelet brunch March 14 at Veterans Post

In lieu of the 4-H Annual Omelet Brunch this year, we are partnering with the Waverly Area Veterans Post in Waverly (behind Carey Elementary) and putting on a drive-through brunch! Orders must be submitted before March 7 at 4:00 PM.

We have a limit of 800 meals to offer, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each meal will be \$9.00. Proceeds will be used towards 4-H and youth programming in Bremer County and one dollar from each meal will be going to the WAVP for their support and hard work preparing

the food for this 4-H event.

Meals include 3 egg (muffin) Frittata, a serving of mixed fruit, 2 oz of salsa, and assorted baked goods, with your choice of beverages: milk, chocolate milk, orange juice or coffee.

You must place your order before the event at <https://forms.gle/CiJX-c1JJaXB2bBx69> or call the Extension Office at 319-882-4275. Payments will be accepted at the time of pick-up, which will be at the front doors of the WAVP. We accept cash or check.

Contact Bremer County Extension at

## Community Foundation scholarship deadline March 10

The deadline to submit 2021 scholarship applications to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is 11:59 p.m. on March 10, 2021. The online application can be found on the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfneia.org/scholarships](http://www.cfneia.org/scholarships).

CFNEIA awarded nearly \$588,770 in scholarships to high school, college, and adult students in 2020. A total of 272 scholarships were awarded to students pursuing higher education opportunities with an average award of \$2,165.

Scholarship opportunities are available to students across CFNEIA's 20-county region, which consists of 23 affiliate community foundations. Students interested in applying for 2021 scholarships should visit the website to view the scholarship eligibility checklist. Once it is determined a student is eligible for one or more scholarships, a common application, also available through the CFNEIA website, must be completed. The common application requires basic student information, transcript of academic record, summary of extra-curricular experiences, an essay portion, and a letter of recommendation. Some scholarships will require additional information.

All required materials must be submitted through the online system. Students

must visit the Community Foundation's website for instructions and to begin the application process. A frequently asked questions webpage is available for commonly asked questions. Scholarships are awarded based on various criteria, including, but not limited to, academic excellence, financial need, for pursuing certain careers or majors, past experiences, location or high school attended.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, please contact Tamika Fisher, scholarship and grant manager, at 319-243-1359 or [tfisher@cfneia.org](mailto:tfisher@cfneia.org).

More information about the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa can be found at [www.cfneia.org](http://www.cfneia.org).

### About CFNEIA

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is a local nonprofit committed to creating long-term impact in 20 counties in northeast Iowa. CFNEIA helps people establish permanent funds for the causes they care about and makes grant investments to organizations that create a stronger and more vibrant quality of life for all of us.

For more information, contact 319-287-9106 or visit [www.cfneia.org](http://www.cfneia.org). CFNEIA is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. community foundations.



Readlyn residents attended a town hall meeting recently, presented by Iowa Senator Craig Johnson and Iowa Representative Sandy Salmon (inset photo). Contributed photo



# Real estate and mobile home property taxes due by April 1

Bremer County Treasurer Sue Shonka would like to remind property owners the March 2021 property taxes are due.

To avoid penalty, payments must be received in the office or postmarked before April 1, 2021. Delinquent taxes accrue at the rate of 1.5% per month, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, minimum \$1.00 per parcel. If you would like a receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Home owners are strongly encouraged

to use the online payment option at [www.iowatreasurers.org](http://www.iowatreasurers.org) with E-Check, Discover, MasterCard or Visa. A non-refundable service delivery fee is applicable.

Payments may also be mailed to the treasurer's office at 415 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA 50677 or use the night deposit box on the north side of the courthouse at the curb.

At this time, in-person payments are being discouraged.

delivered daily. Like the corner grocery stores of the past, Kwik Stars provide friendly service and value pricing on commodities like milk, bread, produce, eggs and bananas - in addition to grab and go items like pizza, hot dogs and hot sandwiches. Delicious fried chicken and take-home meat and meal options have added yet another level of convenience for today's families.

Today the company has grown to over 30,000 co-workers known for serving with acts of kindness and making a difference in the community. Offering opportunities for advancement, flexible scheduling and generous benefits like their 40% profit sharing plan, Kwik Star is consistently rated by the *Des Moines Register* as one of the Top Workplaces in Iowa.

"See you next time."

## Business Spotlight

Kwik Trip has been quietly expanding into eastern and central Iowa under the banners of Kwik Star convenience stores and Tobacco Outlet Plus specialty stores. Kwik Trip is a family-owned company that serves millions of customers each week with more than 700 convenient, clean retail locations in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The stores are stocked through daily deliveries from the chain's home base in La Crosse, Wisconsin. More than 80% of the products featured in the stores are supplied through its own commissary, bakery, dairy and distribution center. Fresh product is



# Miss Readlyn Comments Trending Now

By Grace Imbrogno

Hello, Readlyn!

I hope you have all been staying extra warm this month as the weather has been absolutely bone-chilling. My family and I have been enjoying some nice cozy fires next to our fireplace, and our dog is no exception. As I'm sure we all do, he is missing the warm weather that comes with summer.

This month has been extremely eventful for the high school, with district wrestling, frequent basketball games, and the beginning of prom planning! However, this month I would like to talk about what our town has been buzzing about: The re-opening of the Center Inn and Grumpy's Bar and Grill!

As I spoke about a couple of months ago, so many Grumpsters have been working hard to get it up and running, and now we are! My sister, Dad, and I all work there in one way or another. Lydia and I are both cooks and servers, and my Dad is one of the bartenders. So far, we have all learned a lot, but I am having so much fun seeing so many people and being able to be extra-social again!

