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*It's beginning to look a lot like*  
**Christmas**



It was a great day for the Halloween UTV Poker Ride in and around Readlyn on October 28, just ask any member of the "Many Town River Group" (above). The UTV Halloween poker hand winners were, at left, left to right, Forrest Gumps' girl Jenny, aka Hailey Broten; (gentleman whose name is unknown); and Matilda, aka Nancy Kleitsch. At right, the UTV Halloween 50/50 winners were Popeye the Sailor Man and Olive Oyl, aka Rod and Bonnie Wittenburg. They generously donated their winnings back to the Readlyn Community Club. The club uses profit from the Poker Ride to fund other projects in the community.



**Saturday**, November 11, with the help of over twenty ambitious volunteers, Main Street's fall decorations were removed and replaced with Christmas decorations. Part of the decorating crew gathered. Front row: Wyatt, Addison, and Layla Broten; back row; Michelle Harrington, Kristi Boies, Ed Harrington, Kira Stover, John Galyean, Hailey Broten, and Michael Bergmann. Thank you, Ron Leistikow, Ed Harrington and Eric Johnston for letting RCC use your trailers to transport the decorations.



**Craig Hesse**, Michael Bergmann, and Tiffany McCumber confer regarding extension cord placement.



**Decorating** historian Roger Deterding (left) passes on his knowledge to grandson Michael Bergmann.



**Bonnie and Rod Wittenburg** work on untangling the candy canes they donated with the help of Kristin Boies.

**Readlyn Community Club's Annual  
Christmas Lighting Contest!**

**Prizes: First - \$75 Second - \$50 Third - \$30**

Judging of homes will take place December 3 – 9. Readlyn homes will automatically be judged unless they were winners last year. Pictures of the winning yards will appear in the December issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*.



**With cool weather arriving**, the Readlyn Gardeners get a chance to kick back and relax. Around the table, left to right starting in front, are Bonnie Erickson, Ruth Wittenburg, Janet Ladage, Marlys Deterding, Deb Sauerbrei, Ruth Happel, Connie Sauerbrei, Millie Crawford, Bonnie Wittenburg, Pat Wehr and Doris Hagenow. Not pictured: Roger Deterding and Gene Thurm.



# Grump's Grumblings

By Ron Hartman, 2023 Grump

I've been taking it easy this month. First, I apologize to Miss Readlyn, Lily. I had her name right in last month's article, but spell-check didn't believe me.

We missed the Poor Farm festivities but heard it was well done. Mayor Dan, Librarian Kim, and I were judges for the costume contest at Grumptoberfest. I believe this is the first one I've been able to attend, and it was very impressive with good food, a lot of children running around screaming and a full house. Thank you, Readlyn Savings Bank.

Readlyn Community Club sponsored a UTV ride fundraiser with the help of Grumpy's. Setup and registration started at 8 a.m. and wrapped up at 11 a.m. Snowflakes could be seen as the riders took off, most of them in Halloween costumes. It was back to Grumpy's at 3:30 p.m. to process the poker hands and prizes. The place was packed, and everyone was having a good time. I met a lot of people from different parts of Iowa. Thank you for your journey to Readlyn. Our ride is getting a following. Volunteers for this are always welcome. Grumpy's had a good band, but, being 74 years old after a big day, I had to call it quits at 9:30 p.m.

Wapsie Valley athletics had a great year. I would love to name them all, but I know I would forget someone, so thank you to all for your hard work and dedication.

The glamour of being the Grump just doesn't quit. Roger Deterding called asking if I would join the other Grumps in a beer can party. "It will be fun," he said. What he meant was to get the mountain of donated cans out of the bins and into a truck. Volunteers welcome. Roger has my phone number. His next call was to ask if I would fix Christmas tree lights for the town decoration. "It will be fun," Roger said. Next, Charlie Albrecht invited me to help peel 300 lbs. of potatoes on Saturday morning for the St. Matthew's church dinner. "It will be fun," he said. Brian Meyer called to ask if I had time to carve turkeys and roast beef on Sunday morning for the church dinner. "It will be fun," he said. They were right. I got to work with and talk to a lot of people. St. Matthew's dinner was a huge success serving 800 dinners in 3 hours. Thank you to everyone who helped and came to enjoy the meal.

My phone is ringing. It is Michelle Harrington asking for help decorating the city park for Christmas on Nov. 11. Michele says, "It will be fun."

Grump Ron



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lily Schwickerath

Hello Readlyn Community!

This month has been absolutely crazy, with swimming coming to an end and the FFA competition season starting up.

The first week of November, I competed for the last time at the district swimming competition in Mason City. The week following was the state meet in Marshalltown, where my team competed in various events.

The week after, I volunteered at the blood drive held at the high school and enjoyed seeing the community come together to support a cause.

That weekend I got the opportunity to promote agriculture in the South Central region, among other members and district officers.

With the holiday coming up, I look forward to spending quality time with my family and friends. I hope that your holiday week is filled with good food, laughs and spending time with those closest to you!



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## Readlyn Community Happenings

### Readlyn Community Club meets to discuss several events

**October 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Grumpy's**

The Readlyn Community Club met Oct. 17 at Grumpy's. Present: Michelle Harrington, Hailey Broten, Louie and Ron Hartman, Tiffany McCumber, Bonnie Wittenburg, Roger and Marlys Deterding, Kristie Boies, Dustin Platte, Lauri Phelan, John Galyean, and Pat Wehr.

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle at 6:39 pm.

Secretary's report was sent online. Moved by Hailey and seconded by Kristie to accept the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was sent online. Moved by Pat and seconded by Bonnie to accept the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

The golf cart ride had 12 rental carts and about 12 private carts.

Virgil Bock, Esther Wittenburg's son, once again donated \$300 to more than cover the cost of the twelve rental carts; Rudy only charged \$225. Pat will send a thank you to both. Next year we need to distribute flyers.

