

Who will become the next Grump?

There are two candidates for the title of 2020 Grump. Who will it be?



Marlys Deterding

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I was raised on a farm east and north of Readlyn, my parents were Ervin and Marena Petersen. I had a sister, Marilyn, and brothers, Robert and Roger.

After graduation from Wapsie Valley in 1961, I went to work at Schoitz Hospital in Waterloo. In 1964, I married Lawrence Brogan and lived in Waterloo. In 1972, we

moved to the Lawler area, my husband worked at the Kitchens of Sara Lee. My husband died in 1989, I continued to live in New Hampton and worked at Mercy Medical Center in Physical Therapy. In July of 2003, I started working as a Lab Assistant. I retired from the hospital in 2008. I am a lifetime member of the auxiliary.

In 2005, I married Roger Deterding. We have 3 daughters, Dawn of Tripoli, Dahne, Mason City, Shawn of Fairfield. We have 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

I am a member of St. Paul's Church, member of the Mary Martha Circle, currently I am secretary, I have held several offices. I am past president of the Westgate Zone.

The Readlyn Gardeners keep me busy during the summer. I belong to the Community Club.

I enjoy playing cards, gardening, canning, and spending time with grandchildren, friends and family.

Larry Sauerbrei

I was born on December 6, 1954, a few minutes after my twin brother, Gary. Although we are identical twins, I tell people I am the "better looking, smarter one." However, I'm sure Gary says the same thing. Wes and Delores were my parents, and Gary, Cheryl, Jerry, and Teresa are my siblings.

On February 1, 1975, I married Deb Heineman. We have four children: Brent, Tara (Schaes), Brandon (BJ), and Danielle (Miller). We also have twelve wonderful grandchildren whom we enjoy watching as they participate in their various events.



Larry Sauerbrei

I am an active member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Readlyn where I have held various council positions over the years.

I started working for Burton Thies learning the carpenter trade during the summer while I was in high school. This experience led me into my hobby of "flipping (buying, fixing up and reselling) houses." I have flipped quite a few houses in Readlyn. My goal is always to make the yard, house, and thus the community a much better place to live in.

My wife and I bought The Center Inn in 1996 from Erv and Lou Forstch. We have many wonderful memories providing events for the community such as: bringing in comedians, hypnotists, sumo wrestling, and NASCAR. We also hosted many wedding receptions, as well as providing "small town" food for the community.

I worked at the Readlyn Elementary School from approximately 2000-2016 as the maintenance worker/custodian. I really enjoyed working with the staff and loved being around the kids at the school, many of whom were my grandkids. I also enjoyed helping with community events in the gym such as Memorial Day services.

My parents, Wes and Delores, were avid volunteers in Readlyn, and I hope to follow in their footsteps. My dad was the 1997 Grump, and I know it meant a lot to him. If selected as the 2020 Grump, I would fulfill all the obligations and would happily represent our great town.

Message from the Readlyn Community Club

Effective until further notice, the Readlyn Community Club will be canceling all meetings.

This includes the annual meeting which was scheduled for March 28, Grump Days planning meetings and the regular business meetings.

The Community Club will email more information as it is decided upon. To be included

in these communications, please send RCC your email.

A donation letter will be mailed out for the Community Club. This includes a section that allows for voting on the 2020 Grump! This will be arriving in the mail soon.

This was a hard decision for the RCC to make, but the safety of this community is its top priority.