I look forward to seeing and interacting with many of you if you visit us in the near future. It is my hope that you will enjoy the new space, food, and socializing that we have.

Thank you for reading with me this month!

With love,  
Grace, Miss Readlyn 2020



Here is my dog, Grady, soaking up the warmth of the fire :)

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**ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com**

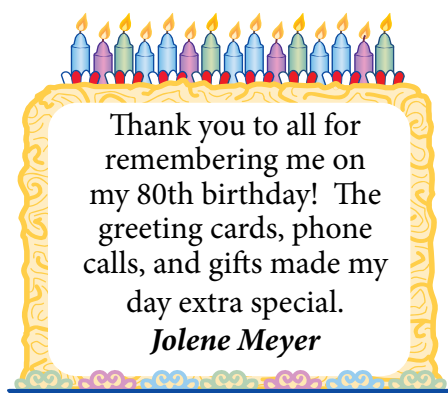


**Thursday, March 18:** Deadline for March 31 *Chronicle*, 5 PM.

**Thursday, March 25:** Readlyn Library Book Talk - *The Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie.

**Friday, March 26:** Fish Fry, Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairbank, 4:30-7:30 PM. \$10. Curb-side pick-up only.

**Saturday, March 27:** Readlyn Community Club (RCC) is sponsoring a membership drive and Trivia Contest (7:30 PM) at the Center Inn Event Center.



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# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Wayne Teisinger Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxillary #5661 Readlyn met at the home of Ellen Thies at 10:00 A.M. February 9, 2021. Masks were worn and social distancing was practiced.

The meeting was called to order by the Junior Vice President Darlene Peters. The meeting was opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The secretary report was read. Motion was made by Wilda and seconded by Betty to accept the treasurer's report as read and subject to audit. The General Orders and chairman reports were read. Volunteer hours were turned in.

Old Business— None  
New Business— Gift card and card was sent to Verdeen Pavelec.

Ellen sent Valentines to Veterans in the area. Letters were passed out to be sent to our representatives regarding Veterans.

Next meeting will be March 9, 2021. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ellen and seconded by Wilda. The meeting was closed with prayer. Hostess was Ellen Thies.

Thanks to my children, Ed, Les and Carolyn; my grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild; relatives, friends and neighbors; and Jay Becker and Sue Heying for comforting me in the loss of my Valentine, Eugene.  
Love,  
Shirley Ann Huck

## Senior Citizens meet Jan. 27

On January 27, 2021, 12 members attended the 11:30 meal and meeting at the Center Inn for Senior Citizens.

Charlie Albrecht led the members in prayer before our delicious meal.

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Albrecht.

The only January birthday this month was for Wilda Albrecht on January 20. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Wilda.

There were no anniversaries for the month of January.

The Senior Citizen group all signed and sent get-well cards to Verdeen Pavelec at Allen Hospital and Jane Meier at the Bartels Lutheran Home.

The secretary's minutes were read from the December 17 meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$301. Larry Ladage made a motion to approve the Secretary's minutes and the Treasurer's report and Wilda Albrecht seconded it. Motion carried.

*Thank You*  
We are truly grateful for the kind words and compassion extended to our family during this difficult time. Special thanks to Darren O'Donnell and Pastor Rabary for your guidance and helping us honor our mom's wishes. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.  
the family of  
**Harriett Risse**

### OLD BUSINESS:

Charlie Albrecht stated that as a group we needed to decide what organizations we would like to donate money to out of our Senior Citizen account.

The group decided to donate \$50 to the Readlyn First Responders, \$50 to the Readlyn Fire Department and \$50 to the Area Food Bank. Don Billhorn made a motion to approve and Roland Schmidt seconded the amounts and organizations. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed the reopening of the Center Inn. The lunch hours that Inspired had previously on Tuesday-Thursday, 11 to 1, will stay the same for now. Friday lunch hours may be added in the future. Inspired is combining forces with the Center Inn. The menu and staff from Inspired will remain the same, but at a new location with some new additional items on the menu. February 2 was the date the lunch hour planned to be open to the public. The new phone number will be 319-279-3839.

Marlys Deterding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 17 at the Center Inn at 11:30.

*Lois Thacher, Secretary*

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**ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com**

## College News

### 2020 fall semester dean's list honorees announced

IOWA CITY, IA - More than 7,400 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. Among those honored from this area were:

Cassidy Brunscheon of Readlyn, Tippie College of Business; Primary Area of Study: Marketing

Fairbank: Abigail Buzynski, Carver College of Medicine; Primary Area of Study: Radiation Sciences

Holly Haberman, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Primary Area of Study: Journalism and Mass Communication

Maria Kayser, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Primary Area of Study: Political Science

Elsie VanDaele, Tippie College of Business; Primary Area of Study: Business Direct Admission

*Thank you* to my children for all they did while I was in the hospital and when I went home. Thank you family and friends for all of the prayers, cards, flowers and visits. Also, thank you to Pastor Rabary for his prayers and visit. God bless all of you!  
Thank you,  
**Verdeen Pavelec**

## Preschool Registration Night

**Community Lutheran School**

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

124 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Readlyn  
Phone: (319)-279-3541

Email: [office@communitylutheralschool.com](mailto:office@communitylutheralschool.com)

### 3 Year Old Options

- M - F 8:00 - 11:30am - \$150/month
- M,W,F 8:00 - 11:30am - \$125/month
- T ,TH 8:00 - 11:30am - \$100/month

(Scholarship Options Available)

### 4 Year Old Options

- **Morning Preschool:**  
M - F 8:00 - 11:30am – No Tuition, covered by grant
- **Extended Day Preschool Program:**  
M - F 8:00am - 3:15pm – Learn more at Registration Night or call the office. Activities include lunch, recess, rest time, interest area choices, and structured teacher activities.