**Old Business:**

School supply donations and pizza delivery date: next Friday, October 27, 11:00. Pat will pick up and deliver pizzas.

Kindness Cart: Where will RCC store the cart?

—Saturday, November 25 it will be at the Fire Station for Toys for Tots donations.

—Hailey will talk to Jill Krall regarding Toys for Tots requirements.

—Monday, November 27 it will move to TruServe until the week before Christmas.

—Tiffany will make posters.

Halloween decorating: How do we get more volunteers so that this tradition can perpetuate?

Brainstorming: Each of us will talk to two people this month to try to interest them in helping and to have them generate new ideas. We are hoping personal touch will help recruit much needed help.

**New Business:**

**Grump Days 2024:** Ron wants to know if he should save the bed frames. Get rid of them unless members respond and want to rekindle the bed races. Anyone? Anyone?

—City Council meeting: Fireworks are no problem since they are not on city land, Jim Wehling has kindly given use of his land.

UTV Poker Run October 28, 2023: Ideas on how to spend the money raised:

- Basketball hoops?
- Handicapped equipment; Scott and Hailey will talk to Austin.
- Volleyball net
- Pickleball court?

**Needs:**

- 8:15 – 11 am, 8 people
- 10 people 4:15 – 6pm; raffle table and 50/50 raffle; 4 stations; 2 people at each station flipping and checking cards.

**Decorating for Christmas:**

—Ron Leistikow is once again generously donating the use of his pickup and flatbed. He requests two five-gallon buckets of corn for him and save the rest for those feeding squirrels. Dump the stalks.

—November 11, 10:00; rain date Nov. 12, 11:30; PLEASE consider helping.

**Christmas Lighting contest:**

—Judging will be December 3 – 9. Prizes: \$75, \$50, and \$30.

**Christmas with Santa:**

—November 25, 3:30 - 5:30 pm; Santa is at the Fire Station; sign up for the meat raffle at the fire station by 5:30.

—Firemen will have a table to tell people about the new fire station; they will do s'mores.

—We decorate Saturday morning, Nov. 25, 10:00.

—5:45 - parade (Hailey in charge), 6:00 - light the tree (Michelle will contact LaVerne Leistikow), 6:15 - meat drawing (Louie will check Fareway for prices)— winners pick up meat by 7:30; 6:30 - fireworks

- \$300 meat budget
- Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. (Bonnie)
- Kindness Cart will be there. Collect hygiene products and Toys for Tots
- Pat will contact royalty.

Wapsie Valley Education Foundation, November 17 - Louie moved we donate \$500, Pat seconded. Passed unanimously.

Our Mary Kay lady is having an event

for Breast Cancer cares. She is making care boxes for patients. Cost of the box is \$25. Donation is needed by October 31; drop the money off at the bank.

**Annual Meeting** is April 5, 6-9 pm; —Grumpy's is booked.

—Games – Possibly Connection

—Hailey showed Tripoli flyers which might be a great way to advertise.

**Easter Egg Hunt** is March 31, 2024.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 1, 6:30, Fire Station; bring snacks and beverages.

Marlys moved to adjourn; seconded by Hailey; passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted, Pat Wehr*

### Pepper Tournament at Grumpy's is Saturday, Dec. 2

The pepper tournament was held at Grumpy's on November 4. There were 12 players participating. The winners and their scores were:

- 1st - Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 221
- 2nd - Sean and Lorna VanNatta - 215
- 3rd - Grace Kuethe and Barb Meyer - 203
- 4th - Suzy Heineman and Shirley Kuker - 188

The next tournament will be Saturday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. at Grumpy's. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner and join in the fun!

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# Readlyn, Long Ago

Compiled by Bob Thran

Editor's Note: Read the *Chronicle*, including "Readlyn, Long Ago," online at: <https://www.readlyn.lib.ia.us>

## Readlyn Area had a Fair Share of Implement Dealers

Over the years, Readlyn has had at least four implement franchises. Farmall- McCormick-Deering, Oliver, John Deere, and Case. In addition, Klinger had Allis-Chalmers.

### McCormick Deering-Farmall

Chris Miller was a blacksmith in Klinger. After the Chicago Great Western Railroad came through Readlyn, he sold his shop and moved to Readlyn, opening another shop on what is now a vacant lot south of the Readlyn Historical Society. Later, it was sold to Richard Bast.

Chris became the dealer for McCormick Deering. He had three sons, Art, Mike and Adolph. Over the years, Art became the dealer in Readlyn, Mike had the McCormick dealership in Tripoli, and Adolph had the franchise in Sumner. Red colored machinery was prevalent throughout the area.

Art employed at least four men. Jack Everding, Otto Jaeger and Herman Miller were mechanics and Ervin Matthias worked in the office. Art sold the business to Ervin, known better as Matt Matthias. Art and Melinda Miller Matthias had five children, all graduates of Readlyn High School, Marlys, Darlene, Noreen, Ronald "Bud" and James.

### Case

Les Becker came to town circa 1945 and operated a Case dealership located in a historical Readlyn barn. The barn was at one time owned by Frank Eichmann. He was the drayman, employed by the Chicago Great Western, delivering cargo from the depot throughout Readlyn and the local area. He used horses in his deliveries as late as 1945. He used his horses to grade the dirt streets in Readlyn. Frank and his horses also plowed and cultivated the huge gardens in town.

The vacant lot to the east of the barn was Frank's pasture area and later used by Les Becker to store his Case machinery. The lot is vacant today. The barn is now owned by Miles Matthias. Les moved his dealership to Waterloo.

### John Deere (1)

Readlyn City Hall was the site of a John Deere dealership in town. I recall that Mike Schmitz sold and repaired tractors and other machinery in that building. Mike was from the Gilbertville area. He had the dealership sometime in the '40s. Mike had a great personality and was fun to be around.

