

# Readlyn Chronicle



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

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## 60 Years Later — Reed Avenue Is Finally Paved!

By Ron Leistikow 2218 Reed Avenue

About 1960, when my wife, Judy, was in high school at Wapsie Valley and living on Reed Ave., she remembers the Bremer County Highway Department taking the right-of-way for 100 foot wide, including ditches, for the four-mile stretch of Reed Avenue from Highway 3 to C-33.

Reinhardt Buhr was the supervisor for this area. However, when he passed sometime after that, the supervisors never finished the road. We had undoubtedly the widest gravel road in Bremer County.

We would like to thank Dewey Hildebrandt for getting the ball rolling to get this road hard-surfaced and surfacing it to interstate specifications. It is eight inches of concrete and will last much longer than us.

We have heard some say it is a highway to nowhere. Not so! It connects to C-33 and is well-traveled. In the first mile alone, we have Dan Schuldt's Repair and Kevin Leistikow's L&L Ag Repair. Both shops are very busy and highly-traveled, with no more dangerous dust and potholes. Croell Redi Mix out of Sumner got the low bid and has done an excellent, fast job. As of the week of Nov. 8, the shoulders and driveways are being completed. We love it already!

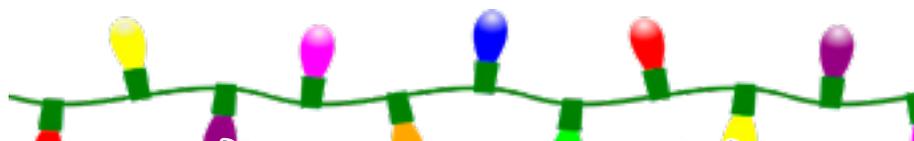
It was really a learning experience to see them finish over a half-mile a day, dump-

ing concrete on the base, one truckload after another, to be leveled by a \$1.3 mil-

lion machine. Thanks for all who helped, including the truck drivers.



Reed Avenue is finally paved from Highway 3 to C-33. This photo was taken Nov. 14. Photo contributed



### Readlyn Community Club's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

Prizes: **First - \$50 Second - \$30 Third - \$20**

**Judging of homes will take place December 3 – 9.**

Readlyn homes will automatically be judged unless they were previous winners. Country homes in the Readlyn School District may register any time **before November 29.** Email: [wehr@rtc279.com](mailto:wehr@rtc279.com) or text: 319-415-2001.

Just give your name and address. Pictures of winning yards will appear in the

December issue of the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

**Please take time to drive by last year's winners:**

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- Larry and Vicki Pavelec, 406 5th Street Place
- Gene and Micki Thurm, 608 Parkview
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- Connie and Gary Sauerbrei, 407 Goodell



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**Christmas in Readlyn**  
November 27th

- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Santa visits Readlyn  
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- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm Live music by DJ with a Beat  
Readlyn Event Center
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Supper (Made by Jim Collins)  
Readlyn Event Center
- 7:00 pm Fireworks  
Behind TruServe
- 8:00 pm - ??? Live music by Mitchell Boevers  
Center Inn



# Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Sauerbrei  
2021 Grump

In October, one of the fun events was the Grumptoberfest celebration at the Readlyn Event Center (I still call it The Center Inn). Co-Grump Marlys, Mayor Dan Wedemeier and myself were judges for the Halloween costume contests. Wow. There were a lot of kids dressed up, all in great costumes which made it very difficult to pick winners. But what really impressed me about the Halloween contest was how all of the kids cheered each other on. You don't see that a lot. It really made everyone feel special. Thank you to all of the kids for that. Keep up the great work!

I want to give a special shout-out to "Lundy." I keep telling him that he is one of the hardest workers in Readlyn.

We've had some really nice weather these last few days, so I have been doing a lot of golfing with friends whenever possible at "the Mape." I think our golf days are probably limited going forward. Man, it's great to be retired...

This time of year is the season for church fall dinners. Zion's food was delicious. This year, our church (St. Matthew's) had our fall dinner at The Center Inn. We had a lot of great help both young and old. A lot of hard work goes into the dinner and it all tastes good. We had one gentleman go through and say this was his 60th year of attending our fall dinners. Setting up the hall and helping with the dinner brought back a lot of great memories of when we owned The Center Inn. Being able to use The Center Inn for our community event was so nice. Special thanks to Jim and Bev Collins who were so easy to work with and so helpful.

Looking forward to Christmas in Readlyn on Nov. 27. The grumps get to hand out candy to the kids. This job is really rewarding. I encourage others to run for grump, as it is a fun job....



# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Lydia Imbrogno

Hello Readlyn! Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all get to spend some time with your families or do something special this month!

Last month's mystery item reveal is (below) the Bremer County Freedom Rock located out by the ballpark! Thank you to all veterans who served.