Must be of age on or before September 15 and fully potty trained.  
Scholarships may be available based on family income. Please ask if you are interested.  
All information is kept confidential.

### Items to bring to Registration Night

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Annual Physical
- \$50 nonrefundable registration fee
- Registration paperwork\*\*

**Masks are required for everyone at Registration Night and we will limit the number of families in the classroom at a time to ensure social distancing.**

\*\*Registration paperwork is available for pick up before Registration Night! Stop by the school, call, or email for the paperwork in advance.

**Before and after school care available**  
For CLS preschool and school age children at \$3/hr per child.  
Please ask for more information.

*Mission Statement:* Community Lutheran School exists to provide a Christian environment for a quality education while inspiring students to go forth living Christ-centered lives as witnesses of the one true faith in God's Kingdom.

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Trent and Nancy Lockard

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**In Memory of Betty Shook**  
Alan and Bonnie Erickson  
R.J. and Corlyn Freitag

**In Memory of Ruthmarie Meyerhoff Beisner**  
Mary Jo and James Rathe

**In Memory of Robert R. Junge**  
Roger and Connie Buhr

### Book Memorials

**In Memory of Larry Hagenow**  
"Louis" by Tom Lichtenheld and  
"The Whole Hole Story" by Vivian  
McInerney from Imogene Vanheuverlen

**In Memory of Betty Shook**  
"The Shared room" by Kao Kalia Yang  
from Jaxon Brittany and Dennis  
Sanderson

"You Matter" by Christian Robinson  
from Alice Sanderson and Tracy and  
Dale Bergmann

*Thank you for your generosity*



The Bremer County Health Department holds foot clinics at the Readlyn Library on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

**Idea for an event? Let us know!**

#### Hours:

Monday	10:00 - 7:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	10:00 - 7:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00

### It's Cold Outside!

### Cultivate a habit of reading while hiding from the cold!



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We have sooo many books for you to read at the library!
- 11. Facilitating better sleep
- 12. Providing inner tranquility



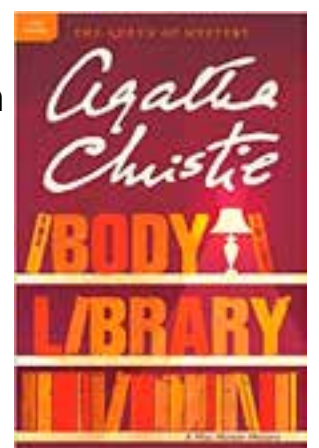
**Visit the library and check out a puzzle!**  
**Complete a 500-1000 piece puzzle recently?**  
**Donate your old puzzles to the library.**

### Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

**March's title: The Body in the Library by Agatha Christie**

Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **March 25th**.

It's seven in the morning. The Bantrys wake to find the body of a young woman in their library. She is wearing an evening dress and heavy makeup, which is now smeared across her cheeks. But who is she? How did she get there? And what is the connection with another dead girl, whose charred remains are later discovered in an abandoned quarry? The respectable Bantrys invite Miss Marple to solve the mystery . . . before tongues start to wag.





Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Recollections of World War Two

In the years 1939 to 1941, Germany conquered most of Europe and was threatening to invade England. Japan was at war with China and invaded many countries in southeastern Asia. The United States was still neutral, but aiding England and Russia. President Roosevelt created the Selective Service to build up our armed forces. All men between 18 and 40 registered for the draft.

I remember vividly that day, Sunday, December 7, 1941. I was listening to the car radio when a voice broke in and announced, "We interrupt this program to bring you this bulletin. The Japanese have attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii." What a sinking feeling I had in my stomach. I remember exactly where I was, in a car driving past Grove Hill Cemetery on Highway 3. I was not alone - everyone who heard that news remembered where they were and what they were doing on that day. Arlin Wittenburg was there in Hawaii on the Battleship Oklahoma fighting for his life.

The United States would never be the same. Thousands enlisted Monday, the next day.

The draft was ramped up. Men who registered were assigned a classification. If men were 1A, and passed a physical, they were gone. Art Albrecht remarked about the physical, "If you could hear thunder and see lightning, you passed." Not entirely true. If 4F, you were rejected on physical, moral, or mental grounds. There were several other classifications which deferred men from being drafted. Farmers were considered essential to the war effort and factory workers in essential industries were granted deferments. Men with many dependents were also exempt. Several men quit their jobs in the city and scrambled onto a farm to avoid the draft. Every month a group of men from Bremer County would report to Waverly where a bus was waiting to transport them to Des Moines for induction. An alternative to being drafted was enlisting in the Army, Navy or Coast Guard. The present Air Force was known as the Army Air Corps. There was little traveling in those days - some who were drafted had never been out of the state of Iowa. Inductees went off for basic training, then most would receive a short furlough. After reporting back, they went to where they were assigned.

Those drafted before the war spent at least four years in service. The entire area was filled with war widows. Some troops did not see their children until they were two or more years old. The first inductees received \$21 per month salary but it was soon raised to \$42 per month. Servicemen received a monthly allotment for their families. Many men who left home who had girlfriends would, after a period of time, receive a "Dear John" letter that began "I'm sorry, I found someone else."