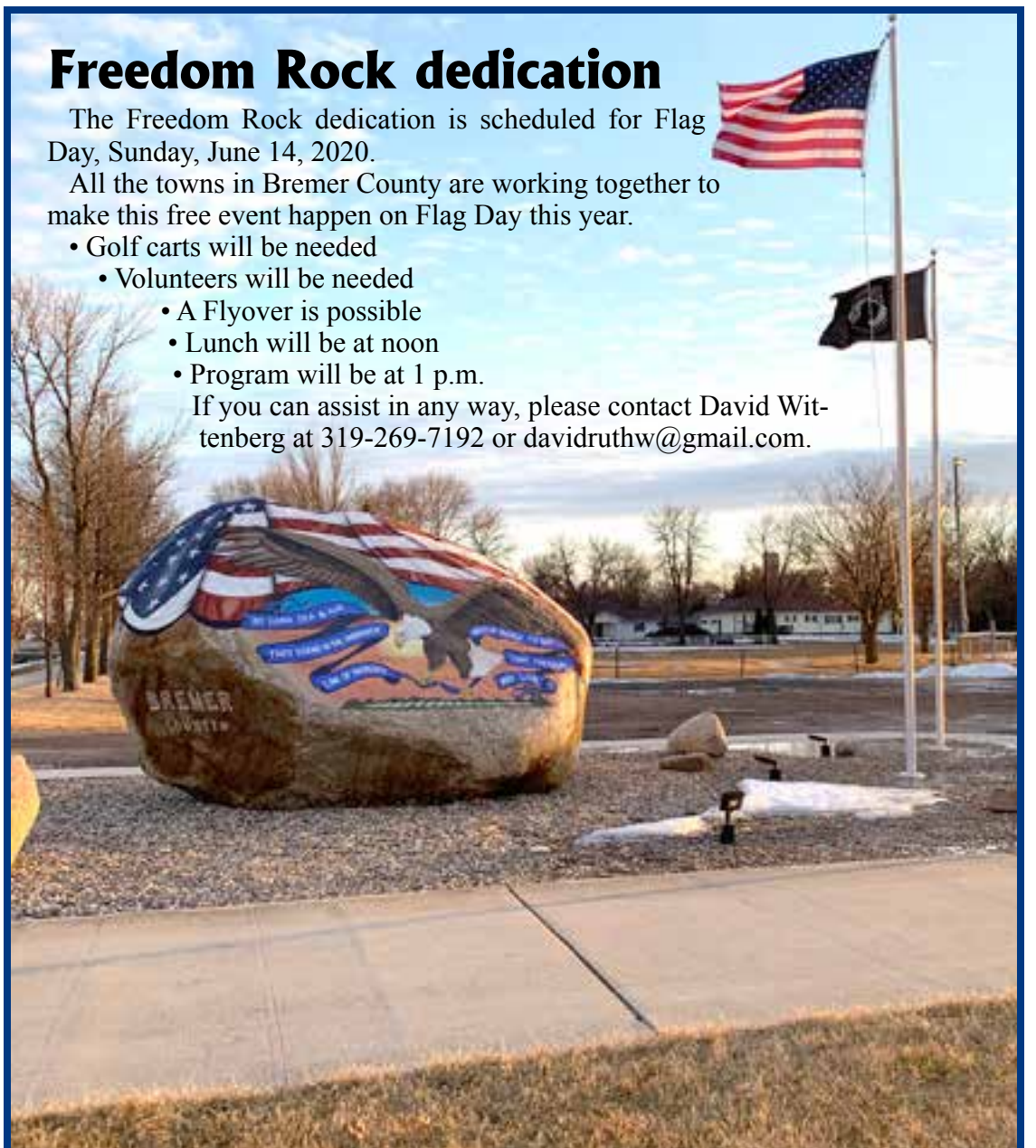
Freedom Rock dedication

The Freedom Rock dedication is scheduled for Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2020.

All the towns in Bremer County are working together to make this free event happen on Flag Day this year.

- Golf carts will be needed
- Volunteers will be needed
- A Flyover is possible
- Lunch will be at noon
- Program will be at 1 p.m.

If you can assist in any way, please contact David Wittenberg at 319-269-7192 or davidruthw@gmail.com.



Leaf Burning

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

Wilbert Huebner/100th birthday

Wilbert Huebner of Readlyn will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 17, 2020.

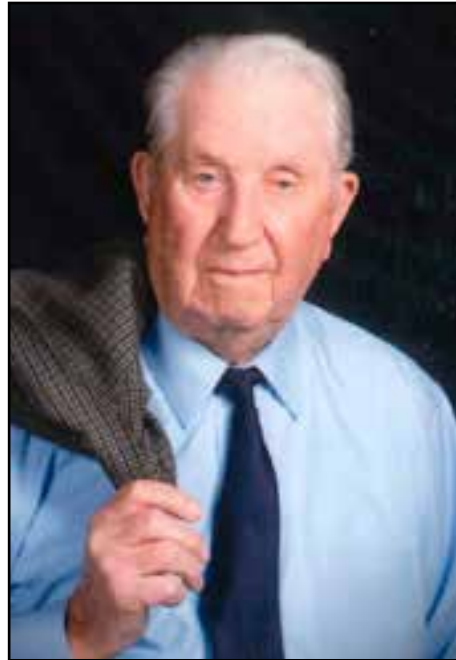
An open house, hosted by his family, will be held Sunday, April 19, from 11 AM-12:30 PM at the Commons area of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Klinger, Readlyn. A family dinner will follow at 1 PM. No invitations are being sent and the honoree requests no gifts.

Wilbert Huebner was born April 17, 1920, to William and Martha (Meyerhoff) Huebner. Wilbert served with the Coast Guard for one year and the Navy for three years during World War II. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean 22 times, the Mediterranean Sea 18 times, the Pacific Ocean twice, the Equator four times and the International Dateline twice during his service.

Wilbert married Irene Schroeder on October 26, 1947, in Tripoli. He was a farmer and rural letter carrier.

Wilbert is the father of Dan (Bev), Grinnell, Iowa; Bruce of Readlyn, and Rick (Janet) of Readlyn. He has 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to him at: P.O. Box 207, Readlyn, IA 50668.



Wilbert Huebner

Senior Citizens meet Feb. 19

On February 19, 2020, 16 members attended the 11:30 meal at Inspired for the Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting. The meeting was called to order by Ron Leistikow. The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$213.00.

The secretary's minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting were read. There was a correction that the year should have read 2020 not 2019. Correction was made.

Motion was made by Charlie Albrecht and seconded by Marlys Deterding to approve the treasurer's report and secretary's minutes with the one correction. Motion carried.

The members all sang "Happy Birthday" to Marlys Deterding as her birthday was February 11, 2020.

The members all sang "Happy Anniversary" to Larry and Janet Ladage as they celebrated their 42nd year of marriage on February 10, 2020.

Verdeen Pavelec thanked the group for the card she received as she had pneumonia and was in the hospital and returned home.

No Old Business New Business

The Annual Community Club meeting will be on 03/28/2020 at the Watering Hole and will start at 5:30 (canceled).

The Grump candidates are Marlys Deterding and Larry Sauerbrei. They will be voted on at the Annual Community Club meeting (canceled).

Charlie Albrecht and David Wittenburg met with the County VFW groups to plan the dedication of the Freedom Rock. Possibilities are the date of June 14, 2020, Flag Day, Gary Smith DJ-playing patri-

otic music, Air National Guard fly-over and the Waverly-Shell Rock Drum and Bugle Corp. playing. Further discussions and meetings will take place to set up date, time and program.

