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## READLYN CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

**THURSDAY, MAY 2 • 4-8 PM**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 3 • 7 AM-8 PM**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 7 AM-12 NOON**

Thursday night has been added and dates changed to the first weekend in May. The Readlyn Community Club is coordinating this event and will be responsible for ads placed in the newspapers and on-line. Please drop off your registration and \$5.00 to the Readlyn Library or the Readlyn Savings Bank by **Wednesday, May 1**. Maps of the listings will be on [readlyn.lib.ia.us](http://readlyn.lib.ia.us), and can be picked up at the Kwik Star, Library and Bank at noon on Thursday, May 2. If your sale will run different hours than those listed, please indicate. Different hours will be included in the sale listing if possible. The list will be on the library website by noon on Thursday: [readlyn.lib.ia.us](http://readlyn.lib.ia.us)

The Goodwill truck will be behind the library.

### Readlyn City-Wide Garage Sales Sign-up Sheet

**Cost: \$5.00**

Date: Thurs., May 2, 4 – 8 pm; Fri., May 3, 7am – 8pm & Sat., May 4, 7am —Noon

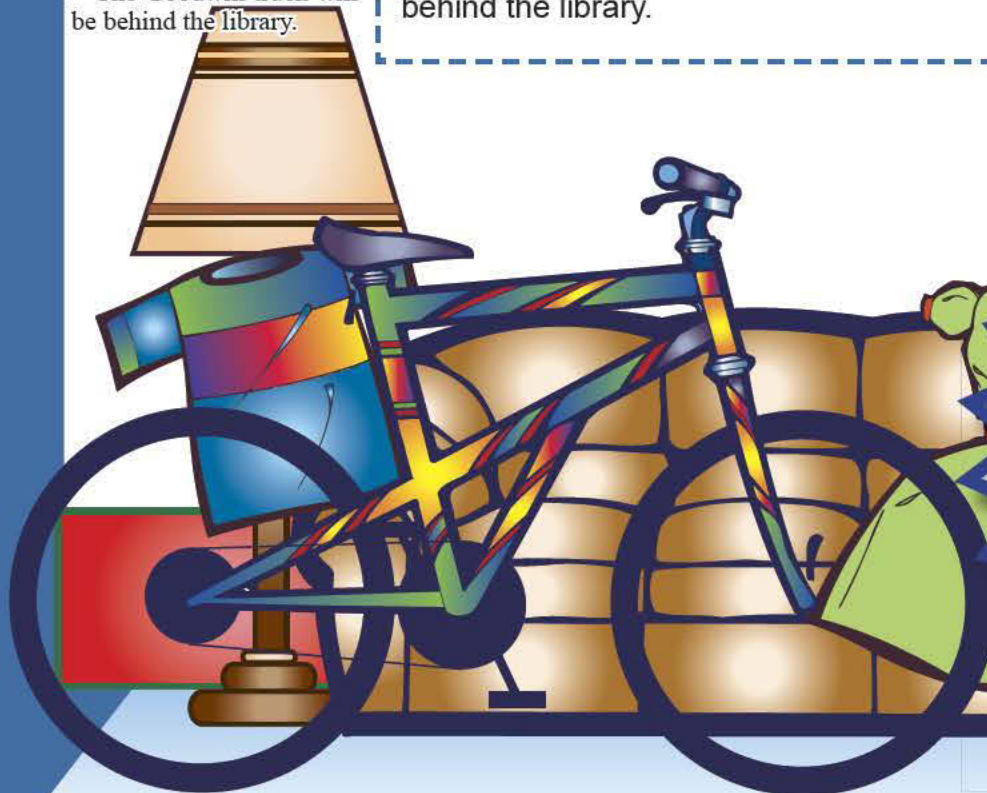
**Deadline for submission of listing & money: Wednesday, May 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sale \_\_\_\_\_

Items you want mentioned: \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn in your listing and money to the Library or Readlyn Savings Bank by Wednesday, May 1. If your sale will run different hours than those listed, please indicate. Different hours will be included in the sale listing if possible. The list will be on the library website by noon on Thursday: [readlyn.lib.ia.us](http://readlyn.lib.ia.us). The Goodwill truck will be behind the library.