Japan invaded the countries from which we had obtained rubber. Our country was desperate for rubber. A request was made to us to gather old rubber. Fred Koschmeder paid a penny a pound. The country needed aluminum. An enclosure was erected on the vacant lot now occupied by the post office. Aluminum pots and pans were donated, and scrap iron and other metals were needed. Worn-out cars and old machinery went off to war. Fred paid

a penny a pound for iron, more for copper and lead (old batteries). School children collected kapok from milkweed for use in life preservers. The government instituted rationing. The first commodities were sugar and tires. One third of our source of supply for sugar was gone. We received stamps to redeem sugar. We were issued ration books. Red stamps were used to purchase meat and dairy, blue stamps for canned goods. There was a shortage of the products put into cans, and metal was in short supply. Gasoline was rationed, not because of a shortage of gas, but to conserve rubber. Recapped tires became invented. Drivers who were not involved in essential travel displayed an A sticker on their windshield allowing them to purchase four gallons per month, about 60 miles of travel. People in essential businesses could buy an unlimited amount. Farmers were able to purchase all the fuel they needed, however, they had to provide a separate tank with which to store the colored fuel used for farm work. Farmers who were found with colored fuel in the gas tank of their car were in trouble. Many cars were put up on blocks. Speed limit for vehicles was 35 miles per hour, however, in the last months of the war, it was raised to 40 miles per hour. We were advised, whenever a vehicle passes, traveling more than the speed limit, the driver being passed was to honk his horn. Being passed at an excessive speed seldom occurred. Citizens on the Home Front were cooperative.

Many patriotic songs were sung during WWII. Shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked we heard, "Let's remember Pearl Harbor as we go to meet the foe, let's remember Pearl Harbor as we did the Alamo." "Johnny Got A Zero," kids in school made fun of Johnny because of his zero grade but later when he was a fighter plane pilot they sang "Johnny Got A Zero" because he shot down a Japanese fighter plane, called a zero. "Praise the lord and pass the ammunition and we'll all stay free, Oh, the sky pilot said it, you've got to give him credit for a son-of-a-gun of a gunner was he."

Probably the most popular song was, "don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me 'til I come marching home," a soldier admonishing his girlfriend. "Bell bottom trousers, coat of navy blue, she loved her sailor and he loved her, too." There were many others, but this one stood out. It went, "You're in the Army now, you're not behind a plow, you'll never get rich, you son-of-a-b\*\*\*h, you're in the Army now." A song sung in the barracks.

Industries were converted from civilian production to wartime production. John Deere converted from tractors and farm machinery to war products. A huge factory on East 4th in Waterloo, Chamberlains, not far from Allen Hospital, converted from manufacturing wringer wash machines to producing ammunition. Few automobiles were made after 1941, no new models until after the war. Tanks, guns, ships, planes, jeeps were made in factories converted for the war effort. There was zero unemployment, older men capable of working did not retire. A great change occurred to the status of American women in our society. Women entered the work-



force replacing the many men in service. No longer were the only jobs for women teachers, secretaries, nurses and telephone operators, they were now employed in factories. A popular song at the time had the title of "Rosie The Riveter."

Many products were in short supply, however, if you had enough cash, most everything was available. A black market was operating at the Silver Bell dance hall near New Hartford. Scarce items such as silk stockings, sugar, truck tires, cigarettes, etc. were available. Even farm machinery was available. The black marketeer, from this operation, made enough money to buy the Seeger's farm at the Big Corner, two miles north of Denver. He paid cash carried in two suitcases filled with \$20 bills. Some merchants made an excessive profit from goods in short supply. An example, cigarettes. The culture was different in those years, most all men smoked and women were beginning to acquire the habit. The choice was not whether someone would smoke but which of the major brands would be chosen: Camels, Lucky Strike, Chesterfield or Old Gold. Each serviceman was issued a pack of cigarettes a day which helped create a shortage. A Denver tavern owner capitalized on the cigarette shortage by pointing to a punch board or a pull-tab tree whenever someone wanted to buy cigarettes. Rather than paying 19 cents a pack across the counter, the customer was forced to gamble to satisfy his addiction. This practice was very lucrative. This was the only example of exploitation of which I was aware. We did not hear of many other cases occurring in Readlyn and Denver. Merchants were honest and charged fair prices for their goods.

Life went on. School was unchanged, but with women teachers. We had Mr. Hiatt and Denver had Mr. Pinkerton. They both were school superintendents, coached boys' and girls' basketball, coached baseball and taught classes. What a load! There was no hot lunch program, students brought their lunch. We had no school buses, students furnished their own transportation to school. For athletic events, parents and others drove players to games. Players themselves would drive a car load to games. As soon as boys graduated, turned 18 and were in good health, they were in service. Some farm boys might be deferred.

During the summer, Paul Strottman,

farming north of Knittle, raised green string beans for the Waverly Canning Company. He recruited us kids from town to pick his beans. He would bring a hay rack to town, we would pile on and he would bring us back home. We were given sacks to put at the end of our assigned row, given a pail and, when full, we emptied the beans into our sack. We brought our lunch and Paul supplied us with drinking water. We were paid 2 cents per pound we picked. At the end of each day, our sacks were weighed and we were paid. I was 14 or 15 years old and I think that I averaged about \$1.75 per day. Working in the hot sun was hard work but \$1.75 was a lot of money. One picker tossed a rock into his pail adding weight to his sack. The canning company caught it. Both boys and girls picked beans.

We lived without weather forecasts, the government deciding that forecasts could aid the enemy. There was a blackout of our cities and towns, even the windows in our homes. The OPA, Office of Price Administration, froze prices on merchandise and regulated wages. What was available to purchase was limited, and people learned to live without. A pent-up demand for products was created, not to be alleviated until many months and sometime years after the war.