Now, for the month of November, we have something that is (at right):

- 1: New to Readlyn thanks to the Community Club
- 2: Volunteers of all ages work to put these up and take these down and
- 3: you will find them at the heart of Readlyn!



**Deadline for the December 29  
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# Grump's Grumblings

By Marlys Deterding  
2021 Grump

Hi! The annual golf cart ride took place on September 18 at 1:30 PM. We took off from the TruServe Insurance Group parking lot. There were 16 golf carts and many residents.

This was the memorial ride to honor Readlyn's oldest resident, Esther Wittenburg, who went to heaven earlier this year. We started with a moment of silence to honor her. There were many families, some as young as a few weeks old to senior citizens. The children were having a good time.

We traveled to Kildeer Ave. where we rested and used the bathroom there. After about 1/2 hour, we started back home. On the return, we drove the Wetlands Project constructed last year. The only problem we had was, when we just got started, one of the carts blew a tire, so those people got in with another cart.

The Garden Club has been busy cleaning up weeds and dead-heading spent flowers. With it being so dry this year, we had to water a lot. We did add a few fall decorations to some of the gardens.

With October arriving, the Pepper Tournament has returned, on the first Saturday of each month.

Marlys Deterding 2021 Grump

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# Readlyn Community Happenings



**Auxiliary Meets** — The Wayne Teisinger VFW 5661-Readlyn met at the Library on Tuesday, November 9. Guest of honor was Third District President Kathryn McDonald, Marjorie Macken, Betty Power, Ellen Thies, Darlene Peters, Melissa Brodigan, Wilda Albrecht, and Luann Happel. After business was conducted, a delicious lunch was served by Luann Happel.

## Auxiliary Meets in November

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary 5661 met at the Readlyn Library on November 9 at 7:30 p.m. with 7 members and 3rd District President Kathy McDonald present.

Meeting opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. One bill was handed in.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. General orders were read and volunteer hours turned in.

The display case in the Library was decorated on October 30.

The breakfast for the veterans was at the high school on Veterans Day at 7:30 A.M.

The 3rd District Meeting will be held in Nashua on January 15 and the Mid-Winter Conference will be in Des Moines on January 22-23.

The 3rd District President gave us back the donation that we had given her as a

gift. She is checking on where to send our canceled stamps. We also are to donate towels for the District Meeting to go to the State President for Convention. She also handed out Patriotic pins and talked about scholarship programs. We were given a Buddy Poppy Award from the VFW Home Children Award.

December meeting will be a potluck on December 14.

We sang Happy Birthday to Marge Macken whose birthday is November 12.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Hostess was Luann Happel.

**Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and food, and my family for all their help they gave me during my recent surgery. God bless you all.

**Luann Happel**

Thank you to the Readlyn 1st Responders crew and the Tripoli Ambulance crew for getting me to the hospital after my fall, fracturing my hip. Thank you to the Allen Hospital 4th floor nurses and the Sumner Hospital Skilled Nursing staff for their care. Thank you to Pastor Rabary for his visit and prayers and to family and friends for all their prayers, get well wishes, phone calls, cards, flowers, gift cards and food. Thank you to my children for all their help. Everything was very much appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

**Verdeen Pavelec**

## Pepper Tournament held Nov. 6

The pepper tournament was held at The Center Inn on Saturday, November 6 with 8 players participating. The winners and their scores were:

1st Place: Joan Matthias and Judy Henn - 181

2nd Place: Roger and Connie Buhr - 166

3rd Place: Barb Meyer and Grace Kuethe - 150

4th Place: Karan Boevers and Shirley Kuker - 60

The next tournament will be on Saturday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. at The Center Inn. Entry fee is \$3.00. Bring a partner and join in the fun!

## — Thank You —

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your love, kindness and prayers during this time of great sadness.

Andy and Beckett's love, laughter and grateful heart will radiate forever in the hearts of their family and friends.

We all felt that love in your thoughtfulness.

As we heard over and over "there are no words" — there are also no words for the magnitude of our gratefulness for all the love and support. God bless you!

*From the families of Andy and Beckett Kaufman  
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Romans 12:12

**Belated Happy Birthday to these two Veterans of the Korean War.**

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Burton Thies

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# Cookie Walk



**Saturday, December 11th**  
**9:00 am — 12:00 pm**

We provide a container and you "walk" along aisles of cookies, candy, bars, and other homemade treats. Select the goodies you want, your tray will be weighed and items sold by the pound. Price is still only \$8.00.

Free Coffee and Cider!

## Donation of homemade treats needed!



"Edutainment" service CuriosityStream is now available at the Readlyn Library.

CuriosityStream features an impressive collection of documentaries with over 3,000 titles, 900 of which are exclusives. The company plans to expand its streaming library to 11,000 premium titles within five years. Currently, CuriosityStream offers documentaries in categories such as History, Kids, Lifestyle, Nature, Science, Society, and Technology.