**Coming Soon:**  
 2019 Grump Days  
**“WHERE HEROES GATHER”**  
 June 13-16, 2019  
 More details to come.

# Auxiliary meets

The Wayne Teisinger VFW Auxiliary #5661 met April 19, 2019 at the home of Luann Happel with six members present. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. General orders and chairman reports were read by all. Volunteer hours were turned in for March. Legislative letters were sent in. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Luann Happel to pay the bill, carried. Year-end reports were mailed March 23. Third District meeting is April 13, 2019 at Paul Johanns VFW Post 4069, Alta Vista.

Department Convention is June 6-9, 2019 Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. A motion was made by Luann Happel and seconded by Ellen Thies to send delegate Verdeen Pavelec and alternate Wilda Albrecht, carried.

A get-well card and gift card were sent to Delores Ungs who had surgery.

Election of officers was held. A motion by Darlene Peters was seconded by Wilda Albrecht for Luann Happel to be secretary, carried. A motion by Marjorie Mcken was seconded by Ellen Thies to "unanimously retain officers" including President Verdeen Pavelec; Sr. Vice President Luann Happel; Jr. Vice President Darlene Peters; Secretary Luann Happel; Treasurer Ellen Thies; Chaplain Wilda Albrecht, carried. A motion was made by Ellen Thies and seconded by Darlene Peters to keep the cancer insurance, carried.

A potluck will be held May 27 at 12 noon at the Readlyn Library, on Memorial Day. A motion was made by Darlene Peters and seconded by Wilda Albrecht to adjourn, carried. Hostess was Luann Happel.

# Grump's Grumblings

By Larry Ladage



April Showers Bring May Flowers or even snow, take your pick any day of the week.

Lots of things happened since the last article from the Readlyn Grump. I attended the Community Club Meeting, had a good meal and got to vote for the new Grump and officers of the Community Club.

I also decided to volunteer to help with different activities, such as the Easter Egg Hunt. We will also have a number and prizes for the hunt. I hope every kid that comes to town had fun and got their Easter eggs and the prizes that went with them.

In the middle of April, Janet and I went to the Honor Flight Fundraiser at the Electric Park in Waterloo. This event raises money for the Honor Flights throughout the year to Washington D.C.

We also went to check our camper out at Harvest Farms, north of Cresco. The campground was not open yet because of all the snow they had this winter. There was still some snow on the ground in that area. Hope we don't see snow until next winter.

Hopefully everyone got to spend Easter with their families and loved ones. Don't forget the reason why we celebrate Easter. He is risen!

Larry Ladage - 2018 Readlyn Grump

# Miss Readlyn Comments

By Cassidy Brunscheon



As the snow melts and the rain begins, April comes in like a hurricane. Senior year is blowing by, and as I am writing this article, I have only 23 more days of high school left ever. I'm getting ready to do my lasts of high school: last prom, last concert, and last day of high school. I've already shed some tears for my lasts, but senior year is a time for celebration. I'm going to continue to celebrate it up until the very last day.

In late March, I was chosen to be a part of the 2019 Individual All State Festival for my acting performance! It was truly a dream come true. I performed at UNI in front of a critic (who was a UNI professor), a bigger audience, my teammates, and, of course, my family. I got to take my picture with the infamous All State banner and spent the rest of the day watching remarkable performances. I had been working up to that moment for my entire high school speech career, and it was so rewarding and humbling to be a part of the festival my last year. It was a great but bittersweet way to end my speech career.