A somber note, there was a polio epidemic during and after WWII. Every few days we would hear of someone stricken by this dreaded disease, Polio, once referred to as infantile paralysis, was eradicated after many years by vaccines. People cooperated by getting their shots, thus eliminating a dreadful disease.

The government promoted the planting of Victory Gardens. Citizens cooperated. In Readlyn and Denver, we already had big gardens, some covering an entire lot. We did not purchase some rationed products, we raised our own. We were constantly encouraged to aid in the war effort. Patriotic posters such as: Buy War Bonds; Plant Victory Gardens; Uncle Sam pointing at us and saying "I Want You!"; Loose Lips, Sinking Ships; Save Rubber, Check Your Tires Now.

War bonds, sold to finance the war, were available in banks and post offices. Posters were everywhere encouraging us to buy war bonds. Bond drives featuring celebrities, along with war heroes brought from the fighting, traveled throughout the country promoting the sale of war bonds. Bonds not only aided the war effort, they were also an investment. In 10 years \$18.75 = \$25.00, \$37.50 = \$50.00, \$75.00 = \$100.00, etc. With little goods available to buy, people put much of their savings into war bonds.

There was much anguish from the wives and relatives of loved ones in service. We had no insight of what our servicemen were experiencing. We sat at home facing inconveniences such as shortages of sugar and coffee while many of our servicemen were going through hell. Who knew that Jim Klodt and Coach Walt Johnson were wounded and spent months in the hospital recovering. Who knew that Adrian Lockard was fighting in the steamy South Pacific jungles killing Japanese. Most of

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# FISH FRY



sponsored by IC Church

**Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Immaculate Conception  
Parish Center, Fairbank**

**CURB SIDE PICK UP ONLY**

(follow signs for pick up route)

**Alaskan Pollock, baked potato, baked  
beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert**

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## Readlyn, Long Ago

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his unit was wiped out. He might not have had dry socks or had his boots off for a month. Who knew that Stan Gehrke was a tank commander fighting in Europe. I did not know that my uncle, Lester Diekmann, was a forward artillery observer in Europe. Who knew that Wilbert Huebner was on a ship in the Mediterranean Sea being attacked by dive bombers. Who knew that Bud Rommel was on Iwo Jima. And who knew that Harold Kurtt, under the command of General Patton, was in a tank racing to aid our troops surrounded by Germans at the Battle Of the Bulge. He was later wounded, spent time in an army hospital and carried shrapnel in his body the rest of his life. Everyone in service had their own story. We had no idea of what was happening to them as mail sent home was censored. They were like all of us in harm's way in the service—you knew that there would be casualties and some would die, but you never thought it would be you. There are still a few veterans of WWII living in our area. They gave many years of their lives for their country.

The election in 1944 was between Wendall Wilkie, Republican, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, seeking his fourth term as president. The democrat slogan was, "Don't change horses in the middle of the stream." FDR won handily. There was great shock and sadness at the death of President Roosevelt. Harry S. Truman was our president the remainder of the war, making the decision to drop the atom bombs over Japan. President Roosevelt showed great leadership by instituting the draft even prior to Pearl Harbor. The government led us from a peacetime to a wartime economy. It froze prices and regulated wages. It rationed goods in short supply. Our leaders formulated policy and

we cooperated. We appreciated our leaders.

We at home gratefully noticed a small banner with a star or stars hanging in windows. One red star meant that one person from that home was in service. Often windows had banners with multiple stars, some as high as four, five or more. Sad was the home with a window displaying a gold star, signifying a hero departed.

I cannot overstate the importance of mail call with letters from home. Those serving overseas in remote areas and sailors at sea at times did not receive mail for a week or more.

The wives and others at home were equally delighted when letters came. Can you imagine the feeling of fathers looking at pictures of children at home they had not yet held?

We at home gathered around our table radios each evening, listening intently to Gabriel Heater informing us of the war in North Africa, in our ally Russia, in England, France and entire Europe. We learned of the fighting on Guadalcanal, Tinian, the Solomons, Iwo Jima and other islands in the South Pacific we had never heard of. Gabriel Heater brought the war into our homes. The first few years brought news of armies retreating, ships being torpedoed, then the war slowly turning, D-day, island hopping in the Pacific and finally, jubilation at Germany's surrender and news that atom bombs had been dropped over Japan.

You have read my interpretation of conditions on the Home Front in WWII. Art Kurtt aided in this article. In the next issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*, I will cover the end of World War II, servicemen returning home, and the great economy existing from the end of WWII in 1945 to the beginning of the Korean War in 1951.

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# Warrior Way & More

The Wapsie Valley Community School District started the second semester a couple of weeks ago. We welcomed back several students who chose the On-Site Return to Learn Plan at Wapsie Valley. We do have a handful of students and families who have chosen to utilize the Required On-Line Learning Plan that utilizes the Edgenuity platform for curriculum delivery. The State of Iowa legislation has recently mandated that every student in the state has the choice to return to the on-site learning mode. This has not affected WVCSD since our district has had this option for families since the start of the school year.

Bremer County Health Department has allotted a small number of vaccines for staff personnel that will start being administered in mid-February. We are hopeful that state-wide availability of vaccines will increase so continued efforts to vac-

nate and protect school staff will occur as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the athletic teams and fine arts members who have competed this past winter. We have had individual students in quarantine situations, but we have kept the teams as a whole competing in their respective areas. Weekly information from WVCSD can be found on our school website at wapsievalleyschools.com under the "COVID & Health" tab. Click on the Nurse's Corner for weekly health information and surrounding county positivity rates. A decreasing positivity rate from surrounding counties after the holiday season is a good sign that there is light at the end of this tunnel!