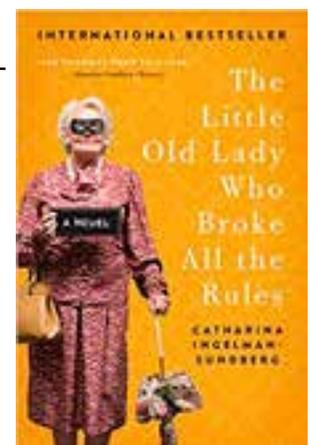
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## Readlyn Reads - Book Talk

**December's title: The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules**  
Pick up a copy at the library and join us for discussion on  
**December 23rd.**

Martha Andersson may be seventy-nine-years-old and live in a retirement home, but that doesn't mean she's ready to stop enjoying life. So when the new management of Diamond House starts cutting corners to save money, Martha and her four closest friends—Brains, The Rake, Christina and Anna-Gretta (a.k.a. The League of Pensioners)—won't stand for it. Fed up with early bed-times and overcooked veggies, this group of feisty seniors sets about to regain their independence, improve their lot, and stand up for seniors everywhere.

Their solution? White collar crime. What begins as a relatively straightforward robbery of a nearby luxury hotel quickly escalates into an unsolvable heist at the National Museum. With police baffled and the Mafia hot on their trail, the League of Pensioners has to stay one walker's length ahead if it's going to succeed....



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Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Wapsi Geography

The Wapsipinicon River has a length of 299.5 miles. Its source is near Taopi in southern Minnesota at an elevation of 1,348 feet above sea level and empties into the Mississippi near De Witt at 574 feet above sea level. The Wapsi enters Iowa in Mitchell County and flows alongside or through the communities of McIntyre, Riceville, Deerfield, Tripoli, Readlyn area, Littleton, Otterville, Independence, Quasqueton, Troy Mills, Central City, Stone City, Anamosa, Olin, Oxford Junction, Toronto, Wheatland, McCausland, Follets and Shafton before it empties into the Mississippi River.

Two state parks are located on the river, Cedar Rock State Park, near Quasqueton, and Wapsipinicon State Park near Anamosa. Many county parks border the Wapsi including the Seven Bridges County Park east of Klinger.

Cedar Rock State Park is a state park in Iowa, preserving the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Agnes and Lowell Walter residence, also known as Cedar Rock. The Usonian-style (simple in design) was constructed in 1950. Sitting on the brow of a hill overlooking the Wapsipinicon River, the house commands spectacular views of the 320-acre grounds and river. The house was one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most complete signature designs. Nearly everything at Cedar Rock bears the architect's imprint. Wright designed the furniture, chose the draperies, and picked out the accessories. Wright also designed an elaborate boathouse on the Wapsipinicon River. Following Lowell Walter's death, the home was donated to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and opened to the public.

Cedar Rock State Park is a short driving distance from the Readlyn area, not far from Independence. I am disappointed that I have never visited Cedar Rock. It is open to visitors May-October. Visitors must call for a reservation for the tour (319-934-3572).

Wapsipinicon State Park is located near Anamosa. The 394-acre park is along the sandstone and limestone of the Wapsi River. The park was dedicated in 1923 making it one of the oldest state parks in Iowa. The park has several archaeological sites dating from early civilizations. The facilities in the park were developed in the '20s and '30s, constructed by prisoners from nearby Anamosa State Penitentiary. They built shelters, stone arch bridges and roads. The park's recreational facilities include camping, fishing and boating. There are also a couple of caves to explore, including an ice cave.



Wapsipinicon State Park, Anamosa

## The Legend of the Wapsipinicon River

What do we know about the Wapsi River other than it flows 2 1/2 miles east of Readlyn or that the Wapsie Valley School District has taken its name from our local river? More will be known after this article is read.

The legend goes that Wapsi was a young warrior and Pinicon was the daughter of an Indian chief from another tribe. Wapsi and Pinicon were engaged in an intertribal

love affair much like Romeo and Juliet. They wanted to be married but knew neither tribe would allow it. Thus, they left on their own and eloped but were found by Pinicon's father and the other chiefs. The couple knew that the Indian chiefs would separate them and kill Wapsi for such a treacherous act so they decided they would rather die than be taken back and separated. They raced to the river,

clasp each other, leapt in and drowned in the swirling waters. The sorrowful Indian chief later named the river Wapsipinicon after the two departed lovers.

The romantic legend of Wapsi and Pinicon makes for interesting folklore but is not well-founded in history. The literal translation of the beautiful name is White Potato River or Swan Apple River. The translation refers to the white artichokes which grew along the banks of the river.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Cedar Rock

## The Wapsi from Frederika to Seven Bridges County Park

Highway 63 crosses the Wapsi a short distance from Frederika. The dam in Frederika creates a lake with cabins on the west side and homes on the east side. Frederika City Park and Alcock Park are located on the Wapsi west of Frederika.

