# Peacly Force of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump Volume 13, No. 2, Compiled by Readlyn Community Club — Designed/Printed by Horizon Publishing Co., Jesup, IA, February 26, 2020

Readlyn Community Club Dinner and

Where?
Readlyn Event Center
When?
Saturday, March 28, 20/20
Social Hour ~ 5:30 PM
Dinner ~ 6:15 PM
Trivia ~ 7:45 PM

(Nonmembers are welcome to participate for a \$10 fee; members are free.)

Teams of 3 – 6; prizes: There will be first place, second place and special consolation prizes given.

For \$30 per person

or \$50 for two/couple you can enjoy this fun evening with friends and family. The evening includes a double meat buffet

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with all of the fixings and beverages prepared by Sunrise Catering, you can participate in Trivia, and, bonus, you help fund the many community events because the fee includes your membership to the Readlyn Community Club (RCC). In addition, you can vote on the Grump Days' T-shirt, select either

Marlys Deterding or Larry Sauerbrei to be Readlyn's 20/20 Grump, and vote for the RCC officers

for this year.

A huge shoutout to Dr.
Bollman and Wolf Family
Vision Center for donating
decorations to enhance our

\*To have fun with the 20/20 theme, please consider wearing your own festive

eyeglasses.\*

Should you have old eyeglasses you no longer need, please drop them off at the library.

## Breakfast fundraiser is March 1

The Readlyn Firefighter's Association annual breakfast fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, 2020 at The Watering Hole-Event Center, Main St., Readlyn, Iowa.

Serving will be from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and take-outs will also be available.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, smoked sausage patties, rinderwurst, French toast, cinnamon rolls, toast, juice, coffee and milk.

Free-will donations will be accepted at the door.

All proceeds from this breakfast will be used towards funding the betterment of the Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department.

The firemen thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated!

Readlyn Firefighter's Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

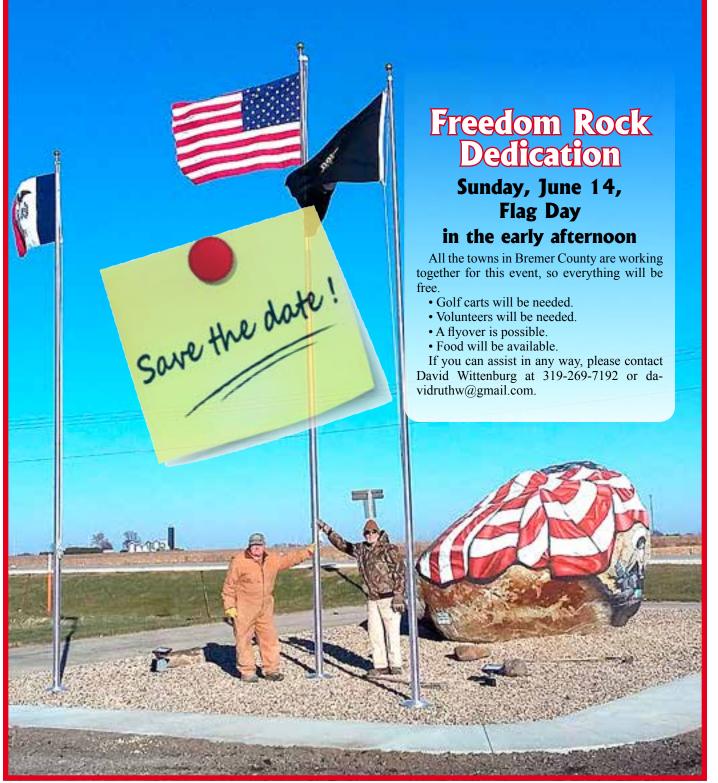
### Save local lives at next Blood Drive Friday, March 6

The next Denver/Readlyn Community Blood Drive is Friday, March 6, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Denver Community Center, 100 Washington Street.

Schedule a lifesaving appointment online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or contact 800.287.4903

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### Notice to readers and advertisers

The January *Readlyn Chronicle* did not have full color on all pages last month as usual. There was a last minute press maintenance glitch that made it impossible to run all the pages in color. Everything should be back to normal this month. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Send news of your club, organization or church to the *Readlyn Chronicle* at: **ReadlynChronicle@gmail.com** 



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Mondays – Novel Knitters 6:00 PM at the library

**Sunday, March 1:** Readlyn Firefighter's Association Annual Breakfast Fundraiser, 8 AM –1 PM, take-outs available – Free-will Donation, Readlyn Event Center

**Wednesday, March 4:** Ages 6-12 ReCon, Ozobots – STEM Learning Playtime at the Library 3-4 PM

**Saturday, March 7:** Pepper tournament, 2:00 PM, at the Watering Hole

**Tuesday, March 10:** Coloring at the library 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, March 12: 5 PM deadline for March 25 Readlyn Chronicle