In early April, I performed at the Solo & Ensemble contest both as a soloist and with our chamber choir at Don Bosco. We had about 20 students from Wapsie Valley attend the contest in both vocal and band performances. Everyone performed great, and both my solo and my chamber choir received perfect scores! On top of that, my solo received the "Best in Center" award (this award means it was the best performance the judge heard all day), and I will be going to Ames on May 16 to perform it at the Outstanding Performances Festival! I'm so excited to be able to have this opportunity!

One learning experience I had this month was the 4th and 5th grade Kindness Retreat. I was asked to be a student leader. The day was truly inspiring, and I got to mingle with the future of Wapsie Valley. Kindness is something we all can implement more in our lives, and this day showed me how much more I can be tolerant and kind.

Spring has arrived and so have Wapsie Valley spring sports. Both golf and track have begun, and Trevor Sauerbrei has set a school record! He beat Caleb Knipp's previous 100m dash record.

April can be such a rainy month, but it's one of my favorites. I hope everyone stays dry and has a Happy Easter!

Miss Readlyn, Cassidy Brunscheon

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Places to pick up the *Readlyn Chronicle* include most businesses and churches in Readlyn, plus the following list of businesses in surrounding communities. Be sure to thank them for their support for the *Readlyn Chronicle*.

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# Community Calendar

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**Thursdays** - Story time at the library 9 am

**Tuesday, May 7** - Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic at the library call 319-235-6201 for an appointment

**Tuesday, May 7** - V.F.W. Post #5661 at Readlyn Telephone Company 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 8** - Wapsie Valley Class Night, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 14** - Coloring at the library 1-3 pm school-ages welcome after school

**Wednesday, May 15** - Senior Citizens lunch and cards at Inspired, 11:30 am

**Thursday, May 16** - Deadline 5 pm for May 29 *Chronicle*.

**Wednesday, May 29** - Merry Elders at Inspired 11:30 am

**Thursday, May 30** - Readlyn Reads Book Discussion @ the Library 7 pm

**Coming Soon:** 2019 Grump Days "Where Heroes Gather" June 13-16. More details to come.

**Obituaries and local fundraising events submitted for publication in the *Chronicle* are free of charge.**

# Readlyn Community Happenings

## Senior Citizens meet

On March 20, 18 members attended the 11:30 AM Senior Citizens Meal/Meeting at Inspired.

President Ron Leistikow lead the members in prayer before our delicious meal.

President Ron Leistikow called the meeting to order.

Charlie Albrecht reported the new balance in the treasury, after expenses to be \$92.00. Motion was made by Wilda Albrecht and seconded by Sonja Bast to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes were read. The correction on the amount paid to Kim Brown at Inspired should have read 1 dollar to Kim from each person in attendance at the meeting for that month. Not to read \$10.00 each meeting. A motion was made by Verdeen Pavelec to approve with the correction in the minutes and seconded by Marlys Deterding to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Verdeen Pavelec, Don Billhorn and Sonja Bast all had a birthday in March, so

we sang happy birthday to them.

NO OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS: Reminder again of the Annual Readlyn Community Club Drive Meeting will be held March 30 at the Readlyn Event Center. Social Hour starts at 5 PM and a meal at 6 PM. Cost is \$20 per person which includes a delicious broasted chicken and roast beef buffet, a fun night of trivia and voting rights for the 2019 Grump, Grump Day T-Shirt design, officers and directors during the short meeting.

A thank you was passed around to read from the Valentine Ball Committee. This thank you was for the money donation from the Senior Citizens Group.

A motion was made by Don Billhorn and seconded by Roger Deterding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

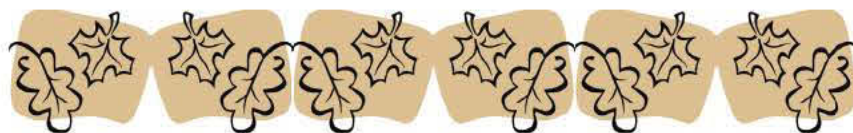
Card playing and fellowship was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

The next Meeting was April 17 at 11:30 AM at Inspired.