The Wapsi flows in a southeasterly direction toward Tripoli under Highway 93 flowing through Sweet's Marsh. Plum Creek joins the East Fork of the Wapsipinicon River several miles north of Tripoli which flows through Sweet Marsh and joins the Wapsi east of Tripoli.

Sweet Marsh is a 3200-acre Iowa State Wildlife Management Area. I have never been to Sweet Marsh even though it is less than 8 miles from Readlyn. All I knew about the marsh is that rattlesnakes were found there; however, a rattlesnake has not been seen there in 10 years. I have spent time researching Sweet Marsh. The topic of the marsh is so interesting and broad and will be included in a later article.

Within a few miles, the Wapsi enters into an area I knew well in the '40s, from two miles north of Highway 3 to the Sev-

en Bridges Park. It is a tragedy how the Wapsi has changed from the time I fished the river several times a week in the 1940s, 75 years ago. The Wapsi now is a different river, lacking the depth it once had. Areas along the river were fenced off and farmers ran cattle during the summer months. There were open grassy areas all along the river. Access all along the river was available. Simply open and close a barbed wire gate and drive up to the river to a good fishing spot.

Excellent fishing was found 1-1/2 miles north of Highway 3, north of the bridge near Smoketown; in an old river bed east of the river, one mile north of 3, big bullheads and northern pike; excellent fishing under the bridge on 3, crappies, bass, northern pike and bullheads; 400 feet north of 3 in Benzeau's Bayou, northern pike and bullheads, especially at night (brought mosquito lotion). Here I was running barefoot and stepped on a big snake, all coiled up. Never knew what kind of snake, just kept on running.

Good fishing along Highway 3, 400 feet east of the Wapsi in the old river bed, northern pike and bullheads. Bill Kehe's

cane pole slid into the river baited with a frog, he chased it, cast a line over the line on the pole and brought in about a five pound catfish. More good fishing all along the river, south near the CGW railroad bridge (our swimming hole was nearby), on to Rommel's Bridge and further downstream to the seven bridges.

A few years ago, I walked up to Benzeau's Bayou. What was once a three-to-four foot deep good-sized fishing spot was silted in. The same for the old river bed one mile north of 3 and the old river bed on 3 east of the river. There were some backwaters and ponds along the river years ago and they are now gone.

On Sunday in the '40s many people from Readlyn would tie their cane poles on the side or top of their cars and head for the Wapsi to catch a meal of fish. Those days are sadly gone. Herman Schweer would often drive his Model T to the Wapsi and bring home every bullhead he caught, the little ones too small to clean, he would feed to his chickens. The Wapsi was loaded with bullheads. People, including me, thought bullheads were a delicacy. When fried, that soft

white meat still makes my mouth water.

Otto Richmann would close his garage in Klinger every Thursday afternoon to go fishing. Klinger was a short distance from the seven bridges area. I cannot overstate the good fishing in the Wapsi and how many from Readlyn went fishing. Those days along the Wapsi were some of the happiest days of my youth. One problem, during World War II, long cane poles were in short supply, they had to be imported.

Morbid history in the Readlyn area of the Wapsi. Wilbert Matthias drowned near Rommel's Bridge and the bodies of the two cousins were found in The Seven Bridges County Park. The killer was certainly acquainted with the area.

From the Readlyn area, the Wapsi flows through Independence where, at times, the river has caused great flooding, it then flows many miles further, into the Mississippi.

It was a pleasure to write this article. It brought back some pleasant memories. A truism, things do not always change for the better, for example, The Wapsipinicon River.

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# News from Wapsie Valley Elementary

The 4th graders had a fantastic day at Ingawanis Woodland near Janesville. They heard Cherokee folktales, helped set up the hunting lodge, learned about various Native American structures and customs, and learned how the Native Americans used the parts of the bison for their everyday living.



**Halloween Fun** — Students always love dressing up and showing their costumes to their classmates.



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# News from Community Lutheran School



Three-year-old preschool friends enjoy the fall leaves after our Bremer County Conservation lesson about leaves from Naturalist Angie Auel.



Three-year-old preschool friends visited TruServe's giant pumpkin display!



Celebrating Veterans Day at the Klinger campus.



Rejoice in the Lord always! The students sang in worship at Immanuel November 14.



Three-year-old preschool friends enjoy story time with Ms. Miranda at the Readlyn Library.



November Baptismal birthdays at the Klinger campus.

# News from Community Lutheran School



Students kindergarten through sixth grade celebrated Reformation Day by learning about the many church reformers at Wildcat Wednesday.



CLS PTO hosted our annual Trunk or Treat event before town trick-or-treating on October 31.