Wednesday, March 18: Grump Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, at Inspired

Thursday, March 19: Foot Clinic at the Library 10:30 AM

**Saturday, March 28:** Readlyn Community Club Annual Dinner Meeting and Trivia, starts at 5:30 PM, Readlyn Event Center

**Monday, March 30:** Readlyn Historical Society Meeting 7:00 PM in the Historical Building

Thursday, April 16: RCC Meeting

## Miss Readlyn Comments



By Anna Richards

The new year has been flying by. It's hard to believe that I only have three months left of school. All of the seniors have been busy getting scholarships done and figuring out where they want to go to college. Several of the seniors have signed their letter to play sports in college. Congrats to Kiks Rosengarten, Kaci Beesecker, and Tanner Blaylock who will be continuing their athletic career!

Best of luck to Dawson Schmit who will be competing at State Wrestling this week. I am also looking forward to going down and watching my cousins that will be wrestling individually and in team duals for Denver.

The boys' basketball team was sched-

uled to play on Thursday, February 20 — good luck to them!

My senior season of basketball is now over and I already miss it, but I have kept very busy getting ready for sub-districts for FFA. I will be competing in Program of Activities this year. Sub-districts is on February 26 at Hawkeye Community College. We have many people participating in CDE's and LDE's this year. If you aren't busy, it is a great way to support our FFA chapter and is really interesting to watch. The FFA will be hosting their annual omelet breakfast at the Readlyn Elementary on March 22. I hope to see you all there.

I hope everyone has a great spring!

## Wapsie Valley Student Council to sponsor blood drive

Wapsie Valley High School gym will be the located for a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 25, from 12:00 to 5:15 p.m. The school is located at 2535 Viking Ave., Fairbank.

For an appointment, please call the school at 638-6711 or visit redcrossblood. org. This event is sponsored by Wapsie

Valley Student Council.

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information

The Wapsie Valley Junior Class Student Ambassadors are hosting a

## vender/craft fair

as a fundraiser for this year's Grand March and Prom.

Wapsie Valley High School Main Gym Saturday, March 21 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## Readlyn Community Happenings

## Scholarships awarded to area seniors

The Bremer County Corn and Soybean Association held their annual banquet at the Waverly Area Veterans Post on Wednesday, January 29.

Recognition was given to members of the 2019 Ag School Class. This is a program to connect the public with modern agriculture. Bremer County has had success with this program the last two years and will begin the 2020 class soon. Classes are held, but students also are hosted by local farmers during planting and harvest season. Thank you to all who volunteer for this program.

Agriculture trivia was also played. Topics covered were Kernels of Truth, Food Dollar, Top 10 Ag Products, etc. It was fun and very informative.

Three scholarships were awarded to the following:

Cole Neil, son of Todd and Alisa Neil and a student at Wapsie Valley High School.

Hanna Miller, daughter of Tim Miller and Tamara Miller, also a student at Wap-

Nathan Eggena, son of Joan and the late Kenneth Eggena, a student at Denver High School.

The Bremer County Corn and Soybean Association wishes these students successful futures. They also would like to thank everyone who came and supports agriculture.



Verdeen Pavelec

### **Verdeen Pavelec to** note 85th birthday

Verdeen Pavelec will celebrate her 85th birthday with a family dinner on March 15 at The Watering Hole, Readlyn.

Verdeen was born March 16, 1935, in Buck Creek, to Leo and Mildred Westendorf. She married Reinhold "Bunny" Pavelec January 9, 1955. He passed away June 16, 1998.

Her family includes children Larry and Vicki Pavelec of Readlyn, Steven and Sheryl Pavelec of New Hartford, Kathleen and Robert Thiele of Waterloo, and Connie and Phil Fleshner of Janesville, as well as six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Birthday greetings may be mailed to Verdeen at 425 Lobeck Avenue, Readlyn,

## **Auxiliary meets February 11**

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met February 11, 2020 at the home of Verdeen Pavelec with 5 members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The General Orders and Chairman reports were read and accepted.

A motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and 2nd by Verdeen Pavelec to accept the January 15 audit report. Carried.

Volunteer hours were tuned in. Twelve Legislative letters were mailed to Senators for a bill for veterans, and two emails.

Charlie Albrecht came and filled us in about the dedication of the Freedom Rock

We got year-end reports to fill out.

A motion was made by Marjorie Macken and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn. Carried. Closed with prayer. Hostess Verdeen Pavelec.

### His Hands Pantry open Tues., Fri.

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

12 noon.