Lois Thacher, Secretary

## His Hands Pantry open Tues., Fri.

His Hands Food Pantry, serving the communities of Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Oran, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Westgate, provides food assistance to those in need. His Hands is open Tuesdays 5:00 - 8:00pm and Fridays from 9:00am - noon. The Food Pantry is located at 5001 Main Street, Oran. For more information, call (319) 638-4357.



## Leaf Burning

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

Burning can take place April 1 to June 1, 2019

Reminder: No burning on paved streets or sidewalks. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN BURNING AND DO NOT BURN WET LEAVES.

## ~ Obituary ~



Joan M. Pence

Joan M. Pence, 66, of Readlyn, Iowa passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at UnityPoint Health - Allen Memorial in Waterloo, Iowa.

Joan Marie Pence was born on February 18, 1953, the daughter of Erwald and Blanche (Thies) Moeller in Waterloo, Iowa. She was baptized on March 8, 1953 and confirmed on March 19, 1967 both at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn, Iowa. Joan graduated from Wapsie Valley High School in May of 1971 and then from Waterloo School of Beauty in 1972. On December 16, 1973, she was united in marriage to Vincel Dean Bland and to this union was a daughter, Amity. The couple

would later divorce in 1978. Joan worked at Beauty Boutique in Waverly from 1972 until 1978, and then started her own beauty shop in Readlyn called The Beauty Celar from 1978 until 1995. On October 11, 1980, she was united in marriage to Robert Louis Pence and the couple divorced in 2001. From 1995 until 2000, she worked at Kay & L Draperies in Waverly and then at Kwik Star in Waverly before retiring in 2005.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Joan enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter. She liked to go fishing, drag car racing, motorcycle trips, playing cards with friends, going to the music studio and traveling.

Survivors are her daughter, Amity (Kris) Astorp of Savage, Minnesota; significant other, Teri Lampe of Readlyn, Iowa; two grandchildren, Ethan and Addison Astorp; brother, Dale (Deb) Moeller of Dunkerton, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Private family prayer service was held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 12 noon at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn with Rev. Dr. Jean Rabary officiating from Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Visitation was held on Saturday from 10 AM until the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be left to Joan's family for a later designation and online condolences for Joan may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Readlyn, Iowa assisted Joan's family with arrangements.

Tripoli Nursing & Rehab Annual Pancake Breakfast

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Tripoli City Hall

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10-5 Wednesday 9-12 Saturday



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**JOIN US**  
Tuesday, May 14th  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Children are Welcome after School



We're getting ready for the Summer Reading Program. Watch for our letter in your children's school papers. The Schedule of Events will be published here in next month's Chronicle.



May's title:  
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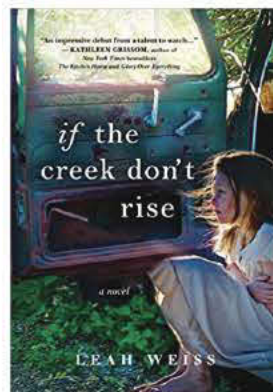
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# News from Community Lutheran School



The kindergarten through second graders went on an adventure to Peru through Lutheran Hour Ministries. The students enjoyed exploring authentic items from Peru.



The first and second grades learned a lot of history, horsepower, plows and tractors at the John Deere Museum.



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# 2019 Valentine Ball Recipients



Community Lutheran School-Jessica Buck and Karen Ruth



Readlyn Community Library- Lauri Phelan



Readlyn Garden Club-Pat Wehr, Marlys and Roger Deterding, and Ruth Wittenburg



Readlyn Historical Society-Burton Thies, Judy Leistikow, and Grace Keuthe

## Thank You!

On behalf of the Readlyn Community Club, Ron Leistikow and Kim Brown would like to say a huge "Thank You" to the Community of Readlyn and surrounding Communities for the overwhelming support that we were given for 10 years for our Annual Keep Your Heart In Readlyn Valentine Ball.