We wish you a safe and healthy winter season!

Stay Warrior Strong and Safe,  
*Dave Larson*  
 Wapsie Valley CSD Superintendent

## 2020-2021 Wapsie Valley 1st Semester Honor Roll



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 Kiley Schmitz  
 Mae Wedemeier\*  
 Marshall Weepie  
 Adelynn Wierck  
 Hannah Wilcox

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# What's Cooking?

A recipe to share can be sent to [billhorn@netins.net](mailto:billhorn@netins.net)

## Grumpy Burgers

by 2016 Grump Charlie Albrecht

This is not a copied recipe, I first tasted these when the old tavern, Grumpy's Grill and Pub, located where the bank is now, was under new ownership. The Bar included an open grill and different menus. One item, Grumpy Burgers, had no recipe. I truly enjoyed the burger, but I was only told about how they were prepared. So, the following is how I do it. I'm sure it can be altered to your taste. Similar burgers are served in a sidewalk cafe, Pete's Hamburger Stand, in Prairie Du Chien, WI.



### Charlie's Grumpy Burgers

From the kitchen of Charlie and Wilda Albrecht

- 2 lbs. Ground Beef
- 1 small onion or more as preferred
- 2 T honey
- 1 T seasoning (I use Cookies Flavor Enhancer)

Combine 2 cups water, sliced onion and honey in dutch oven, bring to boil and then turn to simmer. Shape beef into 6 patties, season and brown in large fry pan, do not cook till done, only brown on both sides. Place browned burgers in the simmering onion/honey water and let simmer for 15 minutes or they can simmer a long time, up to 4 hours and they will still be very good. If they all do not get eaten, refrigerate in the onion/honey water, and warm up for another meal. Serve on buns with all the extras, including the cooked onions.

# Obituary



24, 1953 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School on June 2, 1953. She was united in marriage to Ellis Shook on July 5, 1953, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Ellis passed away on September 11, 2020.

Betty was a homemaker; where she enjoyed baking bread and canning. Over the years, Betty and Ellis would go fishing and camping together.

Betty is survived by three sons, Ellis (Lisa) Shook Jr. of Dunkerton; Jeff (Lori) Shook of Tripoli; and Dave (Kathy) Shook of Tripoli; a daughter, Deb (Clif) Leisinger of Sumner; twenty grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren; a sister, Barb (John) Weers of Kansas City; two sisters-in-law, Audrey Niemann of Cedar Falls; and Maxine Gram of Waverly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ellis Shook; a brother, Robert Gram and two brothers-in-law, Al Niemann and Alvin (Clemie) Marken and a sister-in-law, Joan (Charles) Williams.

Private burial of cremains will be held in Zion Lutheran Cemetery on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Memorials may be directed to UnityPoint Hospice or to the family.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn is assisting the family. 319-279-3551

### Betty Ellen Shook

Betty Ellen Shook, 85, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Friday, January 22, 2021 at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner

Betty was born on July 1, 1935, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the daughter of Arthur and Ferne Maude (Leversee) Gram. She was baptized and confirmed on March

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By: Eric Johnston

**“Early season Turkey Success”  
The “Snowbird”**

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As I sit down this month to write my column, we are in the midst of one of the coldest winters in recent memory. Cabin fever has set in and I’m dreaming of warm spring mornings of fish being caught and turkeys gobbling and going through their springtime ritual. But, as I’ve seen over the years, early turkey season can be in not-so-ideal and comfortable conditions. This month, I break down the story of the “snowbird” and the strategy to harvest the Tom on a cold snowy morning.

The four a.m. wake-up call was not a very inviting sound as I lay there in bed listening to the wind howl outside the window. I thought to myself, “It’s too windy and cold for the turkeys this morning, stay in bed.” It sounded like a good idea for a minute or so. But the Iowa turkey season is only a certain number of precious mornings and you gotta go. I got up and was quickly snapped out of it by my Dad’s and Uncle Marv’s early morning jokes about staying in bed. We had some coffee and loaded up the truck and were on our way.

My Dad and I had hunted the entire day before with no success in the 30 mile per hour wind. If you could get one to gobble, it was too hard to tell which direction they were, let alone have them hear our calls. We were having a late spring this particular year and winter just seemed to not let go, even by mid-April. As we headed to the timber, it started to mist and looked like fog. This morning’s hunt would be me hunting with my Uncle Marv, and my dad and cousin Colton hunting another section of the timber.

“Great,” I said as we rolled along, “now it will be wet and the turkeys won’t even gobble for us.” Oftentimes in the rain turkeys go silent and it makes hunting even tougher because you can’t hear their gobbles to reveal their location. Marv, as al-

ways, got my head straight quickly, saying, “Stop whining, we need to be out there!” Truer words had never been spoken.

By the time we arrived at the location to drop off Dad and Colton, the mist had turned into a steady rain. They got their gear ready and headed out into the dark. Marv and I then headed to where we would set up. Our set-up that morning was a textbook area to shoot an early season gobbler, a small field in a valley surrounded by tall roosting trees along the hillsides. The birds were roosting along the hill and flying down to the field in the morning to strut and seek out hens. This was also a great spot that particular morning to be out of the wind.

We made our way across the field edge to where we would set up. Marv had scouted these birds and knew about where they would be roosting. This morning I would be trying to get a turkey with my new PSE bow. I was excited as I’d yet to shoot a gobbler with my bow. I had tried for a couple years prior, but had not had any success with closing the deal.