# Father, son honored with Quilts of Valor

Paul and Mike Tiedt, father and son, were awarded Quilts of Valor on Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Readlyn Library meeting room. Many family and friends joined in the presentation and celebration.

Quilts of Valor (QOV) is defined as "a quality handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted." It is awarded to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank You for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." Each quilt measures approximately 60 x 80 inches and has a label on it with the name of the recipient, name of the seamstress, and name of the quilter. Sometimes the seamstress "names" the quilt and that is included on the label.

The mission of Quilt of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Presentations were made by Sean O'Neill of Charles City, a QOV member. He was assisted by Michael and

Mark Tiedt, the recipients' sons/grandsons.

Paul Tiedt served as an MP (Military Police), in WWII. He was stationed in five different camps in Germany with his last assignment being in the transportation office. Paul has a display in his basement of his uniform and memories of his service time. He is an excellent historian and has many interesting stories of his service and things he witnessed.

Mike Tiedt served over 7 years with the US Army Reserves. He was "on call" to leave his family at a moment's notice to go where called. He was well-trained and ready to serve and did many training assignments throughout the U.S. Mike served as part of the Signal Corp and was a communication specialist.

We thank both soldiers and their families for their service and hope that they enjoy their quilts for many years.

For more information on Quilts of Valor, or to nominate someone for an award, go to [QofV.com](http://QofV.com).



Paul Tiedt (above and below) is draped in the Quilt of Valor he received Nov. 7.



Mike and Paul Tiedt listen to a presentation by Sean O'Neill, a Quilt of Valor member from Charles City.



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# Warrior Way & More

It was fantastic to see the outstanding turn-out of families at the fall parent/teacher conferences. All of the elementary and rural buildings were approaching 100% attendance for these conferences. Thank you for your investment in supporting our students' achievements and challenges. These conversations set a tone as the year develops on how best to support our students.

The fall season of athletics is coming to a conclusion. The Wapsie Valley girls' cross country team qualified to compete at the state-level event held in Fort Dodge. Congratulations to all individual runners who participated with the following results; Brylee Bellis (32nd), Ava VanDaele (40th) Sydnie Martin (58th), Jaylin May (127th), Hailey Eitzenhefer (141st), Dakota Ease (143rd) and Mary Bodensteiner (146th). This WV team combined for a 13th place team finish in 1A. The WV football team advanced to the quarterfinal round of playoffs with a 7-6 win over North Linn. Our girls' volleyball team advanced to the regional championship game and fought hard in a 3-2 loss to Beckman Catholic. Congratulations to all of these student-athletes who represented WV this fall. Stay tuned for an exciting winter sports season with wrestling and basketball.

The winter season would not be complete without

some concerts to get us in the groove for the holidays. Grade levels PK-3 will celebrate on Tuesday, December 7 with a concert at 6:30 pm. Grades 7-12 will perform on Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 pm. Finally, grades 4-6 will celebrate on Monday, December 13, at 6:30 pm. All of the concerts take place at the high school gym. The Fine Arts Department has announced that "Aladdin" will be the spring play! I am sure there will be a little bit of magic with this production.

It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to a beloved WV staff member recently. Amy Bergmann passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 18, 2021. Amy had worked at WVCSD for the past twelve years as a special education associate. Her keen sense of humor and commitment to all students will be forever missed at WV. In one of her last

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# Deadline for the December 29 Readlyn Chronicle is Thursday, December 16 at 5 PM

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## Senior Citizens Meet

On October 20, 15 members attended the 11:30 AM meal at The Center Inn Event Center for the Senior Citizens' lunch and meeting.

Charlie Albrecht called the meeting to order.

The secretary's minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting were read. Bob Thran made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Marlys Deterding seconded it. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Charlie Albrecht and the balance in the account after expenses was \$312.00. Roland Schmidt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Roger Deterding seconded it. Motion carried.

A thank you note was read from Luann Happel for the card we had sent her while in the hospital for a knee replacement.

We all signed a card and sent it to Verdeen Pavelec as she broke her hip and had surgery and was hospitalized at Allen Hospital.

For October birthdays, we all sang Happy Birthday to GaryLee Thurm. We had no anniversaries for October.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Marlys Deterding reported that the Memorial Golf Cart Ride on September 18, 2021, honoring the late Esther Wittenburg, was a success. There were 16 carts with 2 or 3 on a cart and the youngest was a 2-1/2-week-old baby.

Charlie Albrecht reported that the Pie Day at the Poor Farm on September 19, 2021 was a fun day and a success. Five couples even stopped to enjoy a piece of pie as they were driving by and saw

the sign on the highway.

Charlie Albrecht also reported that the Poor Farm Octoberfest would be October 21, 2021, but sadly, the pastor from the Little Brown Church would not be the entertainment. The entertainment would be the Gary Froiland Band from Stewartville, MN.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Leistikow brought up that we should donate \$100.00 to the Wapsie Valley Education Dinner and Auction on November 19 at the Legion Hall in Fairbank. The dinner starts at 5:30 and ends at 7:00 PM. There will be a live auction after the dinner. Marlene Kuger made a motion to donate \$100.00 and GaryLee Thurm seconded it. Motion carried.