We have been "Blessed" with wonderful committee members and tremendous support for our event.

We are also very grateful to Jim and Bev Collins who gave us the idea and challenged us to have a Valentine Ball. Never in our wildest dreams did we expect it to be such a success. We truly couldn't have done it without our amazing "village!"

As many of you know Ron and Kim are going to be stepping down as the the Committee Chairs, but are both willing to help out or give guidance to anyone who might be interested in stepping in. If you are interested in being in charge of the Ball, please contact the current Community Club President Jessica Buck.

Thanks again to all who were such gracious donors, our amazing committee members, and to the faithful Ball Attendees; it is because of all of you that we were able to raise over \$200,000.00 to help out our local nonprofit organizations.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!  
*Ron Leistikow & Kim Brown*

Following are the cash donors for the 2019 Valentine Ball:

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Readlyn Girls Scouts-Aubrey Johnston and Amanda McCabe



Ron Leistikow and members of the Rainbow Clovers 4-H Club



# 2019 Valentine Ball Recipients



Wapsie Valley Archery-Zach Boevers, Garrett Miller, Ava Auel, Freddie Auel, Greysen Miller, Angie Auel, Jason Auel, & Hanna Miller



Wapsie Valley Elementary 5th grade class & writing curriculum-Nicole Boevers and Heidi Shannon



Wapsie Valley FFA- Anna Richards and Hannah Miller



Wapsie Wrestling Club-Garrett Miller, Greysen Miller, Griffen Miller, Zachary Boevers and Andrew Matthias



Wapsie Valley Softball & Baseball lights project, junior high and high school softball, and 13U baseball-Hannah Miller, Mischa Matthias, Sydney Matthias, Traeten Sauerbrei and Brent Sauerbrei



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# Wapsie Valley Future Farmers of America

## FFA gets cracking at the annual Spring Omelet Breakfast

By Reily Richards, Chapter Reporter

The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter held its annual Spring Omelet Breakfast on March 24, 2019 at the Wapsie Valley Elementary School in Readlyn. The menu included made-to-order omelets, hash browns, rinderwurst, long john/cinnamon roll, and milk, juice or coffee.

Members could be seen cleaning tables, serving food, or conversing with community members and supporters. Regardless of what they were doing, members had a great time putting on this omelet breakfast.

Freshman Bridget Seemann commented, "I think the omelet breakfast went really well! It was a little challenging at times having to direct people, but overall it was a really good experience being able to interact with people who support the FFA!" The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter is grateful to all of the alumni, parents, and supporters who attended or helped with the omelet breakfast. This year's omelet breakfast was attended by over 195 supporters and we plan to use the donated money toward helping members learn and grow.



Wapsie Valley FFA parents and supporters volunteered to cook omelets at the omelet breakfast.



Wapsie Valley FFA members got to catch up with community members and supporters while serving food at the spring omelet breakfast.



The Bremer County Pork Promoters' banquet on April 4 at the 4-H Building included the crowning of royalty. Left to right are Haidyn Snyder, 2018 Princess; Sydney Matthias, 2018 Princess; Madelyn Nederhoff, 2018 Queen; Payton Schwartz, 2019 Queen; Hannah Busch, 2019 Princess, and Nicole Miller Cummings, 2019 Princess. Payton Schwartz is the daughter of Dale and Renee Schwartz of Clarksville. She is a 10th grader at W-SR. Hannah Busch is the daughter of Duane and Tammy Busch of Tripoli. She is in 8th grade at Tripoli. Nicole Miller Cummings is the daughter of Shelby and Nathan Forey of Waverly. Nicole is in 8th grade at W-SR.

## Wapsie Valley junior Morgan Biretz wins Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

Morgan Biretz, a junior at Wapsie Valley High School, has been selected to represent Butler County REC at the 2019 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14-20. Biretz is the daughter of Butler County REC members Edward and Denise Biretz of Fairbank. She is junior class president and active in softball, archery and choir.