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

## Readlyn Firefighter's Association **Annual Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

The Watering Hole- Event Center, Main St. Readlyn, Iowa



Serving 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Take Outs Available)

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Smoked Sausage Patties, Rinderwurst, French Toast, Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Milk.

#### Freewill Donation at Door

All proceeds will be used towards funding the betterment of The Readlyn Volunteer Fire Department.



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Scholarship recipients are, left to right, Cole Neil, Hanna Miller and Nathan Eggena.



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## **What We Are Reading**

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#### **Foot Clinics Are** Back

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



#### Winter Weather Advisory

Although the library rarely closes, lowa's winter months can be notoriously unpredictable.

We may be closing unexpectedly due to road conditions and travel adviso-

In severe weather, we urge you to call the library (319-279-3432) to make sure we are open.

Closings will be announced on KWWL and Facebook page.



Color Us Creative

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

Fina

Westering Women by Sandra Dallas is a historical fiction novel that tells the story of a group of women who are traveling west to California by covered wagon and oxen to find husbands. They're accompanied by two pastors, and as the story unfolds the women encounter struggles and challenges that they face head on. There are a few twists to this story, as well as some suspense and heartache.

**Recipe For a Perfect Wife** by Karma Brown – Alice and her husband have moved to the suburbs. Shortly after moving in Alice locates a cookbook from the previous owner, Nellie. The story moves back and forth between Alice (in the present) and Nellie (in the 1950s), as both women struggle to realize their hopes and dreams. I loved the 50s setting and the nostalgic feel, but there's some suspense as well. I rooted for Nellie to find happiness, and groaned inwardly at Alice's decisions, but I could not put this book down until I had turned the last page.

#### PATRICK



<u>PreFense - The 90% Advantage</u> by Steve Tarani: a professional educator, author and keynote speaker has served the U.S. Defense, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence communities for over 25 years as a respected Protective Programs subject matter expert and service provider. Preventative Defense or PreFense is a holistic approach to your personal security (and that of your friends and family). Situational awareness is a vital skill being lost in our society. While you cannot predict exactly when or where a violent encounter will occur, it is not only possible but critically important to recognize and understand how a potential event may manifest. It is this recognition and understanding that gives individuals an advantage in avoiding or stopping a threat. The purpose of this book is to provide you with a situational awareness blueprint to help identify threats before they occur, arming you with the tools necessary to prevent, avoid, or stop an attack. It succeeds at this and more with a wealth of information, an easy to read (and understand format), and near checklist level efficiency.

## **Readlyn Reads - Book Talk**

March's title: Kitchens of the Great Midwest by Ryan Stradal Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on **March 27th** 

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Lager Queen of Minnesota, Kitchens of the Great Midwest is a novel about a young woman with a once-in-a-generation palate who becomes the iconic chef behind the country's most coveted dinner reservation.





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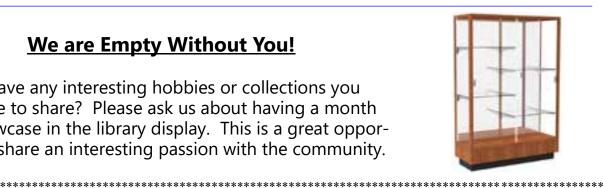
#### **Hours:**

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

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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.





## Readlyn, Long Ago

**Compiled by Bob Thran** 

## Readlyn Wins State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament Captures Baseball Crown in Four Decisive Bouts

The State semi-pro baseball tournament opened in Des Moines Friday evening, July 21, 1933, with 23 teams competing for championship honors. Readlyn was one of the teams to draw a bye and did not get into action until Thursday evening, July 27, when they met and defeated Indianola by a score of 6-3, thus moving to the state quarterfinals. Bulgren, living up to his strikeout reputation, fanned 14, only allowing them four hits, three of them proving to be scratches.

In the quarterfinals Saturday night, July 29, Readlyn was paired with Guttenberg Lakeside Giants and this team proved their hardest competition as the game was hard-fought, Readlyn winning 3-2. Bulgren pitched this game, wiffing 9, while Finch, the opposing pitcher, was able to fan three batters.

The semi-finals were played on Sunday afternoon, July 30, and Readlyn opposed Charles City. Readlyn went on a batting rampage and upset the 1932 champions in a wild and woolly game and, when the

## **Great Event** In Readlyn **History**

The championship was won in 1933. The stock market crashed in 1929 and we were four years into the Great Depression. The players were gone 5 nights. To be able to afford playing in the tournament. my mother said that the team and wives camped in tents in a Des Moines park. They also took most of their food with them. Four players were added to the Readlyn roster: Bullet Bulgren, St Lucas; Dick Chandler, Nashua; Ted Franks, St. Paul, MN; Sertich, ?.