### John Deere (2)

Larry Butzlaff lived in Waverly while operating his John Deere dealership in the 1960s. The building, at the corner of E. 1st Street and Elmer, is now part of Farmers Co-op. Larry Butzlaff had a great-grandson, A.J. Hinch, who, when he was small, moved with his family from Nashua to Oklahoma. (The Hinch family lived in the home I now own.) As an athlete, A.J. Hinch was first team all-state quarterback in Oklahoma, heavily recruited by Oklahoma University. A.J. Hinch was also a brilliant student. He chose to play baseball at Stanford University on an academic scholarship. He was the catcher on the 1996 USA Olympic team and played for seven years in the majors. A.J. managed the Houston Astros when they won the World Series in 2022. The team was involved in a scandal. A.J. was suspended from baseball for a short time. A.J. Hinch now manages the Detroit Tigers.

### Oliver

Gerhardt "Dick" Lehmkuhl owned the Readlyn stockyards he acquired from his father-in-law, Bill Poehler. In 1952, he sold the stockyards to Reiny Frietag and Leo Wittenburg, then moved, during WWII, to San Diego. He returned to Readlyn in 1963, bought the building on the corner of First and Main and acquired the Oliver franchise. Circa 1960, he and Hulda moved to Cedar Falls, where Dick

worked for an implement dealer. In 1967, the truck he was driving was in an accident. Dick Lehmkuhl was killed.

Dick had two sons, Chuck and Bob. Chuck was an outstanding basketball player in California. He signed a professional baseball contract. Bob Lehmkuhl graduated from Readlyn High School in 1957. Both sons are deceased.

### Allis-Chalmers in Klinger

Don Richmann confirmed that Otto Richmann, his father, sold Allis-Chalmers machinery from his garage in Klinger in the 1960s. Don's niece, Robin Harms, is editor of the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

Otto was married to Martha (Hesse) Richmann and they had five children: Melvin, Eldon, Dorothy, Gertrude and Donald. All are deceased with the exception of Donald and his wife, JoAnn, who reside in Waverly!

### Small Farm Equipment Dealers Faded Away

The agricultural farm equipment manufacturers specified conditions with which all dealers were to comply to retain their franchises. Among one of the many conditions, dealers must provide a facility with a large showroom. Small dealers were eliminated.

In checking with Marv Schumacher, he does not recall any farm implement dealers that were located in Denver.



This is the site of what was Otto Richmann's implement dealership in Klinger back in the 1960s. At the time this photo was taken, it was a car dealership.

**Deadline for the December 27 *Chronicle* is Thurs., Dec. 14 at 5 PM**

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### Tiedts note 75th wedding anniversary

Paul and Marilee Tiedt observed their 75th Wedding Anniversary on November 7, 2023.

The couple was married Nov. 7, 1948. Paul Tiedt also observed his 99th birthday on November 13.



Readlyn Elementary students and staff received early Halloween treats from Readlyn Community Club members Friday, October 27. Members donated over two totes of school supplies for students, which teachers will distribute according to individual needs. The staffs' treat was pizzas for lunch to thank them for the wonderful job they do educating Readlyn students. Representatives of Readlyn Community Club and Readlyn Elementary include, left to right, Tiffany McCumber, Amy Shepard, Wendy Miller, Kayla Ott, Brooke Meyer, Hailey Broten, Louie Hartman, Bonnie Wittenburg and Pat Wehr.