We worked our way quietly to within 100 yards or so of where the birds would be roosting. I set up my Mossy Oak Ameri-step blind and Marv put out a hen and jake decoy in good visibility to where the birds were roosting. Once we settled in the blind, I opened the windows facing the field and we sat in the dark waiting for daylight. As I sat there listening to the rain drip on the roof of the blind, I thought, “Dad and Colton have to be getting soaked.” They were not in the comforts of a blind like we were and I had only hoped they were under a canopy of a good tree to help them a little bit.

As daylight started to show, it got very quiet, the rain was no longer dripping and it looked foggy. Marv looked at me and said, “It’s snowing, you could have a rare chance at getting a bird in the snow.” I couldn’t believe it, it was April 16 and it was snowing hard. As it got lighter, our de-



coys were useless as they now were completely covered in snow and we had yet to hear a gobble. We waited a long time and finally heard a gobble that made us both jump off our seats from being startled.

“He’s right where I thought he was,” said Marv. He then gave him a couple soft clicks on his Lynch foolproof call. I silently thought to myself, “I wonder just how many birds that old call has called in?” To be honest, I couldn’t even begin to guess, but I know that number was very substantial! He gave two soft yelps and the big Tom flew down from the roost and into the field. He came running on a string right to our set-up! I couldn’t believe how quickly he was coming.

“Get ready,” Marv said, and I readied the PSE and got prepared for a shot. The Tom came right into our snow-covered decoys, and I drew my bow. I settled my pin and let the arrow fly. I watched in amazement as my arrow flew ten yards over top of him.

“What happened? It’s a fifteen yard shot!” Marv said. I wondered the same thing. I had practiced that shot a thousand times in the back yard. We both sat there in disbelief as the big Tom ran back across the field clucking the whole way.

“Game over,” I said to Marv. I barely got the words out as another Tom gobbled fifty yards away on the timber edge. Apparently the other gobbler’s clucking had fired this bird up. Marv let out a few yelps and this new bird came running. He stopped right in our decoys and went to full strut.

“Don’t miss this time,” Marv said as I went to full draw. I settled my pin and the arrow found its mark this time. The bird ran 15 yards and fell over! High fives and a half bear hug to celebrate!

“We got him, your first turkey bow kill

and in the snow even!” Marv hooped. “And you wanted to stay home today?” I was so excited I had to sit and gather my thoughts for a moment. “Now, what happened on that first shot?” Marv said. Upon examination, in my haste of setting up the blind, I did not get the window all the way down and when I took the shot my arrow skipped off the window fabric. As we recovered the bird we celebrated with more high fives. “Dad and Colton,” I yelled, “they’re still out in this snow!” We quickly gathered up the gear and got moving.

They were already at the road when we rolled up with the truck, soaking wet, but happy I had taken a bird with my bow. We headed back to Marv’s house and celebrated better once everyone had dried out and warmed up.

With early season turkeys, a lot of the ways we went about this hunt you can use in your tactics. Oftentimes, toms will still be grouped up and roosting fairly close to one another. Pay attention to your entrance routes in the dark as, without the spring foliage growing yet, you will be very visible to birds on the roost. Don’t try to get much closer than 100 yards or so. And soft easy calls is all that’s needed early as the birds haven’t been pressured too hard yet and it’s natural for hens to not be super aggressive yet. And most importantly you need to be out there to take a bird! Don’t let foul weather deter you from hunting. Oftentimes, early season weather is not ideal, but the birds are still doing their thing.

I’ve had a lot of memorable turkey hunts with Uncle Marv, but this one was probably the most memorable. Get out there early in the season this spring with friends and family and make memories, that’s what it’s all about! Until next time, Get Outdoors!!





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# Obituaries



**James Allen Peters**

James Allen Peters, 66, of rural Tripoli, Iowa passed away on February 9, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Jim was born on November 11, 1954, in Sumner, Iowa, the son of Wilbert Albert and Darlene Esther (Schlewitz) Peters. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, Buck Creek and confirmed at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. He attended kindergarten through 3rd grade in Readlyn. He then attended school in Tripoli and was a 1972 graduate of Tripoli High School. While in high school, he worked at Leistikow Farms. He also worked at Koehring-Bantam and the Readlyn Farm Center.

Jim was united in marriage to Lois Mathias on August 30, 1975, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. In 1979, he started

his career with Farm Bureau Insurance where he was currently working.

Jim was the current president of the Bremer County Conservation Board and was a longtime member of the Pheasants Forever. Jim was an avid outdoorsman where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and was a lifelong farmer. Conservation was always important to Jim and he was always an advocate for the outdoors. He helped restore countless acres for wildlife in Bremer County.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lois Peters of Tripoli; a daughter, Patty (Kyle) Spowart of Tripoli; a granddaughter, Emma, and another grandchild due in March; his mother, Darlene Peters of Readlyn; a brother, David (Mary) Peters of Waverly; a brother, Marvin (Diane) Peters of Marion; a sister, Carol (Norm) Menefee of Cedar Falls; a sister, Audrey (Larry) Norte of Oronoco, Minnesota; and a sister-in-law, Connie Peters of Cedar Falls. He was preceded in death by his father, Wilbert, and his brother, Dennis Peters.

A private funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2021, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. The service was livestreamed at 2:00 p.m. on the St. Matthew's Facebook page. Private burial was held in Fremont Cemetery, rural Tripoli. Public visitation was on Sunday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Masks and social distancing were required at the visitation and the funeral. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Bremer County Conservation Board. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes is assisting the family.



**Harriett Elsie Risse**

Harriett Elsie Risse, age 92, passed away January 23, 2021 at MercyOne Care Center in Oelwein, Iowa, from complications of COVID-19, where she had been a resident for the past 2½ years.