I often heard Herb Wittenburg laughingly tell that on the same Sunday Readlvn won the championship game in Des Moines, the Readlyn "B" team played Tripoli at Tripoli and, what a surprise, the Readlyn "B" team won. The only players that I recall who played on the "B" team against Tripoli were Christ Muehlenhaupt at first base and Herb Wittenburg, pitching. Herb was the master of the submarine pitch.

Winning the state semi-pro baseball championship was one of the biggest, if not the biggest, events in Readlyn history. I was only four years old at the time, but I heard it often discussed in later years. Almost every town in Iowa had a baseball team and, on Sunday afternoons in summer, you would find a crowd at the ballpark. The Readlyn baseball diamond, in 1933, was located south of the creamery over the railroad tracks in Paul Meyerhoff's field.

A bigger feat occurred earlier in 1933 when the town of Dunkerton won the Iowa State Boy's Basketball Tournament. In 1933, A and B classes were thrown together in the state tournament, thus Dunkerton prevailed over the largest schools in the state. The Gaddis brothers, Wayne and Wally, led the team to the championship.

slugfest was over and the smoke of battle cleared. they had safely tucked the game in their bag by taking the long end of a 14-to-9 count. Frank was the twirler striking out three and allowing ten hits. The opposing pitchers had their offerings knocked all over the lot.

The championship was played Sunday with the Osceola Indians and Bulgren was in the box for Readlyn and proved once more the right to the title of strikeout artist and pitched his team to the State semi-pro baseball crown. He proved too much for Indianola who were unable to solve his delivery with the result that 15 whiffed the empty air and only four received hits.

The Readlyn batters meantime discovered the vulnerable spots in the Osceola pitching staff and put the run on three Osceola pitchers. Readlyn was easily the victor in this game by a score of 10-to-3 which decided the State semi-pro championship for 1933.

And so the championship title goes to Readlyn, a fact of which the entire town and community and neighboring towns are justly proud and, when the news was relayed by telephone to the local people, the first thought was to do something to prove their pride in their team's achievements. Mr. Zahn painted a large "Welcome Home" sign which was stretched across the street. Monday afternoon a close tab was kept when to expect the boys home. When the sign was given, bells rang, the fire whistle shrieked and auto horns blew, the band played and a large crowd watched eagerly for the first glimpse of the champions. After they arrived, several selections were played by the local band under the leadership of E. C. Stumme, and then the team and their manager, Erich Poock, were asked to get out of their cars and the various players introduced. Applause greeted each member of the team and then, with a few appropriate remarks, Mayor August F. Meyerhoff presented the keys to the Town of Readlyn to Mr. Poock after which the players were taken to Klemp's Beer Garden and treated.

In the evening the team directors, businessmen and several ladies banqueted the boys to a chicken dinner in Wolf's Hall where a number of speeches of congratulation were made to which members of the team responded. The concluding event of the festivities was a dance in Wolf's Hall which lasted until1:00 a.m. ~Lou and Grace Sherman—Readlyn

Chronicle, August 3, 1933

## Des Moines Register's Sec Taylor Comments

The recent state semi-pro tournament brought out the fact, just as the 1933 state high school basketball tournament, that the athletic teams from the larger towns and cities are not invulnerable; that the small town teams, if they play the game properly, can prevail.

Dunkerton, a Cass B team, won the high school championship and Readlyn, a neighbor of Dunkerton, showed some of the highly touted teams a thing or two in the state baseball tournament, by upsetting all opponents and winning the title.

Readlyn won convincingly, although it left much to be desired in the way of base-running. The new champions must have lost 10, possibly more, runs through timidness on the bases. But they offset this fault by their heavy hitting. Unlike many semi-pro clubs, they did not slash at the ball unless it was over the plate and, when the opposing hurler was forced to come in with it, they socked it.

Of course, the great pitching of Bullet Bulgren was the greatest factor in Readlyn's triumph, but, in two of the three games the champions played, they scored enough runs to win with most any hurler working for them. One of the unusual features of the meet was the fact that the most highly touted pitchers failed to deliver, with the single exception of Bulgren who proved to be all that been predicted of him.



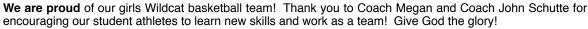
Cleaning chickens for the banquet honoring the returning baseball players from the state tournament were, left to right, Harold Miller, Henry Schumacher, Paul Matthias, Herb Pries and Herman Thran. Photo contributed



Front row, left to right, Wittenburg, Sertich, Strumpel, Mantz, Anderson, Meier, Gehrke. Back row, Chandler, Thran, Franh, Diekmann, Youngblud, Bulgren, Poock. Photo courtesy of the Des Moines Register

## News from Community Lutheran School







## **COMMUNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> celebrates



Community Lutheran School gives thanks to God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children they serve and for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with students and their families.