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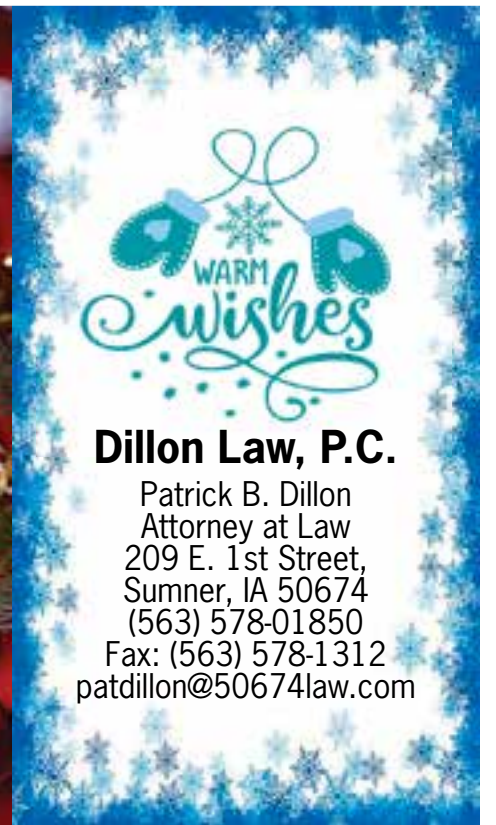
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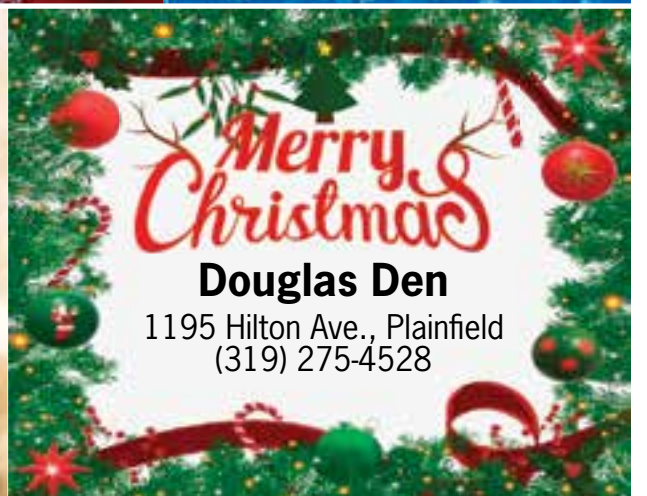
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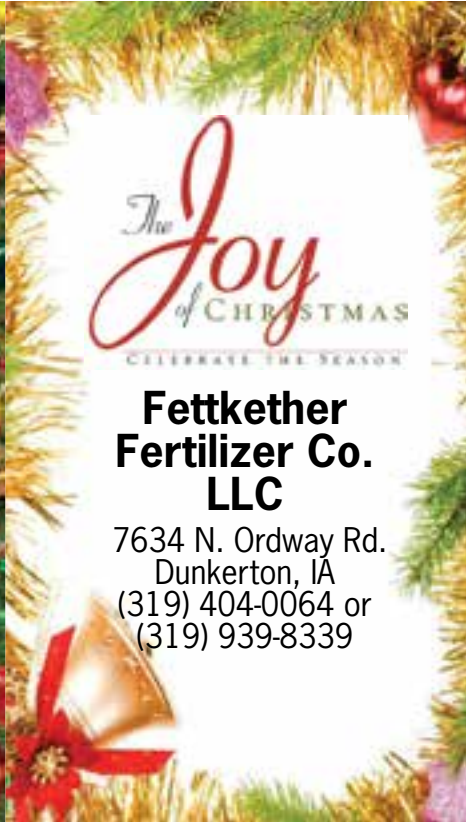
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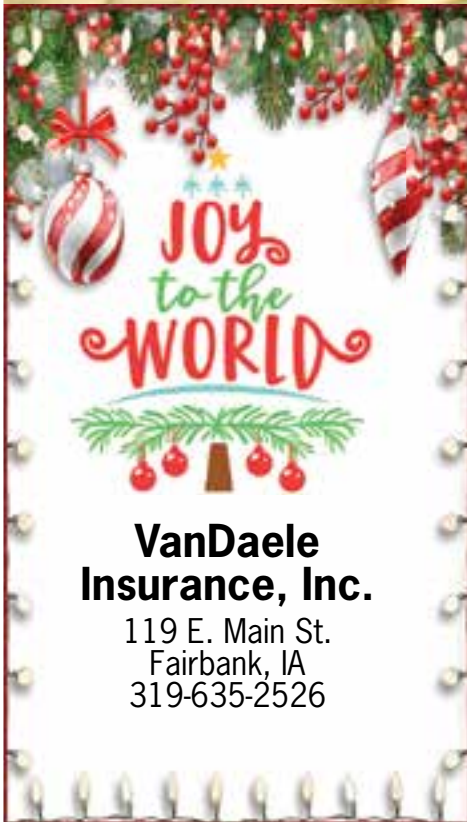
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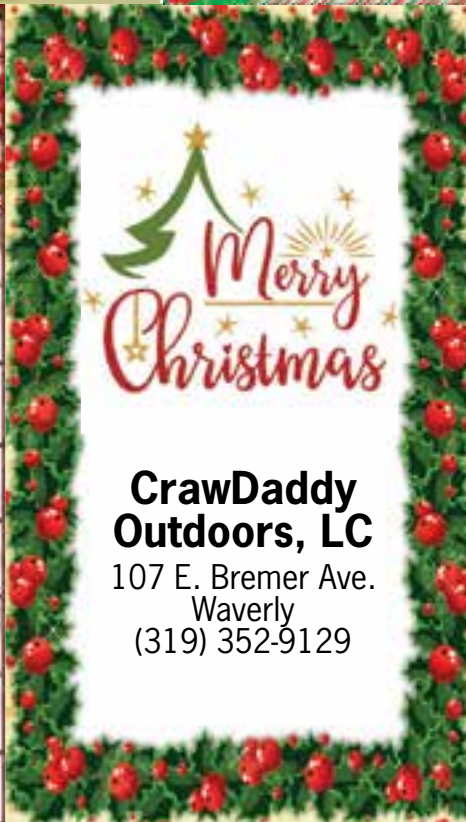
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# News from Wapsie Valley Schools



## Students participate in FF45

By Readlyn Elementary News Crew

Hi, Readlyn! We are the Readlyn Elementary news crew this month! Our team for November consists of three people: Ellie Mason, Porter Morris, and Remington Dolan.

This month we will be talking about an FF45 we had at the end of October. An FF45 is a fun activity that the entire school participates in. There were 6

rotations. The rotations were in the following classrooms: music, library, the gym (the gym had two rotations), Mrs. Busch's room, and Mrs. Robison's room. Kids review the habit of that month that they have been learning in their classrooms. In each classroom there are different activities. Some pictures of kids participating in their group's activities are included with this article.



We want to thank the Readlyn Community Club for donating school supplies to Readlyn Elementary. We appreciate your kindness!

Readlyn Community Club partnering with Wapsie Valley Schools

# Personal Care Drive

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- RCC Santa Event on Nov. 23rd
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- Readlyn Library



## Wapsie Valley School Board Meeting October 16, 2023

Wapsie Valley CSD Regular School Board Mtg. October 16, 2023

### Pledge of Allegiance

1. President Wolfe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30PM A. Directors: Aiello, Auel, Sauerbrei, & Wolfe-Van Daele (excused)

B. Administration: Supt. Hoover, Board Sec. Arndt, & Principals Murphy, & Forsyth-Myers (excused) Others: Justin Davie & Vaughn Gross

2. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the agenda in striking Spotlight on Education as presented. Motion carried 4-0

3. Public Comment - Mr. Davie reported out on the great success and educational trip to Germany was last summer. Also presented the trip to Costa Rica that is being planned. Probably will be minimal fund raising for this trip as the costs are usually picked up by parents and students.

Mr. Gross reported on infrastructure, cast iron pipe disintegration-this was talked about when Mark Owens worked here. Career & Technical Student Organization programs are required for school year 24-25 for Business, Industrial Technology, and Family Consumer Science. Possible stipends for these positions? Family Consumer Science has already implemented this program. Keep in mind our tight budget for curriculum needs.