The Denver Genealogy meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 25 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Denver Library. The program will be on the USS Iowa Battleship.

A new receptacle will be built at Kwik Star for the pop can donations.

Bob Thran read a newspaper article from February 26, 1938 on the Readlyn High School's basketball team advancing to the sectionals. Wilbert Huebner played on this team. A future *Chronicle* will have an article from 1933 when Readlyn played in the state baseball tournament.

On April 17, 2020 Wilbert Huebner will be 100 years young.

The next Senior Citizens Meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 11:30 at Inspired. Motion was made by Sonja Bast and seconded by Roger Deterding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

MaryLou Billhorn Secretary

Thank You

to my children for the wonderful family birthday party. Thank you, family and friends, for the beautiful birthday cards, visits, birthday wishes, prayers, gifts and calls. It was very much appreciated.

God's blessings!
Verdeen Pavelec



3rd District President Monte Fischels (center) visited with members of the Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 at their recent meeting.

Auxiliary meets at the library

The Wayne Teisinger V.F.W. Auxiliary #5661 met March 10, 2020 at the Readlyn Library with 5 members present and 2 guests. 3rd District President Monte Fischels visited the Auxiliary. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. A Poppy boutonniere with \$10 in it was presented to Monte. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The General Orders and Chairman reports were read by all. A bill was turned in. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to pay the bill. Carried.

Post Commander Charlie Albrecht brought us an update on the Freedom Rock dedication June 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Volunteer hours were turned in and January hours were sent in. We're working on

year-end reports March 19. Cards are going to be mailed to Vietnam Veterans for Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29. Twelve Legislative letters were handed out to mail for Retired Pay Restoration Bill for Veterans. Delegate Wilda Albrecht and Alternate Ellen Thies will attend 3rd District meeting which will be April 25 at Cresco. 27 canceled stamps were turned in. 1,755 pop tabs were turned in.

Get-well cards and Kwik Trip gift cards were sent to Corlyn Frietag, Jackie Clemen and Mary Lockard, who were hospitalized. Monte gave comments on our Auxiliary. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Ellen Thies to adjourn. Carried. Closed with prayer. Hostess was Marjorie Macken.

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The Readlyn Valentine Ball Committee is excited to announce this year's senior scholarship opportunity! All Wapsie Valley High School 2020 seniors with a Readlyn address, Readlyn telephone number, or those who completed grade school at Readlyn Elementary are eligible to apply for this \$500 scholarship. The subject of this scholarship is "My Readlyn Community Involvement." Please submit a well-written, thought-provoking 300-word minimum essay describing ways you volunteered in Readlyn and have been involved in the Readlyn community throughout the years. Describe how your involvement has impacted you and influenced your future plans. Submissions

can be dropped off or mailed to the Readlyn Library no later than Monday, April 20, 2020. The scholarship winner will be announced in the May *Chronicle* as well as by mailed letter. The Valentine Ball Committee believes that Readlyn offers priceless opportunities to give roots and wings to our young citizens. Roots to hold them strong in their beliefs and where they can always call home. Experiences to help them spread their wings and contribute to the bigger world outside of our great town.

The Valentine Ball ended last year. Money still in the account will provide scholarships for at least four years.

Kim Brown & Ron Leistikow

Miss Readlyn Comments



By Anna Richards

Wow! What a crazy two weeks we have had. At the beginning of last week the whole community was down in Des Moines cheering on the boys' basketball team and, by the end of the week, we were stuck watching it online cheering them on from home. Huge congratulations to the boys on their State Champion title. They have worked so hard this year and deserve every bit of their success. I had so much fun cheering them on this year and wish them best of luck in their next season.

On March 14, our FFA was supposed to travel to Edgewood Colesburg to compete at districts, but our plans ended up being changed for this event as well. This year we had to compete from our own schools in the first-ever virtual district competition. We set up classrooms at the high school with computers and other props we needed, then we had to use Google Meet to videochat with the judges and participate in our different competitions. It was a great learning experience for us and the judges, and overall our chapter did very well.

We have four events moving on to State competition in April: Extemporaneous Speaking - Ethan Oltrogge, Job Interview - Sloane Banger, Program of Activities - Anna Richards, Hannah Miller, and Kennadi Neil, and Experience the Action - Nick Grober, Mary Bodensteiner, Ellie Neil, Bridget Seemann, Ryan Schares, Courtney Schmitz, and Elle Voy. Our other members did a great job in their events as well.

On March 15, we learned that we would not be able to go back to school for four weeks due to the Coronavirus. I know some students are excited about this time off especially after we learned that we do not have to make up the time. However, I would rather be at school enjoying the last part of my senior year.

I was going to participate in golf for the first time this year which I was very excited about. A lot of the events I was going to attend/participate in the next few weeks have been canceled. I am hoping that we will still be able to have State FFA, Prom, graduations, etc. If not, this will definitely be a senior year that I will never forget!

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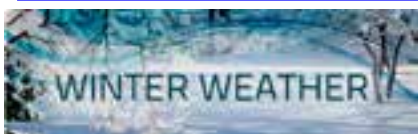


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Coronavirus Precautions

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

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

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Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran



Readlyn's Ford Garages

The enlarged historic photo, shown above, was copied from a postcard. Readlyn's first Ford dealership was located in the building directly across Main Street from the library. The date on the front of the building is 1913, the year of construction. The Ford dealership was the first occupant. There is a sign on the left, Auto Livery, on the upper part of the sign, and beneath, in larger letters, Garage.