"Joy:Fully Lutheran" is the theme for the 2020 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 which says:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."



Community Lutheran School celebrated National School Choice Week! In our small, great town of Readlyn, we are proud to offer a choice in education. Community Lutheran School proudly offers a quality Christian learning environment for students preschool through sixth grade! Giving children the opportunity to be educated in a place that best meets their educational needs sparks the joy of learning and turns them into lifelong learners. www.communitylutheranschool.com.







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## Community Lutheran School

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- Saturday, April 4, 2020
- 9:00 AM Team Registration
- 2681 Quail Avenue, Readlyn, IA 50668
- 9:30 AM Games Begin

### 2020 Highlights

#### Come Hungry!!

- Different styles of dodgeball games!
- Those delicious deep fried Oreos and so much more!



#### **Event Details**

#### **Get Your Team Ready!!**

**Tournament Overview:** 

- Up to 6 players per team
- \$30 entry fee per team
- Registration Deadline is March 20
- All teams will play in the same bracket
- Player age is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 100+
- 18 = 100
- \$3 ADULT ADMISSIONS

#### **Email Your Registration Form**

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### Kids Free Play

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## News from Wapsie Valley Elementary







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> This blood drive is sponsored by St. Peter Lutheran Church

Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license.

## Readlyn Community Happenings

## Farm Bureau Financial Services opens new office in Readlyn

Lynne Bellile has opened a new office at 222 Main Street in Readlyn.



Lynne Bellile

Bellile looks forward to continuing to provide great service from this new location. Business hours for the Readlyn Service Center office will be 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. Appointments for assistance with insurance or financial services

Farm Bureau Financial Services agent can be made by calling 319-279-4001 or lynne.bellile@fbfs.com.

> The opening of the Readlyn office provides convenience to Farm Bureau client/ members in the area and makes it possible for Bellile to help more people protect what matters most. In addition to the new Readlyn office, Bellile will continue to serve her clients around the state of Iowa.

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## Real estate, mobile home property taxes due by March 31

By Sue Shonka, Bremer County Treasurer Bremer County property owners are reminded that the March 2020 property taxes are due. Payments can be made in the Bremer County Treasurer's Office at 415 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or mailed.

To avoid penalty, payments must be received in the office or postmarked before April 1, 2020. 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.

Property taxes can be paid online at www.iowatreasurers.org with E-Check, Discover, MasterCard or Visa. If paying with a credit or debit card, a non-refundable service delivery fee is applicable.

You can find your March 2020 property tax amount due, receipt number or payment made date at beacon.schneidercorp.

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Please feel free to contact the Bremer County Treasurer's Office at 319-352-0242 or by email sshonka@co.bremer. ia.us if you have any questions or con-

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## **Bremer County Fair Board meets** 4th Monday of the month

The Bremer County Fair Board tions and learn more about the new would like to make the public aware that, at 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of every month during their regular business meeting, there will be an opportunity to hear updates, ask ques-

### **Readlyn Historical** Society will meet Mon., March 30

Readlyn Historical Society will be meeting on Monday, March 30, at 7:00 PM in the historical building. If anyone would like to join us, please do as we need members to help keep our program going.

We would like to thank Bob Thran for all the interesting articles he has written for the Readlyn Chronicle. He approached the historical members with his ideas and we fully supported him. The museum will have a collection of all of his articles. We truly appreciate what you have done Bob — thank you. We are always told how people from other towns enjoy reading them as well as the Readlyn residents. Keep up the good work and thanks again.

fairgrounds project.

The Bremer County Fair Board meets from November through April in Tripoli at the Extension Office, then May through October in the 4-H Building at Waverly.

### **Pepper tournament** will be held March 7 at Watering Hole

The monthly pepper tournament was held at the Readlyn Library on Saturday, February 1. The winners and their scores

1st Place: Joan Matthias and Matt Brunscheon - 230

2nd Place: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 180

3rd Place: Lois Ganske and Grace Kuethe - 176

4th Place: Karan Boevers and Shirley Kuker - 171

Thank you to those who played. The next pepper tournament will be Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 P.M. at the Watering Hole. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner.

### **Grant Writing 101 scheduled for** Thursday, March 5 in Denver

Representatives of nonprofits, local government, schools and other organizations are encouraged to register for Grant Writing 101, which will be presented from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 at the Denver Public Library, 100 Washington Street, Denver, IA.

Grant Writing 101 will provide handson training in seeking and writing successful grant applications. The program is being sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach – Bremer County and Denver Public Library.

Fee for the workshop is \$25; a light meal will be provided at the start of the program. Registration is required by March 3 at the Bremer County Extension office (319-882-4292) or the Denver Public Library (319-984-5140).