4. Consent Items - Motion by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the consent items including the bills being reviewed by Aiello and a language change in the September 18, 2023 minutes replacing Hurley with Myers. Motion carried 4-0 FYI-Sunshine Larson requesting her 8th grade & 12th grade sons to open enroll to Wapsie from Oelwein, Heather Clark Collins request her 10th grade daughter to Wapsie from Oelwein, & Chastity Jensen request her kindergarten son to Wapsie from Oelwein. Out-Brianna Freitag request to open enroll her TK son to Denver

5. Spotlight on Education - Struck

6. Reports-Board - Discussed Rural #3, Land owner not interested in signing any agreement at this time. Hope to open discussions again to come to an agreement.

Superintendent - Report included Safety building walk through, Parent/Teacher Conferences, & Events.

District: Report included Parent/Teacher Conferences, & Professional Development

7-12 Principal Murphy - Report included Mood Meter, District Career Academic Planning, Infinite Campus training, & Activity Updates.

PK-6 Principal Myers/Forsyth - Fire prevention, and Parent/Teacher Conferences

7. Personnel - Resignations - Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve the resignation of Mike Duffy - P/T custodian effective 9-21-23 and thank him for his service to the staff and students of WV! Motion carried 4-0

Contracts: Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to approve the following contracts, Courtney Schmitz, Base 1/Year 1-\$1,955 JH Girls Basketball Coach, Michelle Harrington-\$12.67 P/H Special Education Associate, Stephanie Davine-JH Girls Basketball Coach, Base 1/Year 0-\$1,955, Casey O'Donnell-JH Boys Basketball Coach, Base 1/Year-\$1,955, & Volunteers, Deb DeHaan, & Viv Rourke - Elementary as presented. Motion carried 4-0

8. New Business

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the trip to Costa Rica the summer of 24 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Arndt discussed the Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement & Transportation Report

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the Limited English Proficient allowable growth cost of \$38,447.64 as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Auel, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the repayment of \$214,599.60 from lunch to general fund for previous year's salary and benefit expenditures as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to approve 23-24 early retirement packages for Certified and Classified staff accepting up to 5 applicants from each group as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Aiello, Seconded by Sauerbrei to approve the 23-24 District Career & Academic Plan as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Aiello to update the sick leave payout information in the 23-24 Classified Handbook as presented. Motion carried 4-0

9. Board Talking Points- Discussed fans and sportsmanship. Email sent by Mr. Hoover regarding the cost of removal of lockers in the locker rooms.

10. Moved by Sauerbrei, Seconded by Auel to adjourn at 7:35PM. Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully, Kim Arndt

## Warrior Way & More

By Superintendent Chris Hoover

It is hard to believe that by the time you read this we will have finished with Thanksgiving and have our eyes on Christmas. Congratulations to all of our fall activities as we had many successful student-athletes once again this year. Thank you to the coaches that spend numerous hours with our kids, the family and community that support them, and the athletes that participate. Everyone involved is an essential part of the success. Thank you!

In continuing with my information on Iowa School Finance, this month I will discuss our Management Fund and PPEL funds. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

In Iowa school finance, PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) plays a crucial role in supporting educational infrastructure. PPEL funds are primarily directed towards maintaining and enhancing the physical facilities of schools, including construction, renovations, and technology upgrades. These funds contribute to creating a conducive learning environment, ensuring that students have access to modern and safe facilities that meet educational standards. Additionally, PPEL funds in Iowa are often utilized for purchasing essential equipment, such as classroom technology, school buses, and other necessary tools that enhance the overall educational experience. The strategic allocation of PPEL funds aligns with the commitment to providing students with a well-rounded and up-to-date learning environment.

Iowa Code Section 298.4 authorizes the board of directors of a school district to certify for a Management Levy by April 15 of a school year. This levy a tax on all taxable property in the school district. The Management Levy shall be expended only for the following purposes:

1. To pay the cost of unemployment benefits
2. To pay the costs of property, casualty, and liability insurance
3. To pay for judgments against the district
4. To pay the cost of early retirement benefits to employees

The cost of property, casualty, and liability insurance takes up a large chunk of this fund.

Next month I will discuss the largest fund in our budget, the General Fund. Thank you for reading this article and Go Warriors!

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# News from Community Lutheran School

## Fire Safety Week Activities



The CLS preschool through eighth grade students, along with the Immanuel Sunday School students, sang at Immanuel's 150th anniversary service on October 8. Praise God!



A variety of activities were enjoyed during Fire Prevention Week to teach students about fire, and what to do in the event of a fire. Top row, left to right: Fire truck craft; bunker pants and helmets; window evacuation drill; spraying water at number flames; bottom row: Window evacuation drill; role-playing as firefighters; F is for fire, flames painted with a fork.

### Obituary



#### Elton Herman Schutte

Elton Herman Schutte, 91, of Readlyn, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at the Denver Sunset Home in Denver

Elton was born on March 27, 1932, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Reuben and Esther (Wittenburg) Schutte. Elton was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger. He attended parochial school at Immanuel Lutheran and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1950. Elton was united in marriage to Shirley Nolte on November 9, 1952, at Zion Lutheran Church, Readlyn. He served in the United State Army from 1952 to 1954.

After his honorable discharge, Elton and Shirley moved to Waterloo, where Elton worked for the United States Postal Service. In 1963, the couple moved to Readlyn and Elton started working for Customer Farm Service in Readlyn. They owned and operated Readlyn Farm Center from 1976-1997. After his retirement, they delivered motor homes for Winnebago and he started Schutte

Spraying.

Elton was a huge fan of the black and gold, Wapsie Valley, Maquoketa Valley, the Iowa Hawkeyes, and the Pittsburgh Steelers and always enjoyed following his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's teams. He also enjoyed fishing, bowling, softball and the many trips to Disney World with the grandkids. Elton and Shirley enjoyed the ownership and betting on greyhound dogs.