While on the Youth Tour, Biretz will join students from more than 20 additional electric cooperatives in Iowa and over 1,800 students from across America to explore our nation's capital. Along with meeting their congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., the participants will tour historic sites, explore the Smithsonian museums and cruise the Potomac. The fast-paced, informative week leaves

students filled with inspiration and a better understanding of the role electric cooperatives play in our country.

Biretz and one additional youth tour applicant, Brandon Hennings from Tripoli



Morgan Biretz

High School, will receive \$500 scholarships upon entry into an accredited college. Hennings is the son of Robert and Kathy Hennings of Tripoli.

The goal of the youth tour and scholarship programs at Butler County REC is to support education and to provide opportunities for youth in rural Iowa.

**Deadline for the May 29**

**Readlyn Chronicle:**

*Thursday, May. 16  
5:00 PM*

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

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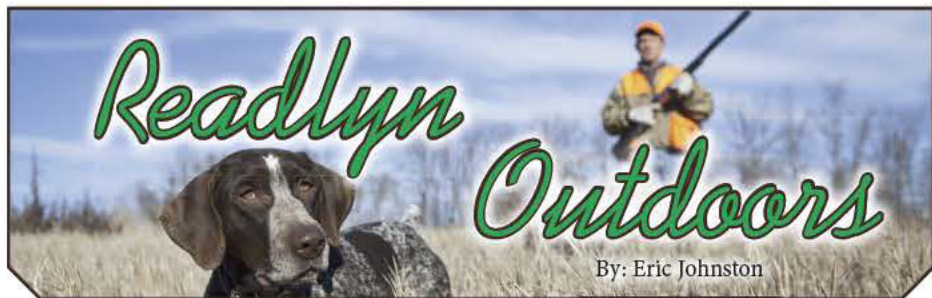
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By: Eric Johnston

**“Second Season”**

The last time I wrote, I was in a bit of a funk with not getting outside much to take in all the outdoors has to offer. Well, I'm happy to announce I've been outside quite a bit with the better weather spring has given us!

I spent most of the end of March shed antler hunting and scouting areas for the upcoming turkey seasons and as always looking for the signs of big deer in the areas I've been. I've also spent quite a bit of time checking out hunting areas right around here close to Readlyn as I want to spend more time in the outdoors close to home. This month I want to fill you in on how my Iowa second turkey season went.

Iowa's second turkey season this year ran from April 12-16. A tradition that has recently started for me the last couple years is to hunt this season with my cousin, Colton, and his dad, my Uncle Marv. Colton and I decided to make this a tradition after he started going through his second battle with cancer at the young age of 20 years old. I've watched Colton grow up in the spring turkey woods from the first time I took him along when he was three years old, to today at 21 — a fine young man and very serious turkey hunter. We made a pact to hunt at least one turkey season together each spring. In a future article I will tell you Colton's whole story, but this month I will profile our weekend this year.

As Friday rolled around I was very excited to make the drive to Earlville, Iowa. This is where my Uncle Marv and Colton live and 10 minutes from Delhi, where I grew up. I hunted turkeys each spring with Marv from a very early age and many of the areas we hunted are timbers I've hunted with Marv pretty much my whole life. It was very exciting listening to Marv and Colton talk on the phone with me about the birds they had been seeing while scouting the week leading up to the weekend. Work seemed to drag on as I waited until 2:30 that Friday afternoon to get on the road. As 2:30 finally rolled around, I barely got in my truck and Marv was calling with the game plan for the evening. The weather was very chilly and the wind was blowing at 20 to 30 mph, conditions not normally suited for turkey hunting but, with limited time, we had to get in the woods. As I arrived in Earlville, I changed

into my Mossy Oak camo clothes, hopped into Colton's truck and we were on our way to a timber that is about a 100-acre cedar tree thicket. The cedar thicket is a big square surrounded by crop fields on all sides. We have hunted this timber for many years and it is always our “go to” area when the wind is blowing hard as, no matter which way the wind is out of, the cedar trees block the wind for at least one of the fields to be suitable for the turkeys to be able to strut and do there thing. The field that was shielded from the wind this Friday evening was a green hayfield on the east side of the timber.