On October 28, 2021, Readlyn Savings Bank will be having a Grumtoberfest at the Readlyn Event Center from 4:30-8:30 PM. There will be free brats and hot dogs. There will be live music, raffles and prizes. The main event will be the costume contest at 6:30 sharp.

On November 17, the Grumps will be filling 150 sacks for Santa coming to town on November 27, 2021 from 4:00 till 8:00 PM. That evening there will be a soup supper, Santa's visit, music, and fireworks at 7:00 PM.

The next Senior Citizens' meeting will be November 17, 2021, at The Center Inn Event Center at 11:30 AM.

Motion was made by Marlys Deterding and seconded by GaryLee Thurm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

*Lois Thacher, Secretary*

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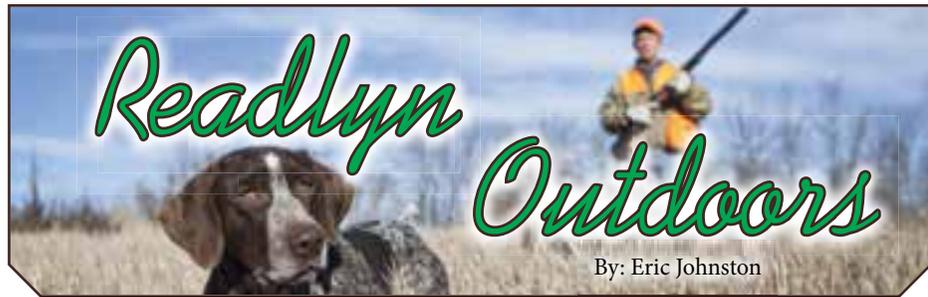
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As the hunting seasons wind down in the area, some folks think it can be very hard to take a deer. The whitetails have seen months of pressure with all the different seasons Iowa offers, and they have seen very hard pressure from the shotgun seasons in the days leading up to late season. While, yes, the deer have seen a lot of pressure, Iowa’s late deer seasons can be a very fun and productive time to bag a great Iowa mature buck or a doe to finish filling the freezer for the year. This month I will take you through the tactics I use to hunt whitetails in the late season.

It was many years ago, but I remember it well. It was December 23, 2000. I was still a young hunter, but was gaining experience. I had never really hunted the late muzzleloader season at this point, but I thought I would give it a try. The winter season had already been brutal that year and there were many inches of snow on the ground. Having never hunted the late season, I really wasn’t sure what to expect. I decided I would hunt from some of my bow-hunting stands and this particular evening I had decided to sit over a cut beanfield. The snow was so deep on the walk to my stand I was having trouble just walking along

the edge of the field, mixed in with the thirty-mile-an-hour northwest wind and sub-zero temperatures. I thought to myself, “What am I doing? This is crazy!” As I sat in my stand that afternoon, it got colder and colder. The wind got even stronger and I was downright cold! About an hour before dark, I finally caught some movement back in the timber. I thought, finally, some action! I watched carefully and realized this was not just a deer making its way to the field, but this was at the time the largest whitetail I had ever had a chance at!

The buck slowly worked its way out of the woods along an old logging road that led to the bean field. I thought, “Perfect! He’s going to walk in front of my stand for an easy 30-yard shot!” Once I got a real good look at this deer and his drop tines, I was shaking uncontrollably! I was so cold, and the adrenaline was flowing, I could barely raise my gun! As he approached, he turned off the logging road and headed straight at me! He walked right to the base of the tree and I shot him at five yards. I was so excited and hooked on late season from that time on.

With my inexperience at the time, I was actually very lucky on that hunt and didn’t realize I had stumbled into a very productive pattern for late season. I had

also made some mistakes that I’ll get into. When you hunt late season, be it with muzzleloader or bow, the pattern for this time of year centers around FOOD. That is the main deal of this whole season. If your hunting area doesn’t have a January food source, find one that does. Everything a whitetail does in the winter centers around their stomachs.

What I like to do to get ready for a late season hunt is scout first to find a group of deer on a food source. Deer this time of year will be herded up on any available food source. I will drive around my hunting areas, checking the cut crop fields looking for what fields the deer are using before I plunge in to hunt. I normally use trail cams in all of my deer hunting, but this time of year that can be very tricky. The deer will bed very close to the food source, so, by checking a camera, you will usually do more harm than good by bumping them off the field. In certain scenarios cameras can be utilized, but I usually have better luck keeping my distance and scouting from a warm truck.