Harriett was born September 29, 1928 to Benjamin and Linna (Hall) Allgood in Waterloo, Iowa. She graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1946 and, on June 26, 1947, was united in marriage to Wilbur Charles Risse. They resided on Wilbur's family farm near Dunkerton and started raising a family. In 1953, they bought a farm northeast of Readlyn, where they lived until 1976. At that time, they sold the farm and built a new home in Readlyn. Wilbur died in 1999, and Harriett continued to live in Readlyn until December 2017.

Harriett was a real "people person"

and she always enjoyed being where the action was. She loved to laugh! She was mainly a farmwife/mother during the early years, but later became a dealer for Stanley Home Products, which kept her on the go meeting new people/friends. She belonged to a bowling league for several years and loved to attend her grandchildren's sporting events and programs. Harriett was very honored when she was chosen as Readlyn's Grump in 2012; and loved being in the parade every year after that. She never missed a chance to get in her van and go somewhere. She loved to travel, taking trips with her sisters and daughters, and cruises with her friends.

Harriett is survived by: four sons, John (Pam) Risse of Fairbank; Joe (Carolee) Risse of Dunkerton; Jim (Kathy) Risse of Fairbank, and Jerry Risse of Belvedere, IL; two daughters - Judie Casey of Cedar Rapids and Jane Rissman of Waukon; 12 grandchildren; 7 step-grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; several beloved nieces and nephews; and special friends Mike and Arlene Tiedt of Readlyn and Betty Bliss of MercyOne Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbur (1999); two sons: Jeffrey (1956) and Jay (1995); three grandchildren: John's stillborn son (1971), Stacey Risse (1972) and Jamie Risse (2010); one step-grandchild: Theresa Stearns (2019); one step-great-grandchild: Hillary Strief (2009); one son-in-law: Jeff Casey (2019); two sisters and their husbands: Mary Alice (Jim/Al) Vavrunek and Betty (Swen) Thompson; and 11 brothers and sisters-in-laws.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating. The service was livestreamed at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday on the Zion Lutheran Church Facebook page. Burial was held in Gresham Cemetery, rural Dunkerton. Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church or to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, both in Readlyn. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com) Masks and social distancing were required for the service.

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# Readlyn City Council Meeting February 8, 2021

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. for Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00 p.m. for the public hearing followed by the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Jason Franck (by phone), Rocco Imbrogno. Others in attendance: Steve Aiello, Barney Wiersma, Austin Matthias, Bruce Piehl.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the January 11 and 25, 2021 council meetings.

All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve Treasurer/clerk reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve the police report. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Barnes to approve agenda as print-

ed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wedemeier opened the Public Hearing on the Max Tax for the FY21/22 Budget. Notice of time and place had been published in the *Waverly Newspapers* on January 26, 2021. No written or oral objections were received. After all desiring to be heard, motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Brunscheon to close the public hearing. Roll call vote. AYES: Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Resolution No. 850 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAXIMUM TAX DOLLARS FROM CERTAIN LEVIES FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET". Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon. NAYS: None. Whereupon the declared Resolution No. 850 was duly adopted.

Motion by Brunscheon and seconded by Jones to set March 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM for the public hearing on the adoption of the proposed FY21/22 City Budget. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrog-

no, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bruce Piehl, representing the Lion's Club discussed with the council starting a "Leo Club" out at the Wapsie Valley High School.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Franck to approve beer license and Sunday sales renewal for Kwik Trip, dba Kwik Star. Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones, Imbrogno. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council received an update on the recent EBRA meeting from Mayor Wedemeier.

Council received an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation Board meeting from Council member Imbrogno and Mayor Wedemeier.

City clerk gave an update on the CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

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The Red Cross offers these tips for keeping yourself and your family safe.

## Home Heating Safety

- If using a space heater, look for a model that shuts off automatically if the heater falls over. Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface in the home.
- Keep all potential sources of fuel like paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs at least three feet away from space heaters, stoves or fireplaces.
- Portable heaters and fireplaces should never be left unattended. Turn off space heaters and make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or leaving home.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- Cut down on heating costs. Insulate

the home by installing storm windows or covering the inside of windows with plastic to keep cold air out.

- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
- Keep fire in your fireplace by using a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
- Test batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Develop a fire escape plan and practice it with everyone who lives in the home.

## Cooking Safety

- Keep an eye on what you fry! Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Move items that can burn away from the stove. This includes dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains. Also keep children and pets at least three feet away.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- When frying food, turn the burner off if you see smoke or if the grease starts to boil. Carefully remove the pan from the burner.
- Keep a pan lid or a cookie sheet nearby. Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

• Turn pot handles to the back of the stove, so no one bumps them or pulls them over.

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## Help to cope with COVID-19

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- Stay informed through trusted resources like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- Maintain social connections through phone calls or video chats to feel less isolated.
- Take care of your emotional health.
- Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row. Free and confidential resources can also help you or a loved one connect with a skilled, trained counselor in your area.
- Take care of yourself. Eat healthy, drink plenty of water and get enough rest.
- Be patient with yourself and others. It's common to have any number of tem-

porary stress reactions such as fear, anger, frustration and anxiety.

- Encourage children to express their feelings and thoughts. Reassure them about their safety.
- Relax your body often by doing things that work for you—take deep breaths, stretch, meditate or pray, or engage in activities you enjoy.
- Pace yourself between stressful activities and do something fun after a hard task.

If you find yourself or a loved one experiencing some of the feelings and reactions listed below for two weeks or longer, this may be a sign that you need to reach out for additional assistance.

- Crying spells or bursts of anger
- Difficulty eating
- Difficulty sleeping
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