A quick drive past showed us two strutting tom turkeys and a flock of hens in the field. On this hunt, Colton's girlfriend, Angie Wendt, was hunting with us for the weekend. We decided Angie and I would walk in ahead of Colton and Marv as we were the two with tags this weekend. Angie and I sneaked our way to within 20 yards of the field's edge hidden by the dense cedar trees and set-up and waited as Colton and Marv called the turkeys from behind us. I already started to have visions in my head of Angie and I getting a double on the first day and trout fishing the rest of the weekend! I was quickly brought back to reality as the birds were hung up in the field and eventually worked their way to the other side of the field away from us and the evening hunt was over.

On our way back to the house, we drove the back roads and laughed and joked and



cranked the music! At 4:30 a.m., the alarm was going off and I couldn't get ready fast enough! I was ready to get out in the woods.

This morning we would split up. Colton took Angie to an area he had scouted and Marv and I headed to an area I knew all too well. We set up on a field where just a year ago I had missed a turkey with my gun. That was the first time in my 25-year turkey hunting career that I had missed a turkey. So, as you can imagine, I was looking for redemption on this field. We walked in and set up in an area where last year the turkeys had first entered the field. It was a very cold and crisp morning with little wind, as we found trees to sit against in the dark.

Soon after setting up, the tom turkeys started gobbling on their roosts. A small patch of timber 200 yards to the east had at least a dozen gobblers from what we could hear in the pre-dawn and the timber we were in had two gobblers from what we could tell. As the timber woke up and it started to get lighter, Marv gave a couple tree yelps on his trusty Lynch foolproof box call and the gobblers immediately responded. Soon I could hear the turkeys fly down from their roosting trees and hit the ground. I watched across the field and saw the first bird make his way into the field. The tom worked his way across the field, covering 200 yards and hung up 80 yards to our left. He gobbled to each call Marv made and then I saw another tom come into the field. He gobbled loud, and I could tell he was the dominant bird. He raced across the field and went directly to the first tom. He walked right up to him and smacked him with his wing. It sounded like a gun going off, it was so violent. He chased him around and tried to run him off.

At this point I started to get nervous, thinking they would just run off and I would miss an opportunity. I had a cedar tree blocking my view of them and I decided I would take a shot when they came out from behind that tree. As they cleared the tree, they were at 40 yards and I clicked off the safety on my

Remington V3 12-gauge and squeezed off a shot. The birds looked as stunned as I was, I had missed! A clean miss; without much hesitation the birds ran off and my heart sank. Marv turned to me and said, “Why didn't you wait??” They had calmed down and were working closer to me, I had no reason to get impatient and, by getting nervous, I had lost my head on what the birds were doing. I felt like a 12-year-old kid again with that move. Marv laughed and said it took him back to the old days.

We actually laughed quite a bit about it as we met up with Colton and relayed the story. Colton and Angie didn't have much going for them that morning as the birds weren't cooperating with them. We hunted the rest of the day with very little action. We called it a day around 4:30 p.m. and looked toward the next morning.

As Sunday morning arrived we were back up at 4:30 a.m. and Marv and I set up in the timber where the toms had come from the day before. Sunday morning was very windy, cloudy and cold. The birds barely gobbled on the roost and didn't respond at all to our calls after they hit the ground. We called it a morning around 9 a.m. as I needed to get back to Readlyn to see my wife and daughter. When I got home they were busy with a project so I decided to try some public hunting ground close to Readlyn.

I slowly made my way through the woods, setting up and calling and then moving and setting up again. As I made it through some of the thickest part of this area, I turned to my right and saw a nice half of an eight point shed antler!! I was happy to have my efforts at least produce a shed! I was done for the day and had to be back to work on Monday.