Miriam-Webster Dictionary defines livery stable as a business where horses and automobiles can be rented or stabled. There is also a sign on the window that states this is an Authorized Ford Dealership. The automobiles in the picture were very early Ford models.

Several proud owners posed on Main Street with their automobiles for this photo. A photographer developed this scene onto a postcard. I do not know when this early Ford dealership was no longer at this location. However, Fred Meyer, in the '30s, placed an ad in the *Readlyn Chronicle* stating how much he was paying for eggs. His produce business was located in this building. Bill Everding owned a garage and Standard gas station and assumed the Ford dealership. He sold Fords ordered through Coonradt in Waverly. My Dad bought a 1937 and a 1940 Ford from Bill.

His former garage building is located on Third Street a half block west of Main Street.

I remember Herman Schweer, Elmer Schneider, Fred Meyer and Bill Buhr, father of Willard and Maynard, were still driving Model T Fords in 1947.

The upper story of the Ford garage was known as Wolff's Hall, rented out for wedding dances, banquets, boxing matches, etc. The building on the right was a hardware store. In front, a sign advertises cutlery.

In the '30s and '40s, the *Readlyn Chronicle* was printed here. Two apartments occupied the upper floor, The Kuethe family lived in the back apartment during the '30s and '40s. Today, a unique restaurant, Inspired, owned by Kim Brown, occupies the lower floor.

Albert Oltrogge purchased the egg-buying business from Fred Meyer. In the late '30s, Dick Meyer, Wayne Kuethe and I worked for Albert assembling egg crates from 6 individual pieces of wood. Each crate took 45 nails. On a good day we could nail together 100 crates. Dick and I, in 1944, were paid 2 cents per crate; later Wayne earned 2 1/2 cents. We all were 15 years old at the time we worked for Albert.

Albert paid cash for eggs brought in. His son, Fred, ran several egg routes picking up eggs from farmers. He had to have quite a sum of money on hand. No after hours deposit was available at the bank. Not a problem during the day, however after 6:00 pm in winter or on Wednesday movie nights and also Saturday nights, carrying his cash home in the dark was a problem. His solution: Albert would lock up, walk north, cross 4th Street, then northeast down the diagonal, cross the street, turn right to his home, the second house, now owned by Tom Sickles. On this walk he cradled his cash box in his left arm and in his right hand he toted a big pistol which swung at his side, with his finger on the trigger. Albert told me of this incident: As he was about to close he saw a person lurking in the shadows in his building. He confronted the person. He would not come out of the dark. As Albert went for the handle of his Cities Service gas pump to use as a weapon, the person dashed out of the building. Albert never knew his identity.

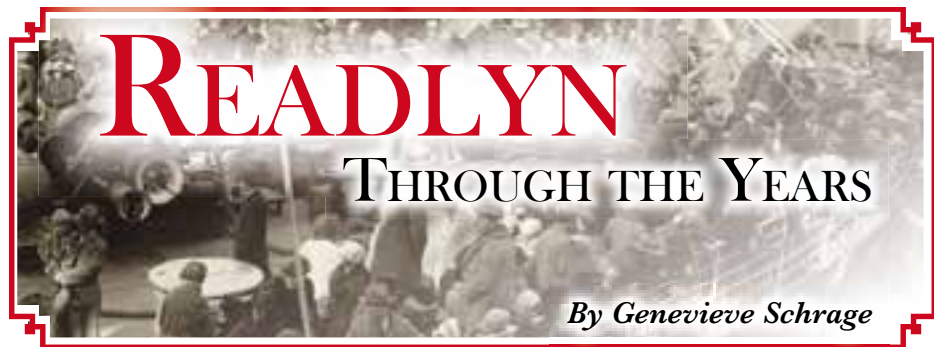
Next month, an interesting subject, horses and barns in Readlyn.



Photos from Patent Bill Schumacher's Album. Courtesy of Marv and Helen Schumacher. Patent Bill Schumacher was a creative genius and a pioneer in technology. I can believe that he was one of the first in the area to own an automobile. Made into a postcard (above), the house in the background was on a farm 4 miles west of Readlyn. The loaded trailer attached to the 1920 Model T no doubt was constructed by Patent Bill.



An early Ford truck was hauling some type of machinery.



The Restaurant Business!

In the midst of the survival of Balesville, otherwise known as the Big Corner, more notably known as “Deadman’s Corner,” the Bill Schrage daughters, Charissa and Catherine, had concluded their college days and were looking for perhaps some unique work that would coordinate with their college-training. What am I saying? How many times do these things happen?

These girls were born and reared only a mile away from their eventual job destination, but that didn’t occur for about twenty-two years later. The job-opening presented itself, but they were looking for a “million-dollar return” from their educational training; however, they were wise enough to surmise that would never ever happen.

Catherine had taken a job as a waitress in a small restaurant after completing her two years at Ellsworth (Iowa Falls), and then did some training in Key Punch, then went on to being a waitress again. That’s not what one would call “advancement.” A short time later, Charissa finished at U.N.I. That’s when the two girls had their “eyes and ears” open to any kind of work.