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop, iPad or tablet device to the workshop, if they have one available.

Grant Writing 101 will be presented by Jane Nolan Goeken, Community and Economic Development Specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. Goeken has more than 30 years of experience writing and reviewing grant applications and working with various federal, state, local and private foundation grant programs. She will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources, and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications.

For more information about the workshops, contact Goeken at jngoeken@ iastate.edu or 712-240-2504.

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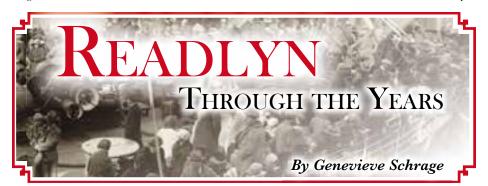
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#### The Ins and Outs of Balesville

Most of us have never heard of Balesville, but all we had to do is ask, "Do you recognize "Deadman's Corner?" Of course!!

In 1947, there was a man who moved into this area, who wanted to invoke a huge change. His name was not familiar, but it would soon be on many minds when the name was introduced. The name of Rex Bales soon became a household word after all the unforeseen things were about to happen.

Rex had bought the Seegers' farm estate on the southwest section of "Deadman's Corner," initially. Then he gradually added land on each of the other three corners. His main endeavor was to build aerials, and all with a cheap vision.

He had moved from the New Hartford area, and had accumulated moderate wealth during World War Two, by questionable means, and envisioned putting this money to work for him at this point.

Among his first ambitions was building a cement block shelter to be used for a gas station, along with a restaurant. These buildings were a little ways south of a rural school building, which had been in use in Bremer County up to that time. This was one of the last, newest school buildings — (Maxfield Township)—that had been built. It was soon to be sold and used elsewhere. Three years later, in 1950, Rex sought himself a wife — Helen was a worker.

It was about this time that Rex bought the old frame building at the Bremer County Home—1950. He had prepared, somewhat, for the Home. He had built several basement foundations. Then he started the move after the cement blocks were laid. These were three large sections to be moved separately, so it created quite a scene, coming down busy Highway U.S. 63 for 3 1/2 miles.

The first section collapsed as it was centered onto its foundation. Tragedy hit the second section in about the same way, but the third one and last section survived for many years—it was to become a grocery store, but no one saw any groceries go in or out of the building.

In the meantime, there were several small buildings, homes-to-be, moved onto the residential property, and occupied for a number of years — even a new house had been built and a decent older home had been moved in.

For a year or two, a temporary hut had been set up to display fresh produce during the summer months; however, the quality did not meet the standard that the Richmann produce stand had shown for many, many years, prior to the Bales' stand; and the Richmann stand, which stood at the opposite corner, continued on.

It was only a couple years before the horse business began in a big way, but it was not very prominent in the very beginning. Only a couple years after Rex had built-up on the east side, he started on the

west side, where he transformed the big barn into a lumber yard. He also had buildings in that area to "house" ailing horses. They also had quite a number of Bantam chickens, besides the standard breeds.

Rex brought in truckloads of horses—he had up to 150 head at one time. His specialty was Appaloosa. He put separate bunches in different areas of his land. They farmed only a very small area. They made hay for the winter months along the road ditches.

Then strangers passed through Balesville—that's what the neighbors called it. Most "outsiders" knew it to be "Deadman's Corner," and locals in the county called it "The Big Corner."

A race track was built in 1962 on part of the many acres, and plans were made to bring life back into Balesville by having big-time horse races every week during the warm months, but horse racing never came alive. Many people waited for action, but nothing happened.

As time went by, each individual creation at Balesville reached its death knell in due time, and had to be abandoned. The Highway Commission punished the Bales for not abiding, according to the laws of the state, so they took out the parking spaces in front of the restaurant and fill-

ing station. The station had to close. The restaurant had parking space available elsewhere, so it continued on for many more years. It had provided a good living for a number of families until it had to close after it was destroyed in a devastating fire.

The number of equine was decreasing as the years went by, and more and more pasture was converted to cropland. Rex passed away and Helen, who was 18 years younger, became sole owner. She was glad to get rid of the few remaining horses. She could now devote her time to getting rid of the accumulated junk. She had gotten notice of the big change to come at Balesville. Hoping that she could remain at the corner, she had the old farmhouse torn down, and a new house built on the same spot. It was eventually moved west of Denver, but Helen bought a house in Waverly — the house was quite recognizable after a while. In the summertime, sunflowers covered the picture window. It was only a couple years and no more sunflowers — Helen passed away, and so had Balesville.

We'll never know that Balesville was ever there—the "stop" signs are all gone, and the "rest stop" between Readlyn and Waverly is gone forever.