Once you’ve found a good field to hunt, you must pay attention to details on everything. As I said earlier, these deer are pressured and you must stay sharp with every move. You must pay great attention to wind direction, your scent control, and entrance routes to your stands. I was lucky on that December hunt to make it to the stand without bumping deer. The woods are very open this time of year and, as I said earlier, the deer will bed very close to the food. By close, I mean usually within

a hundred yards or so. You must plan a way in that keeps the wind in your face and doesn’t expose you too much.

That leads me to stands. That December hunt, one of my mistakes was hunting 20 feet up a tree fully exposed to the elements. Even with my high quality Mossy Oak clothes of today, one will not make it long exposed to sub-zero temps and wind chill. I have turned to ground blinds for late season. Ground blinds allow you to set up on fields, sneak in from behind and get yourself out of winter’s wrath! Sometimes you can even get away with using a small propane heater to help keep warm. But with ground blinds, it’s best to get them out a little in advance to allow the deer to get accustomed to seeing it near their field.

As for the weather, the colder it is, the better the hunting will be. They have to eat, and the cold drives that need even further.

One last tactic is I only hunt in the evenings during late season. The deer bed so close to the food its very, very hard to get in position in the morning darkness without spooking them. In some circumstances it can be done, but in my experience evenings are the most productive with the least intrusion.

Late season can be a lot of fun, and with these tactics, you should see a lot of deer! So as Christmas rolls around, get yourself a late season tag, bundle up and head for the woods. You may get that big buck you’ve been after all season! And, until next time, Get Outdoors!



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# Readlyn City Council Minutes November 8, 2021

The Readlyn City Council met in open session on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:45PM for the Finance Committee to review bills and at 7:00PM for the regular meeting. Mayor Wedemeier in the chair and the following named council members present: Keith Brunscheon, Nicole Barnes, Joey Jones, Rocco Imbrogno, Jason Franck, Keith Brunscheon (arrived 7:14PM). Others in attendance: Barney Wiersma, Steve Aiello, Austin Matthias.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Jones to approve minutes from the October 4 and 19, 2021 council meetings. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Franck and seconded by Barnes to approve budget and treasurer's reports. All said yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Jones and seconded by Barnes to approve police report. All said yes. Motion carried. Motion by Imbrogno and seconded by Franck to approve agenda as printed. All said yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnes and seconded by Imbrogno to approve the FY21 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Im-

brogno to introduce Ordinance No. 360 for its second reading entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READLYN, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 65 THEREOF REGARDING THE STOP AND YIELD REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY". Roll call vote. AYES: Barnes, Franck, Jones, Imbrogno, NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the second reading of Ordinance No. 360 duly adopted.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to introduce Ordinance No. 360 for its third and final reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Franck, Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes. Whereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 360 duly adopted.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Jones to approve city clerk attending budget workshop. Roll call vote. AYES: Jones, Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck. Motion carried.

Council person Brunscheon arrived 7:14 PM.

Council received an update on the recent Tripoli-Readlyn Sanitation board meeting. Council received an update on the recent EBRRA meeting.

Recent city well flushing was discussed.

Employee health insurance was reviewed for the renewal January 1, 2022. Motion by Jones and seconded by Imbrogno to approve Wellmark Plan USX

/9UE-Blue Access which is the current plan representing a 19.11% premium increase. Roll call vote. AYES: Imbrogno, Barnes, Franck, Brunscheon, Jones. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Franck and seconded by Imbrogno to adjourn. All said yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