The restaurant at the Big Corner had had steady operators through the years, and it appeared that it didn’t lack customers. That was an “eye-opener” for the girls who had been in 4-H for nine years and loved to cook. They also realized that restaurant cookery would be slightly different from home-cooking. Charissa majored in home-ec—that might help a

little bit. Then the big break came, when “Penny” and her husband (who wasn’t much help) decided to move back to Dumont, their hometown. It was a desperate call. “Penny” had been “stationed” at the Big Corner for 7 years and had attracted many customers, but now she had had a call from her hometown to come back. The town had a vacant lot which was an ideal spot for a restaurant to accommodate the many farmers who were increasing in numbers, bringing loads of grain to the elevator. They were selling or storing the grain, and, in most cases, had to wait in line to unload. Where could they wait? The elevator was beside the railroad track, which was beside a main highway, an ideal spot for a restaurant, so “Penny” moved back to Dumont.

I had wondered whether Bill was just joking when he approached the girls about operating the restaurant. It did have a very good location, and all it needed was good food, good prices and all-around good management. Anyway, that opened a big “can of worms.” The girls braved it to ask Rex if they could rent the place—no problem!!! Within six weeks, the restaurant had new curtains, a new paint job, a move to, and into, the overhead apartments in the building, besides new operating equipment--I probably forgot much more.

The girls decided that the first day of their opening, was not going to be their “Grand Opening.” They needed a little “practice before doing,” so no “Grand Opening” yet. They were going to be very

discreet about when the big opening event was going to be, and not tell anyone. The neon light fixture was going to be the only clue that the C & C Cafe was open and that said CAFE. They eventually were going to open at 6:00 A.M., but the first day it was only going to be open at 10:00 A.M., so they wouldn’t need to make many breakfasts, if any. They only had a few dozen eggs on hand, and they had sent me after a few more dozen.

Well, they thought that they had everything taken care of. They hadn’t told any of our close “eager-to-tell” friends about this big day, so they turned on the neon light at 10:00 A.M. I was glad that I was not there at that time, because, when I got back with the eggs at 10:45 A.M., they had a couple of friends standing at the front door, “Hurry up with the eggs.” I guess that they were not planning to make breakfasts all day long, but then they decided that it was the easiest thing to make as long as they had plenty of eggs. There were semis parked everywhere along the shoulder of the highway, besides the many automobiles filled the parking lot. It was chaos!!!

I had made a number of pies and they were about gone—I hadn’t even begun to make 560 or more rolls a week, nor helped make salads for their salad bar, besides roasting turkeys for their once-a-month turkey Sunday. I won’t go any further!!! The pies took most of my time for their sake.

Do you know what??? The girls never had a “Grand Opening Day.” They called April 24, 1972 their BIG Day. Our 25th wedding anniversary was two days later, but we were glad that we had not planned a big celebration.

The first year of helping the girls manage a restaurant was a very busy one. So many people encouraged them to “close” on Mondays, which seemed to be a slower day of the week, especially after those very busy Sundays. At the beginning of 1973, they did close on Mondays.

Some of the noteworthy occurrences as time went by were: two of our very dear neighbors had girls who were about to begin high school that autumn, and who wished to have some kind of penny-making job to help pay for perpetual expenses while in high school. Our girls had already been searching for good reliable help, and these girls were part of the answer. They began their work almost immediately and every Sunday from the very beginning in April, until four years later when our girls were planning to close. They opened at 8 A.M. on Sundays and these girls worked

the full day. After the noon rush and until suppertime, the girls had a bit of a rest. They were always happy with their tips, etc. It seemed that the church-goers had open-hearts and open billfolds when it came time to pay their bills. I don’t remember that the girls missed a day of work during that 4-year period. During this time, we had two weddings in the family, besides two high school graduations. There were several minor accidents, but all recovered nicely. Another incident of longevity was the week-long dishwasher—Kathy spent the full four years washing dishes.

It was only a short time after the girls opened that an elderly couple from Denver discovered that I made coconut cream pie every day and two on Sundays. They did not miss a day of coming from Denver at two o’clock, for a piece of pie, coconut cream pie. If it looked as if there might be no pieces left, then the waitress would rescue the last two pieces. On Sunday, the waitresses always saved two pieces when I brought the pies.

The couple never missed a Sunday afternoon either. There was one Sunday when the waitresses forgot to save the pie and it was discovered at almost one o’clock that there were two empty pans, so, since I had gone home early, I got the message, but I had extra crusts—I baked one while I made the filling, etc. I delivered the pie about fifteen minutes before the recipients were due. When the pie was cut and ready to eat, the lady marveled at the fact that it was still warm.

Some never to be forgotten events were the Sunday, April 9, 1973, at noon, yes a snowstorm that lasted for two days. By Monday afternoon, Highway U.S. 63 was closed north of the Big Corner, so the C & C Cafe was host to many stragglers who could go no further. Lucky for the girls, they had two apartments upstairs and many booths downstairs, along with food until they practically ran out.

Mother’s Days were not to be forgotten either—they were days that were meant to take “Mother” out to eat, and the girls found that to be true. They had begged a lot of their friends to help out. It was a Sunday, so that worked very well.

Finally, the time came when the husbands decided that the girls were working too hard. The first Sunday in April 1976, was closing day, and what a busy day, into the night, and so many “Goodbyes.”

Among the crowd were quite a number of “would-like-to-be” prospective operators of the restaurant. After only a few years, the place was destroyed by fire.