Elton is survived by a daughter, Rhonda Schutte of Tripoli; a son, Jeff (Judy) Schutte of Readlyn; a daughter, Becky (Bear) Welch of Hopkinton, Iowa; a daughter, Lori (Barry) Fortsch of Readlyn; and a daughter, Joni (Skip) Swyers of Readlyn; 20 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Schutte of Waverly and Nancy Erhardt of Readlyn and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Shirley Schutte in 2014, brother, Orlyn Schutte, and sister, Carolyn Cox; two brothers-in-law, Bob Erhardt and Darrel Cox; a grandson, Andy Kaufman and a great-grandson, Beckett Kaufman.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Miguel Gonzalez-Feliciano officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Readlyn. Military Rites at the grave were conducted by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 of Denver. Visitation was held at St. Paul's Church in Readlyn on Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or to Community Lutheran School. Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com)

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisted the family, 319-279-3551.

### Cookie Walk planned at St. Paul UCC in Denver on Saturday, December 2

St. Paul United Church of Christ is set to hold the 18th annual "Cookie Walk" on Saturday, December 2 from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Homemade cookies and candies will be available for sale by the pound. Complimentary coffee will be available to

those who stop by!

The church is located at 300 Washington St, just two blocks east of the Denver Community Center. Our expert bakers are busy making those special cookies and candies for your holiday cookie trays!

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# Fundraising plans continue for RESB

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Lloyd Weber, Judy Schneider, Dorothy Judisch, Ashley Kohagen, Jessica Block, and Darrel Meyer.

This is a big feat but we have been planning different events to help spread the word. If you have any questions about the new station, the reason why there is such a passion about this, ask any of the volunteer community members who serve on Readlyn Fire or Readlyn 1st Responders.

Keep an eye out for upcoming FUND-raizers we are planning.

Be a "Life Saver," "Chief," or "Captain" and we will get your name, business, or

memory plaque posted in the new building to forever be remembered. You can also join the donation service and become a Lieutenant, Cadet, or Jr. Cadet. This is a big project so any amount large or small would be helpful in meeting our goal.

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- 1) Mail to : RESB PO Box 276, Readlyn, IA 50668
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- 3) Drop off donations at Readlyn Savings Bank

Please print the name or names that you wish to have listed on the plaque.

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## Donation received for new fairgrounds

The Bremer County Fair Association wishes to thank the family and estate of AuRae Heidemann for their donation towards the new Bremer County fairgrounds.

"Throughout her years, mom stressed the importance of 4-H by volunteering as a 4-H leader for over 50 years and received

a volunteer award from the state of Iowa for her dedication. We feel that this is what she would have wanted us to do with the money that was left in her memorial fund," said Keith Heidemann, executor.

The Bremer County Fair Association are honored to receive this gift from the AuRae estate.

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# Fairbank Fire & EMS begins fundraising for Rural Rescue Response Trailer

The Fairbank Fire Department wants to always be proficiently prepared and well-trained for all emergency situations that occur in our community and surrounding areas. Farm accidents and grain bin entrapments are frequent occurrences that happen here in Northeast Iowa and throughout the Midwest grain belt. Having the correct equipment available at a moment's notice is a challenge, and can greatly change the success of positive outcomes. Our goal is, and always will be, crew safety, patient care, and property protection. Rural emergencies are unique in nature. Agricultural practices and equipment continue to change and the rural fire departments must evolve alongside them. A Rural Rescue Response Trailer will help us continue to provide excellent response time, safety, patient care, and tools to continue our mission at the Fairbank Fire Department.

The R3 (Rural Rescue Response) was born around the idea of equipping rural fire departments with all the tools available to have the best outcomes possible. It is a specialized trailer with a self-powered grain vacuum and storage compartments to house other essential equipment, not limited to cutting tools, stabilization, rigging, cameras, proper PPE supplies and confined space rescue equipment. R3 would be used for not only grain bin rescues, but also for farm accidents, car/heavy equipment accidents and farm-related fires. The custom-built trailer is 16-feet long and equipped with a 35hp self-powered grain vac capable of moving more than 1,000 bu/hr. The R3 concept became a reality in Gibbon, MN, in 2022. It was

the result of many hours of thought and drafting ideas by the Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department, partnering with Alum Line of Cresco, IA, and Christianson Systems of Blomkest, MN to finalize the prototype and lock down a cost. The Gibbon Fire Department now has the 1st of its kind R3 in service, and they are hoping to help equip many small rural fire services with their own R3.

In mid-September, five members of our department went to Gibbon, MN and we came home with the mission. "We will make this happen for Fairbank and surrounding communities." We spent three hours, looking, taking pictures, and asking many questions about how to make this goal a real-

ity. Starting immediately, we began our fundraising campaign. We plan to finance the entire project with funds donated from farm-related businesses, farmers/landowners, and anyone who feels that this is a worthy cause. We have also applied for funding through the newly established AgRevival Rural Rescue Foundation.

It is the goal to raise \$100,000 to buy and equip a new state-of-the-art Rural Rescue Response Trailer. We intend to have it in service by next summer. Fairbank Fire will be assembling a focused response team to specialize in operating the R3 and will hold training sessions for the entire department as well as the neighboring communities we serve as

mutual aid. The idea is to be a centrally located response team, that would be dispatched upon request to serve Fairbank, Oelwein, Hazelton, Independence, Jesup, Dunkerton, Readlyn, Sumner, Oran, Westgate and any other surrounding areas that would need this type of service.

We are pursuing donations now and, in the next several months, hope to make the R3 a reality. If you have any questions reach out to any Fairbank Fire R3 committee member: Janice Martins, Justin Ritter, Dick Chapman, Bryce Kleitsch, Conner Jones, Carson Woods, Chris West, Drake Mangrich or any other member. We will have more informational meetings soon and keep updating our progress. If you or any business that you work with in the agriculture industry would like to visit with us, we would love to come to your home or business and share and show details of the R3, and how your tax-deductible donation can **help us, help you.** We are very excited about this project. Any amount of donation is welcome and will help us make the R3 a reality. We have already received a very generous donation of \$10,000 from a local farmer who stated he is, "challenging other area farmers" to support this effort. As always, we are amazed with the amount of support the community of Fairbank gives us. It allows for us to provide excellent service when emergencies happen. Donations can be mailed to : Fairbank Fire Dept. R3 Fund, P.O. Box 28, Fairbank, IA 50629 or call Janice at 563-920-5016 or Chris at 319-361-3460 for questions and donation forms.