*Dan Wedemeier, Mayor*

ATTEST: Lois J. Buhr, City Clerk



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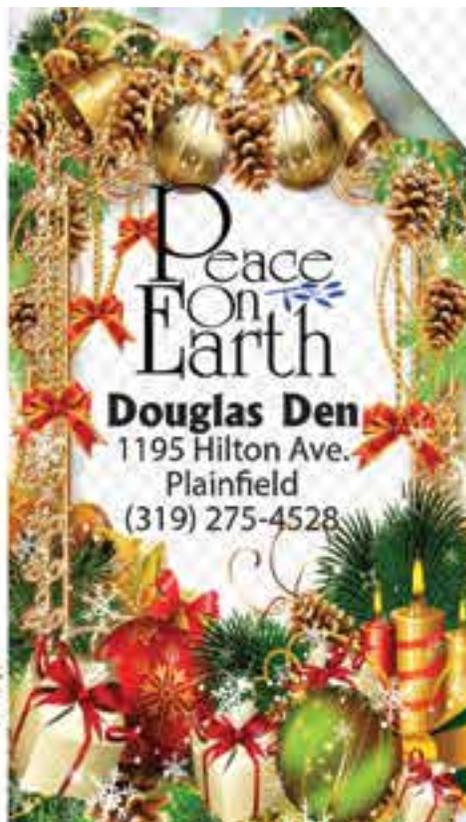
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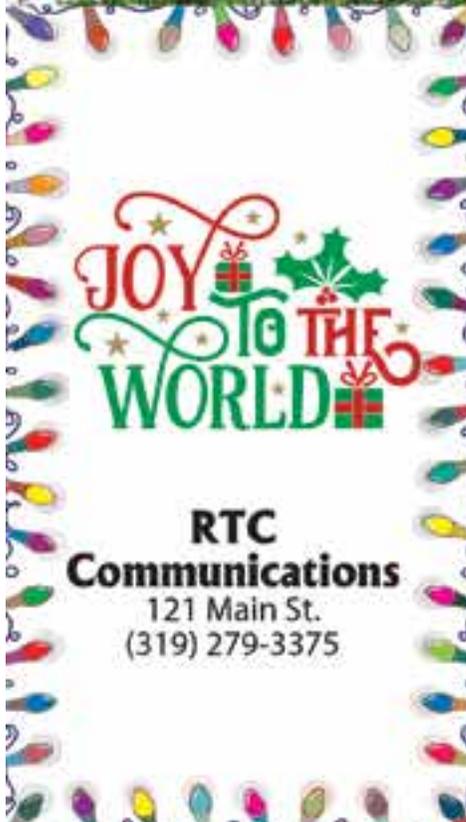
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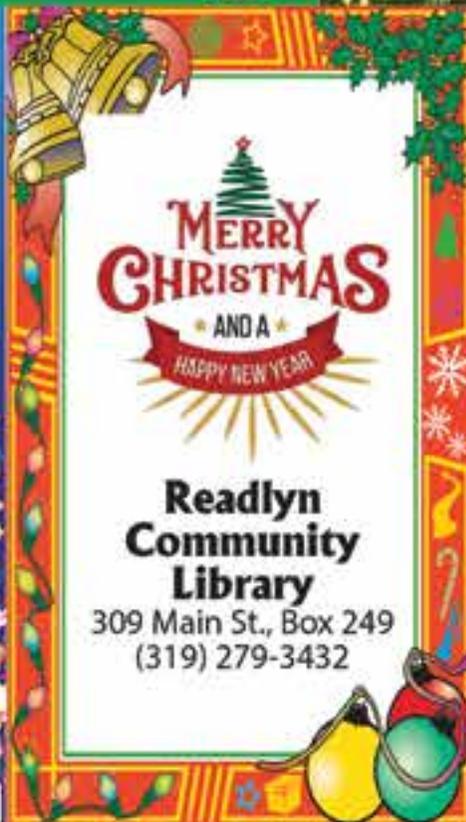
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# Obituary



### Marjorie Ann Leerhoff

Marjorie Ann Leerhoff was born March 11, 1929 at the farm home of her parents, Herman C. and Minnie "Tiedt" Kimball, north of Readlyn, IA in Fremont Township, Bremer County. She was baptized in 1929 and confirmed in 1943, both at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn, IA. She received her elementary education in a one-room country school and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1947. She attended Luther League and taught Sunday School at St. Matthew's Church.

On July 20, 1947, she was united in marriage to Harland W. Leerhoff at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn, IA. They enjoyed farming together until retirement in 1979, when they built a house on the northwest corner of their farm, where Marjorie had still lived until April of 2021. Her beloved husband, Harland, died on January 23, 2007, they had almost 60 years together in marriage.

Marjorie, "Little Red," was proud of their family and enjoyed the time with them being a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She enjoyed helping with the farm work, milking cows, raising chickens, gardening, and hauling corn and soybeans to the elevators. She loved and was proud of her entire family. She also enjoyed country music, playing cards, puzzles, sending greeting cards, and doing volunteer work.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Clarksville, IA.

Marjorie passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at MercyOne Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa, due to natural causes. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Harvey in infancy, Dr. Glenn Kimball (2003), Roger Kimball (2013), and Robert Kimball (2013); her husband, Harland (2007), and her son, Jeffrey Leerhoff (September 2021).

Marjorie is survived by three sons, Eugene (Marcella) Leerhoff of Greene, IA, James (Sharon) Leerhoff of Clarksville, IA, Ronnie (Sheila) Leerhoff of Plainfield, IA; one daughter-in-law, Terri Leerhoff of Linden, IA; nine grandchildren, Kelli (Steve) Nauman, Kurt (Jenny) Leerhoff, Kevin Leerhoff, Kimberly (Mike) Jenison, Danielle (Jon) Schell, Pamela (Jason) Freeseaman, Nicole (Travis) Connick, Nathan (Bridget) Leerhoff, Nicholas (Ashlea) Leerhoff; 32 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Bernice Kimball of Altoona, IA and Joann Kimball of Arizona, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, November 5, 2021, at the St. John Lutheran Church, with burial at Lynwood Cemetery, both in Clarksville, Iowa.

Visitation was from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Redman Funeral & Cremation Services in Clarksville.

Memorials may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church.



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