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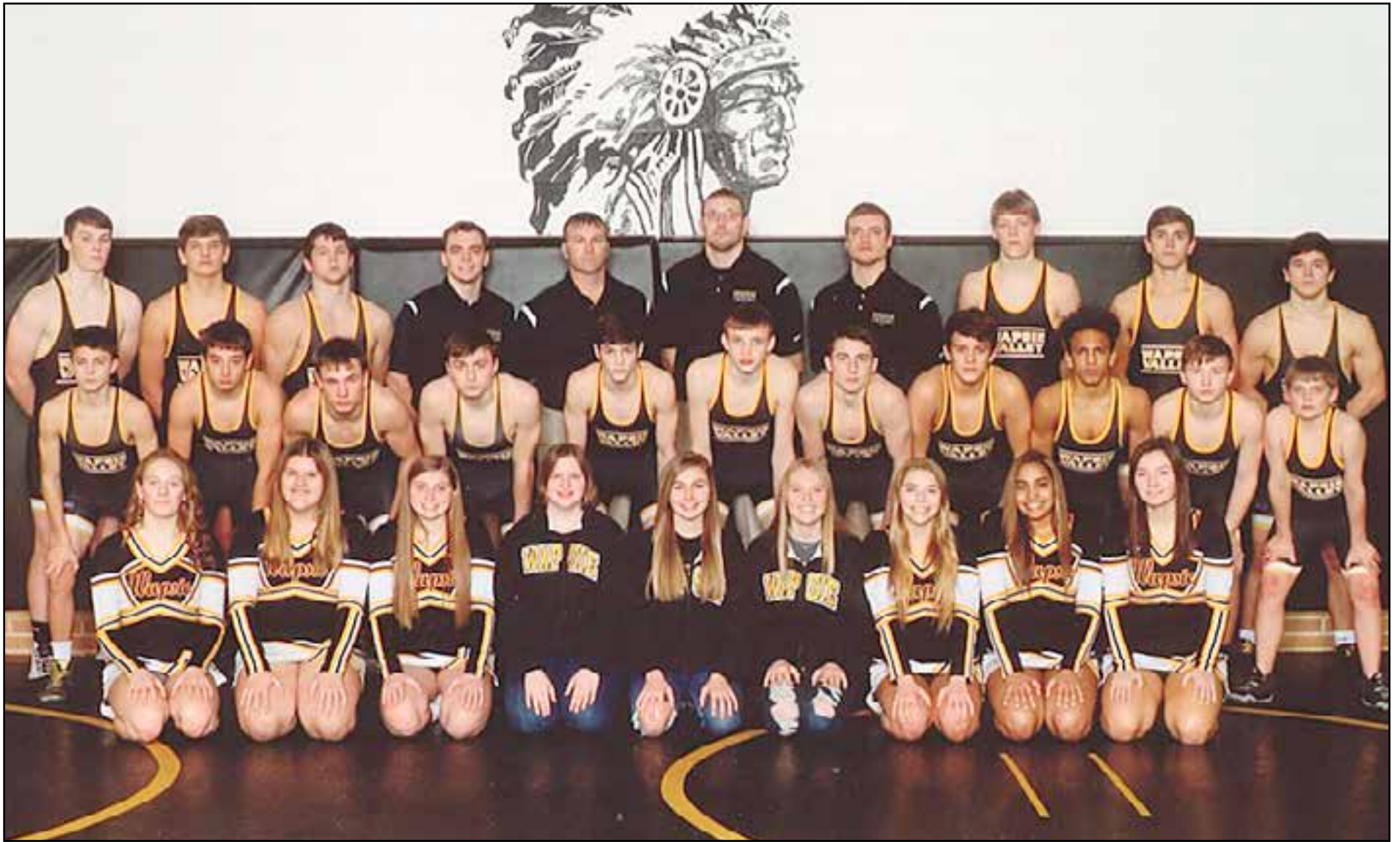
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Front row, left to right: Autumn Sullivan, Elly Schares, Chloe Kleinheksel, Jayden Wagner, Ally Parker, Sydnie Martin, Sunny Kempes, Baylee McMahon, Olivia Oldfather; middle row: Dawson Schmit, Cole Snyder, Tylan Hirsch, Reese Welcher, Gavin Leistikow, Cannon Joerger, Sam Banger, Skylar Plaster, Isaiah Price, Austin Hesse, Tyce Hagenow; back row: Keegon Brown, Kaden Brady, Isiah Morse, Coach Wyatt Forsyth, Coach Brian Krall, Coach Danny Adams, Coach Beau Sorenson, Hunter Ackerman, Brady Benning, Brock Beesecker.

Pepper Tournament

The winners and their scores from the recently held pepper tournament were:

1st Place: Don Childs and Dave Schumacher - 187

2nd Place: Barb Meyer and Judy Henn - 173

3rd Place: Karan Boevers and Shirley Kuker - 161

4th Place: Deb Brunscheon and Joan Matthias - 133

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The Matthias family at family breakfast



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Warriors on the Mat

Another season of Wapsie Valley Wrestling is in the books.

Even though the schedule was a bit abbreviated due to the cancellations of two tournaments, the wrestlers made great strides and improved throughout the season. This year's Warrior lineup consisted of various combinations of their two seniors, four juniors, three sophomores, and seven freshmen. Each wrestler stepped up at some point in the season when the team needed to fill a spot in the dual team lineup.

On Thursday, January 23, at a home dual, the three Warrior seniors were recognized by fans for their dedication and accomplishments throughout the years. Senior Reese Welcher, who battled back from an ankle surgery in the fall, wrestled the second half of the season at 138. He is a 2018 state qualifier and earned his 100th career win at the Sectional Tournament.

Brock Beesecker ended his wrestling career with his best season yet. He tallied 18 wins and was a workhorse in the practice room.

Ally Parker has been a dedicated manager for the team since coming to Wapsie Valley High School as a sophomore. She has been focused on doing anything she can to help the team.