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A Fish Fry is planned for the American Legion Hall in Fairbank, this Friday, February 28, from 5-7 PM.

The meal will include: Alaskan Pollock fish, baked potatoes, baked beans, French fries, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, coffee and lemonade.

Other events are as follows:

#### March 13 Community Club Fish Fry

American Legion Hall 5 -7 PM

Alaskan Pollock fish, baked potatoes, French fries, Ted's Tators, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, coffee and lemonade; 50/50 draw raffle and door prizes; Adults \$10, Children \$5.

#### **April 13 IC Church Hall**

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The online grant application and guidelines can be found at either www.bremerccf.org or www.readlyncf.org. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2020 to be considered for funding. Grant recipients will be announced in June 2020.

First-time grant applicants should contact Dotti Thompson, program manager at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, at (319) 243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org prior to submitting an application. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization or government entity serving Bremer County in order to be considered for funding.

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Miss United State Agriculture is an organization of girls advocating for agriculture. Each queen chooses a platform for which they want to specifically teach to others.

Isabella's platform is animal nutrition. If anyone would like to support Isabella at the national pageant in June, feel free to vote for her to receive National People's Choice. It is \$1 a vote and all money will go towards scholarships given to the winners at the national pageant.

To vote, just visit the Miss United States Agriculture website and go to National People's Choice and vote for Belle Mohn Iowa's People's Choice.

If anyone of any age would like to get involved, they can sign up on the website! If you would like Isabella to attend any events or participate in any activities, contact her by emailing her at isabellamohn@yahoo.com.

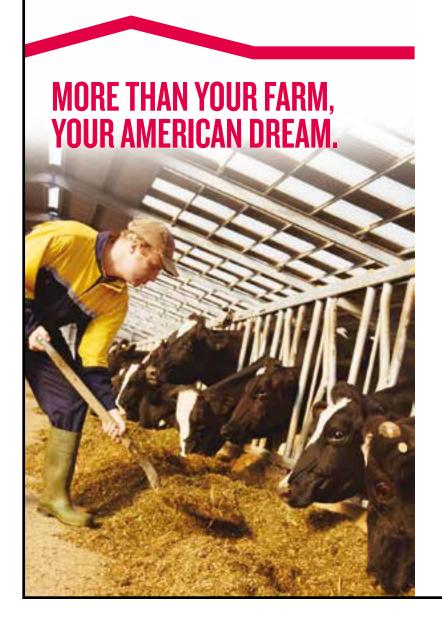


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#### **Passing It On**

My love for the outdoors is more than a hobby, it's a true lifestyle and passion that runs too deep in me to put into words. Being in the outdoors is something I just need to do, and I've always been lucky to have a supportive wife in Aubrey, of my passion, along with family and friends. But the last few years my passion has shifted some by not focusing so much of my time for myself, but to passing on my passion to the next generation. I get my daughter Delana out as much as I can, and have a lot of plans coming up in the outdoors this year.

A lot of my sponsorship, prostaff, and seminar work has become focused on helping the next generation and those that have just not had an opportunity to learn, get started and enjoy the outdoor activities that are such a huge part of my life. This month I will take you through a trip I recently had that ties right into this.

Around mid-January, I spent the weekend at the Iowa Boat, RV and vacation show working my sponsor's booth (Hank's Live Bait and Tackle), and presenting seminars on Iowa ice fishing. I met a lot of great people throughout the weekend and had great audiences at my seminars.

One particular young man in attendance was a new Readlyn resident, Jordan Anderson. Jordan is the son of Ben Anderson, Jess Buck's fiancé. My wife and I have become great friends with Jess and Ben and when I got to meet Jordan I knew he was excited about fishing. He recently moved here from Missouri and started attending

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Wapsie Valley after Christmas. He became very interested in ice fishing and attended one of my seminars that weekend. He was very focused and I could tell he was eager to go. The next weekend he got in touch with me and asked if I'd take him out and show him what it's all about. My schedule was open and Saturday afternoon we set out to a local backwater pond where I'd caught some crappie and bluegill early in the ice season. We talked on the way to the pond, and he told me about some of the things he had learned in my seminar and that he was going to try it out. I had to smile a bit to realize, what I was doing in these seminars, youngsters are listening.

As we arrived at the pond, there was snow on the ice so I didn't tell him where the land ended and the pond started. Being from Missouri, he had never walked on a frozen lake. After we were about 20 yards onto the pond, I asked Jordan how he was doing and he said, "Fine, why?" I then told him he was standing on eight feet of water. For a moment he seemed spooked, but had trust in me and proceeded.