I decided to try a different section of public hunting ground after work Monday. I again made my way through the timber slowly calling and hoping for a response but came up empty-handed on a turkey. As I got to the north end of the property, I could see a lot of deer sign and soon found another shed antler! I was pumped — two days, two sheds!

Even though I didn't connect with a turkey second season, I had a great time and, like always, a lot of memories made with Colton and Marv and a few of my own, finding those sheds close to home!

One more thing before I go, recently my wife Aubrey and I have joined the Readlyn Community Club and have recently met many great people in town. We look forward to helping out around our great community full of great residents! Also, it's been great to meet people in town and they tell me they enjoy my articles. Thanks for the support and I always welcome feedback. My email address is [eric250ex@gmail.com](mailto:eric250ex@gmail.com) if you have any feedback, good or bad! Until next time, Get Outdoors!

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# Readlyn EMS purchases new Lucas Device



Readlyn First Responders recently purchased a Lucas 3.1 Chest Compression Device. We received funds from Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Aureon Charity Grant and Readlyn Telephone Company for the purchase of this machine.

The Lucas Chest Compression Device provides constant and consistent chest compressions during CPR so responders can perform other medical interventions simultaneously. Quality CPR is difficult to maintain and the Lucas Devices provides quality and consistent compressions with-



out interruption. As a volunteer non-transport service, we currently did not have one unlike many of the services in our county had already purchased.

We would like to thank the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Readlyn Telephone Company & Aureon Charity Grant for their generosity in granting the service funds. In the past, the Community Foundation has also granted funds for many other projects to our service. These projects include purchasing CPR manikins, turnout gear, body armor, pagers & radios, jump kits and pulse oximeter/

CO2 detectors. These projects were made successful because of their assistance. The Readlyn Telephone Company has always been supportive of our service and donated to numerous projects through the years! This is the first year we have received funds from the Aureon Charity Grant and are very appreciative of their support!

We would also like to thank the community for all the ongoing support received. Funds from donations are also used to purchase this equipment that is a necessity for giving the best emergency care possible.



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Upon reviewing an abundance of applications, the Aureon Charity Grant Committee delegated funds to projects committed to the betterment of local Iowa communities.

Readlyn First Responders is a group of volunteers dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Readlyn and the surrounding area. This grant was used to help in the purchase of a "LUCAS III" automated chest compression machine. This machine is used to provide quality and consistent chest compressions on a patient in need of CPR.

Readlyn First Responders strives to update equipment and utilize current technology to provide the best possible care for our community.

RTC Communications appreciates the efforts of the Readlyn First Responders.

"Their passion and dedication to advancing our community greatly impacts us all," Sharon K. Huck, General Man-

ager, RTC Communications. "We are proud to partner with Aureon to make this grant possible."

"Aureon is delighted to support non-profit organizations that enhance the quality of life for Iowans," said Ron Keller, CEO, Aureon. "We look forward to aiding future community-improvement projects and extend our best wishes to your community."

The Aureon Charity Grant Program was created in 1993 to increase service and support to rural independent telecommunications companies and the communities they serve. The Aureon Charity Grant Program awards grants on a quarterly basis. Over the course

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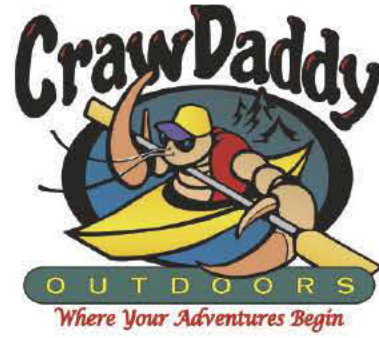


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Nick Cole, above left, sports the "booby prize" during the Trivia Night event held March 30 in conjunction with the Readlyn Community Club membership drive. (See the ladies laughing in the back!) Above, John Tiedt escorts Grump Larry Ladage, with his raffle prize purse.

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