We wish these three seniors the best in their future endeavors at Iowa State, Hawkeye, and UNI respectively. We thank them for their contributions to our team and school.

The Warriors rallied at the end of the season, while dealing with injuries and illness, to finish 6th out of 13 teams at the NICL Conference Tournament. The day was highlighted by freshman Dawson Schmit earning 2nd Team All-Conference honors and junior Isiah Morse bringing home a conference championship and 1st Team All-Conference recognition.

The Sectional Tournament was held at MFL MarMac on February 8 and the Warriors came ready to battle. Individually, nine of the 13 wrestlers placed in the top three in their respective weight classes. This propelled the team to a 2nd place finish and extended their dual season as they qualified for the regional duals for

the third time in the last four years and the ninth time in school history.

Sectional placewinners were 3rd place: 120-FR Isaiah Price, 160-SR Brock Beesecker, 170-SO Hunter Ackerman, 220-FR Keegon Brown; 2nd place: 145-JR Brady Benning, 152-JR Tylen Hirsch; 1st place: 106-FR Dawson Schmit, 138-SR Reese Welcher, and 182-JR Isiah Morse.

The five individuals who placed first or second, Schmit, Welcher, Benning, Hirsch, and Morse, all qualified for the District meet the next week at Starmont High School. After a tough day of wrestling, in a district that boasted two ranked teams, Dawson Schmit was the lone Warrior who came out with his first ticket to the State Tournament.

Schmit entered the state tournament in Des Moines as the ninth seed in just the second year that the tournament has been seeded. The stage was not too big for Dawson, as he pinned junior John Schroder of Oakland-Riverside in 2:31 in the first round. The second day of the tournament pitted Schmit against number one seed, Quincy Happel of Lisbon. Once again, Dawson rose to the challenge and controlled the match, winning 12-7 and solidifying his spot on the podium. The semi-finals brought on a rematch of the district final with Jaiden Moore of Don Bosco. Schmit narrowed the gap, but came up just short, losing 2-4. Saturday morning, the 106-pound freshman met up with Kael Petersen from West Fork, who had racked up three bonus-point victories on the backside. Dawson put an end to that streak when he initiated a flurry in the last minute of the match, which led to a reversal and pin just before time ran out. In the 3rd place match, he fought hard against a tough opponent in Garrett Rinken of Nashua Plainfield. Schmit ended his tournament by representing Wapsie Valley in the Grand March on Saturday night and took his well-deserved 4th place spot on the podium.

The Warriors will be working hard in the off-season and look forward to your support as they continue to battle it out on the mat in the future! Go Warriors!



District Qualifiers - Front row, left to right: Reese Welcher, Dawson Schmit, and Isiah Morse; back row: Tylen Hirsch and Brady Benning.



Schmit drives top-seeded Happel to his back in an exciting quarterfinal win.



Dawson Schmit earns 4th place at the 2020 Iowa State Tournament, the highest ever, for a Wapsie Valley freshman.

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With this month's title, most of you would think I'm talking about getting ready for Iowa's spring turkey seasons. And while that is on my mind, along with spring fishing on its way, what I'm talking about is getting your 2020 deer season started now! Wait.... It's spring, Eric.... Whatever do you mean??? In this month's article, I'll break it down for you.

As you are reading this, it's late March and signs of spring are all around us. Robins in our yards, red-winged blackbirds on the fence lines, and plentiful waterfowl using the Wapsi to make their annual spring migration north. While this gets me in full gear for fishing and turkey hunting, it also brings a level of excitement thinking of the fall ahead. I know I may sound crazy, but not a day goes by that I don't think about bow-hunting whitetails and how to make my time in the woods more successful. This is the time of year that I can make my road map and start a plan for that big buck come fall.

As the snow melts, it opens up a preserved time capsule, so to speak, of everything that happened in your hunting area the previous fall. Shed antler hunting continues to gain popularity across the country, and, while I love to find sheds, they have become more of a bonus while spring scouting than a purpose. If I'm

dedicated to strictly shed hunting, I will approach the woods much differently than I do scouting.

I find most of my shed antlers in bedding areas and in fields where they feed. My purpose with spring scouting is to try to figure out how bucks traveled, fed, bedded, rubbed, scraped, and where they lived in October and November. I'm not all that interested in where they lived in February and shed their antlers.

With that being said, I start by looking at aerial photos of the particular property I'm scouting to hunt. I want to first search out the food source and the thicker bedding areas. Most of your bow hunting, except for a few weeks in late October and early November, will be done on a bedding/feeding travel pattern.

Once I've established that, I look for pinch points in terrain and areas where the natural terrain will funnel deer movement. These can be areas such as creek crossings, river bends where it decreases the amount of timber next to open ground, edges, and fence crossings. After I've found all this on my ONx mapping app, I put on the boots and start walking.

This time of year is so much fun to scout as you don't need to worry about pushing deer out of your area because hunting season is months away. You can plunge right into that bedding area that you couldn't last fall in worries of spook-

ing the deer. I will start at the food source and follow trails that lead back into the bedding areas. Along the way I look for last fall's rubs along these trails. It's fun to dream about the buck that possibly made the rubs on trees when you find a big tree that was rubbed. It's also a useful tool in narrowing down where to ambush a buck next season.

If you find multiple rubs along a trail, there's a great chance that the same buck will use it in the coming fall as deer are very habitual creatures. If he didn't make it through last hunting season, another buck will more than likely take over the area as there's probably a good reason it was being utilized.