I went to an area on the pond where I had caught fish before and drilled some holes. I told Jordan I would not even fish until he caught one. He looked at me as if I was crazy and said, "We might be here awhile." I had full confidence it wouldn't take long. I put the transducer of my fish finder in the hole and showed Jordan where the bottom was, what his jig looked like on the screen, and what a fish looked like on screen. He instantly started to tell me how I had talked about how to jig in certain situations and where bluegills



should be in the water column, and where the crappies should be. I then showed him how to rig the jig with a wax worm and then he reminded me how to adjust my knot on my jig to make it sit horizontal in the water. I was loving hearing how much he paid attention in the seminar.

The next step was to drop the jig down. He immediately saw his jig on the screen and a fish rise up off the bottom to the jig. The fish bumped his jig, but he missed it. He reeled up the line to check the jig, baited it and adjusted the knot without me doing anything. He dropped it back down and immediately hooked up with a bluegill! He fought it to the surface and had his first ice fish ever!

The look on his face was priceless, and he was so proud of himself with what he learned and seeing it all come together! Needless to say, I was proud of him and he instantly told me, "OK, Eric, you can fish now. That only took two minutes, I can't believe it!"

"Not too bad for a guy that's only been ice fishing for a total of two minutes!" I said to him with a smile. It didn't take him long to catch a few more. Soon, he and I started using some of the tactics I had taught in the seminar of moving around and fishing structure. At one point, I had caught a small bass that put up a pretty good fight and Jordan watched. Soon after Jordan yelled to me excitedly that his fish finder was lit up with fish. He then hooked up. His rod was bent over and he was taking his time like I had taught him. I ran over to help him out just in time to see the biggest crappie I had seen all season come right up to the hole, turn sideways and not fit through an eight-inch diameter hole. As

he turned, the jig popped off and it became the big fish that got away.

Jordan was a little bummed, but stayed excited and caught more fish. He ended the trip with 13 bluegills, a bass, and a good fish story to tell about that crappie!

As we drove home, he was excited and wants to go again! He thanked me and it was a lot of fun getting him back home and relaying the story to his dad, Ben. At the same time, I had to thank Ben for allowing me to take his son and passing on a passion of mine.

I can't put into words how good of friends my wife and I have become with Jess, Ben, and their boys and girls. It meant a lot to teach Jordan how to ice fish, especially when it was something very new to him. What I'm relaying to you this month, is to pass it on where you can. Take your son, daughter, or the kid down the street that might have interest, but was afraid to ask. I can't tell you what that feeling is like to see a kid's look when they catch that first fish, harvest that first animal, or just learn something new outdoors.

Passing it on has become quite a passion for me and something I will continue to do. Our sport is counting on it for our outdoor traditions to continue into the next generations!

One last thing before I go: I will be at the Eastern Iowa Sportshow, UNI Dome Cedar Falls March 13-15 in the Hank's Live Bait and Tackle booth and presenting seminars throughout the weekend on bass fishing. The seminars will be done from on top of a huge fish tank with fish and I'll be casting to them and going over techniques. Something you won't want to miss!! Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!!



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## Wapsie Valley Future Farmers of America



Some students have a conversation with one of the visiting colleges.



Students are able to try out Iowa State's virtual reality headset, learning more about the technology side of the college.

## Wapsie Valley FFA hosts College and Career Fair

By Hannah Miller, Chapter Secretary

On November 26, 2019 the Wapsie Valley FFA was fortunate enough to host the bi-annual College and Career Fair at the Wapsie Valley High School. What makes this event unique is that it wasn't only limited to Wapsie grades 9-12, but

senior classes. Between Wapsie Valley High School, Jesup High School, and Dunkerton High School attendees, there were over 250 students in attendance. The fair had over 30 booths from colleges and career opportunities across the entire state of Iowa. Seventeen classrooms also school students. Employers were given the opportunity to host a session that they were able to go more in-depth about what their career offered and answer questions that students may have about that specific career. Students were asked to fill out a survey to be placed in the rooms with

to maximize the benefits of the day and make sure that every new session was engaging and aligned with that student's specific interests.

This day was an amazing opportunity for all students to take advantage of! It allowed underclassmen to get an idea of different career opportunities that they can pursue, as well as helping upperclassmen finalize their future career plans. Wapsie Valley junior Alyx Dixon said, "I really enjoyed going to the career fair and talking to colleges I might be interested in, talking to people who are still in college and learning about their experiences and personal advice." When asked what she liked best about the career fair, Jesup junior Anna Sweeney responded, "I could look at all of these potential colleges that I could go to. It was a lot of fun and it was nice that we could choose what we wanted to look at."

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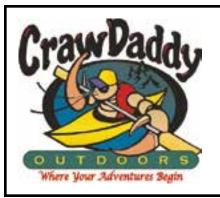
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