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By: Eric Johnston



**“Chapters” Part 1**

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As I spend time this fall in my various deer stands, I have found my mind wandering from time to time. Not a lot mind you, but enough to wind up with some interesting revelations. One of those revelations this fall has been the fact that, much like a book, life is made up of a series of chapters. “Wait..... Eric you’re getting a little far into the deep end of the pool, bud, this is an outdoor article,” I’m thinking to myself as I write this. But much like life is a series of chapters, our hunting stories are also made of chapters as time marches on. This month I will close the chapter on the quest for the “Big 10.”

This “chapter” starts back in late December 2022. I run my scouting cameras throughout the hunting grounds year round now, and, on New Year’s Eve 2022 a new buck showed himself on the farm. He was a beautiful ten-point buck standing majestic in a freshly fallen snow that morning along one of our food plots with tall tines. The sight of this picture woke me up to full attention that morning as I drank my coffee and scrolled through the new pictures from overnight and early morning from my cell cameras. As some of you know, I tend to get a certain buck in mind and nearly exclusively hunt that animal. This buck would fit that bill with a perfectly symmetrical ten-point rack and large body. Immediately my mind starts thinking of everything: “Where did this buck come from?” “Will he stay?” “What can I do to aid in him staying?” The groundwork had already been laid the previous year’s growing season with all the food we had planted throughout the farms. Now my hope was, “Is it enough to keep him in the area?”

The next few days, I intently checked cameras and to my dismay, he hadn’t shown himself again. I started to write it off as he was a deer that wandered through and maybe I’d see him sometime again during the rut next fall. A week and a half went by, and he returned. I was excited for sure, and he became a subscribing customer to my spypoint cameras! I was catching him all throughout the farms and I felt as though he was finding himself a home. At this time, he was officially dubbed “The Big 10” as named by my daughter, Delana.

I watched him over the next two months

impatiently waiting for his antlers to drop as I watched on each camera update. Then, in early March, he finally showed with freshly dropped head gear and I finally was able to shed hunt for his shed antlers! I searched and searched to find his antlers over the next few weeks. I found many others, but never his. After a while, I finally decided he shed them in a vast CRP field and that, my friends, is a literal needle in a haystack search. After devoting many hours to finding his antlers, I decided to shift my focus on habitat improvement to hold him on the property and benefit all the other wildlife as well.

We have two areas on the farms that are so thick it’s nearly impossible to walk through. By opening up some trails through these areas I felt it would create more deer bedding opportunities and allow more sunlight in these areas to bring up undergrowth for deer browse and other wildlife cover. In late March, with a chainsaw and a brush cutter attachment on my weedeater, I began my habitat work. I realized quickly this was going to be no easy task, but I love working on habitat projects and it certainly kept me busy throughout late winter.

Over the next four Sunday afternoons, I carved a trail 300 yards the length of the thicket winding through and roughly the width of an ATV. Along the way, I would carve out small round areas creating nearly a “bedroom” type area all along the newly-opened trail with escape trails for them going out the sides. I know there were much easier ways to accomplish this task, but I loved every minute of it and felt quite accomplished after.

As spring rolled around, we planted our clover plots and I, along with the landowners help, planted 175 oak, chestnut, and dogwood trees strategically throughout the property. As antler growth started, I began to watch the “Big 10” grow throughout the summer as he lived on the hunting grounds. I was excited to say the least.

I began strategizing how I would hunt him once bow season rolled around. I decided I needed to change up how I entered the land for each hunt. While it’s a lot of extra effort, to effectively hunt this buck in the morning I needed to access from the east side of the river from public hunting land, cross the river, and access my tree stands in the dark from the “backside” as opposed to crossing the wide open fields

where they would be feeding in the dark before daybreak. To do this I decided, throughout the property, to mow small access trails to each stand once allowed to do so in a time frame under CRP land rules. I began this process in August with my riding mower and quickly had quiet, easy access trails to and from my stands.

Speaking of August, that’s when we also seeded all our turnip and radish plots and the crazy part is, with this dry year, we managed to get perfect rain right after seeding to grow some of the nicest plots we’ve ever grown to date. Thank you Mossy Oak BioLogic!

The stage was now set and, as October rolled around, it was time to hunt this deer. I was nervous as September rolled to October as during that time frame bucks have an annual shift of home range and although “The Big 10” seemed to be living his best life on the farms, I was worried he may leave. Luckily he stayed as daily trail cam pics would show.

Delana was the first to get a chance at hunting him. Youth deer season was a total bust as temps stayed in the 90s and we did not hunt through that time frame. We decided to wait until early muzzleloader season for either of us to hunt that deer as Delana’s youth tag is good for every season so long as she uses the designated weapon for said season. So we got out the traditional muzzleloader, sighted it in and anxiously awaited the season.

We were able to hunt the deer three times during the week of muzzleloader with proper wind conditions. To our disappointment, “Big 10” never showed himself in daylight that week. Delana passed on a lot of deer that week and I admired her for it as a young hunter.

Now it became time for me to bowhunt

“The Big 10.” I try very hard during the season to keep intrusion on the deer to a minimum, I decided to start really hunting him hard October 28, the pheasant season opener. My first hunt on him would be in the morning. I parked across the river, made the 950 yard walk to my access trail point, changed out of my waders and put on my outer layers of Nomad gear and made my final descent to the chosen stand that morning with the wind.