Also look for scrapes on the ground along the way. If you have rubs and scrapes along a deer trail, follow it until you get into thick area, or where it stops, and you will more than likely have found his bedding area and the pieces of the puzzle will start to come together.

Once you've established feeding and bedding, start to walk the trails leading in and out and look for places that the terrain

features pinch everything down to up your odds of a close shot opportunity this fall. Once I narrow that down, I will go as far as finding the perfect tree to hang a tree stand and waypoint it on my gps. The reason I waypoint it is, once you go in late summer/early fall, everything will look different. But you will know full well how it will look come October through your spring scouting.

So, before the vegetation starts growing and the leaves start to bud on the trees, hit the woods and find your areas where you might just get that big buck in the fall of 2020!! Until next time GET OUT-DOORS!

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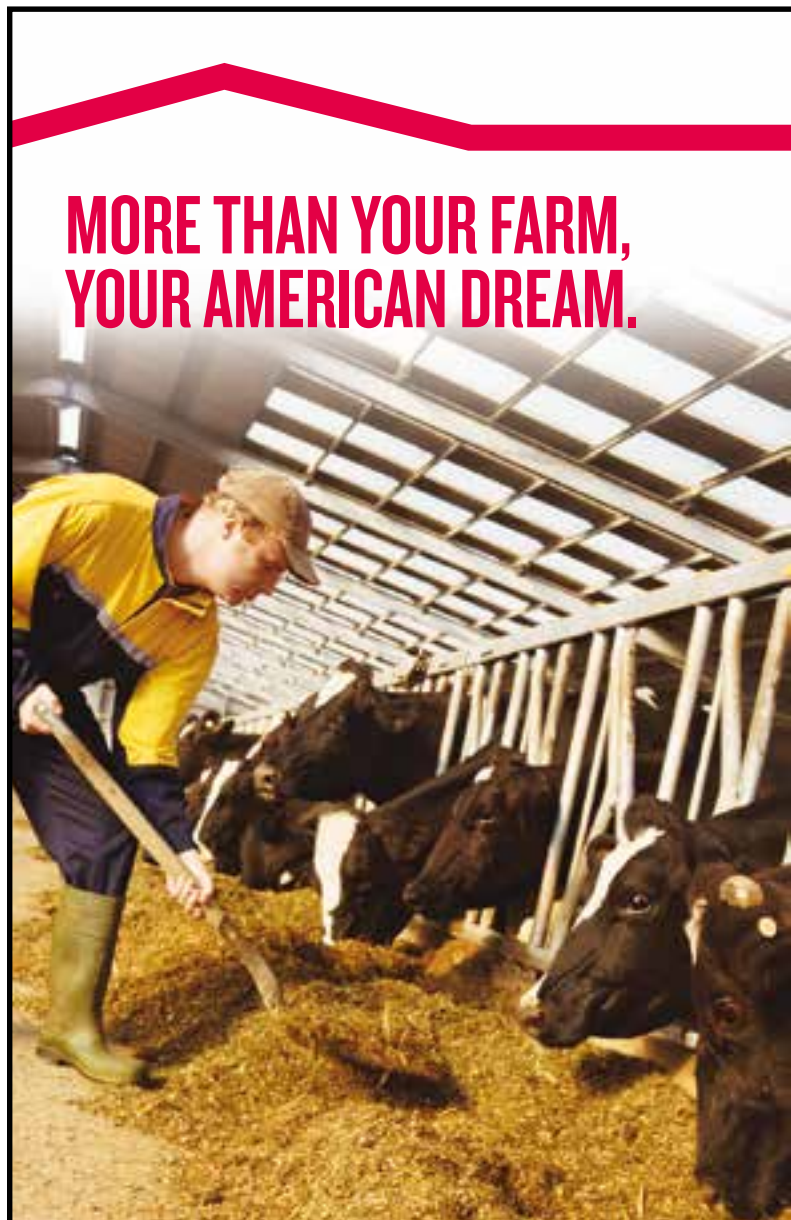
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To The Families and Communities We Serve:

Assisting families and friends with loss is our privilege and honor as funeral directors. Given the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to know that we are taking precautions to limit exposure to the coronavirus. We are still operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week making certain that those entrusted to our care and the families we serve are receiving uninterrupted service and attention, regardless of the cause of death.

In the last days and weeks, we have been in contact with the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), Iowa Department of Public Health, state and federal agencies as well as the National and the Iowa Funeral Directors Association to ensure the

information we receive is as current as possible. In addition, as part of our annual license renewal, we participate in public health and safety training.

As health officials have indicated, one way to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus is through limiting public gatherings. As of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has limited gatherings to 50 people or less for the next eight weeks. Therefore, to remain compliant, effective immediately we are limiting visitations and funeral services to members of the deceased family, not to exceed 50 people. As funeral directors, we normally encourage the gathering of family, friends and community members when a death occurs; there is power in expressing and accepting sympathies to each other. However, following the guidelines is in

the best interest of the public at large, and we will follow the recommendations set forth by the CDC.

Our sympathies go out to anyone who has the additional burden of grief and loss during this time, and we are here to guide each family with their particular needs on an individual basis. We encourage bereaved families to work with us to create meaningful services that fall within the CDC's emergency order of limiting large public gatherings.

We are your neighbors and friends. Funeral directors live and work in your communities and we take the impact of this pandemic seriously.

Please know that above all, we are committed to the families we serve. We remain focused on maintaining high standards and ethical practices as we serve

the dead and bereaved with the health and well-being of our communities in mind as we move forward together in the coming weeks and months.

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