The morning began slow with only a few deer seen. At 8 a.m., the opening time for pheasant hunters, I began to hear shots to my north and patiently waited as I knew in the back of my mind the pheasant hunters could bump a buck bedded in the CRP fields to the north to me. Around 9 a.m., my hunch was correct as I spotted a beautiful 10 point buck coming my way quickly down one of my access trails from the north. He closed the distance so fast that, as I grabbed for my bow, he looked up and caught me red-handed. He spooked and ran off. I was dejected, but knew this wasn’t “The Big 10” — this buck had shorter G4 tines and a darker rack. I was relieved that I hadn’t spooked the buck I was after.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning hunts went by without seeing “The Big 10.” Then Sunday afternoon, I made my way to the stand early. I decided to hunt the main food plots as the wind was perfect for it. My hunch was correct as I had only been in the stand for five minutes when a doe popped out of the east thicket and began munching on clover. Shortly after, I heard a loud grunt and here he came out of the thicket behind her, “The Big 10!”

*How will this hunt end? Stay tuned for the rest of the story next month!*



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# Readlyn Community Club meets to finalize plans for community Christmas

November 1, 2023, Fire Station

Present: Michelle and Ed Harrington, Hailey Broten, Louie Hartman, Tiffany McCumber, Rod and Bonnie Wittenburg, Roger and Marlys Deterding, Kristie Boies, Ron Leistikow, Judy and LaVerne Leistikow, J.D. Stover, Kira Stover, John Galyean, and Pat Wehr.

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:35. Secretary's report was sent online. Moved by Tiffany and seconded by Bonnie to accept the minutes. Passed unanimously. Treasurer's report was presented. Moved by Pat and seconded by Bonnie to accept the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- School Supply donation:
  - o The staff was extremely appreciative of the supplies and pizza.
  - o RCC donated over two tubs of supplies and three specialty, three medium, and one gluten free pizza; it appeared to be the right number of pizzas.
  - o Possibly do school supplies next year for the high school.
- Annual UTV ride:
  - o Several groups did not buy bingo cards but several of them made free-will donations. Next year, we'll advertise free-will donations or poker cards.
  - o Good feedback from the bar locations.
  - o Thank you, Hailey and Tiffany, for chairing this successful event.
- Kindness Cart: Ed will move the cart to the shed tomorrow, fire station November 25, and then to TruServe on Nov. 27.
- Christmas decorating November 11, 10:00; November 12, 11:30, if the weather is despicable.
  - o Ron has generously donated the use of his truck and trailer.
  - o Pat will bring the Readlyn Gardener's wagon to collect corn cobs.
  - o We need scissors to cut the stalks' ties, load the stalks on the trailer, and then they will be brought to the burn pile.
  - o Christmas decorations go on Main Street, the City Park, and Welcome Garden.

- o Thank you, Marlys, Roger, and Ron Hartman, for replacing lights on the Christmas tree pallets.
- Mary Kay donations for cancer fighters: Tara almost made her goal.

### New Business:

- Grump Days 2024 hold off until after the holidays.
- Christmas with Santa:
  - o Louie has ordered 15 hams; sign up Nov. 25.
  - o Hailey has a vision for decorating the fire station Nov. 25.
  - o Eric Johnston will be going with LaVerne Leistikow to get the Christmas tree for the lighting Ceremony Nov. 24.
  - o Kindness cart will be used to collect toys and hygiene products; toys must be donated by November 27 for this year's distribution. We'll collect to mid-December for next year's distribution.
  - o Since pop can donations are diminishing, we will include a free-will donation for fireworks.
  - o 5:45 - parade (Hailey in charge), 6:00 - light the tree, 6:15 - ham drawing (winners pick up their ham by 7:30), 6:30 - fireworks
  - Tiffany will make posters to advertise Christmas with Santa and the Christmas Lighting Contest.
  - Christmas Lighting Contest:
    - o Judging will be December 3-9
    - o Prizes - \$75, \$50, \$30
  - Brenda Wedeking would like to have us review her proposal for benches and planters on Main Street.
    - o She is donating all the costs.
    - o She just wants our club to maintain them.
    - o Ron will visit with her regarding partnering with the Historical Society.
  - Annual Meeting - April 5, 6-9 pm. Grumpy's is booked.
  - Ron moved that Hailey, Louie, and LaVerne look into purchasing CDs. They will have a report for the next meeting. Louie seconded it; passed unanimously.
  - The fire station is receiving pop cans from Grumpy's. Tiffany moved that we donate cans to enable them to have a full load this year. Ed seconded it; passed unanimously.
  - Thank you cards to be sent to UTV raffle donors were distributed.
  - Hailey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Louie

seconded it; passed unanimously. Respectfully submitted, Pat Wehr, Readlyn Community Club secretary

## Senior Citizens meet

On November 15, 2023, 20 members attended the 11:30 a.m. Senior Citizen's lunch and meeting at the Tripoli Bowling Alley in Tripoli, IA.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Leistikow who also led us in prayer before our meal.

We had no birthdays or anniversaries in November to celebrate.

We welcomed Judy Henn as a new member. The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$237.00. Motion was made by Don Billhorn and seconded by Judy Leistikow to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read by MaryLou Billhorn for the month of October 18, 2023. Motion was made by Jim Collins and Wilda Albrecht seconded it to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

The 21st annual Wapsie Valley Education Fall Dinner will be Nov. 17 at the American Legion in Fairbank, Iowa from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Live Auction will start at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be during the dinner by Emily (Erhardt) Bauer.

On Monday, Nov. 20, the Readlyn Grumps will meet at 9 a.m. at the Readlyn Community Library to pack sacks for the Christmas Celebration on Main in Readlyn. Christmas on Main in Readlyn will be Nov. 25. Santa will arrive for the children.

Bob Thran let the group know that in the November Chronicle there would be an article about the implement dealers in the area.

The next Senior Citizen meeting will be held Dec. 20, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tripoli Bowling Alley. Larry Ladage made a motion to adjourn and Mary Chapin seconded it. Motion carried.

MaryLou Billhorn, Secretary

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