

# Readlyn Chronicle

Home of 857 Friendly People and One Old Grump

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David and Ruth Wittenburg, Gene Thurm, and Pat Wehr collected rocks and had them hauled on a flatbed trailer to their final resting place where they will be used to decorate the foundation of the gazebo.

Creating the decorative cement foundation for the bike trail gazebo took a lot of manpower. Gene Thurm, Larry Pavelec, David Wittenburg, John and Joe Kleitsch, Gary Matthias, and David Seedorff all pitched in.

## Herb Clemen had a dream

Herb Clemen's dream of a gazebo along the bike trail is finally becoming a reality.

The City has been grooming the area and just last fall gave the go-ahead. Thanks to Clemen's very generous donation to the Readlyn Gardeners, and ambitious and creative Ruth and David Wittenburg, work has begun on building a unique gazebo for Readlyn. As seen in the photo at right, the final product will be similar to the gazebo the Wittenburgs built on their own acreage.

Last fall, Readlyn Gardeners filled three flatbeds with rocks they collected from Ed Sadler and David Seedorff's farms.

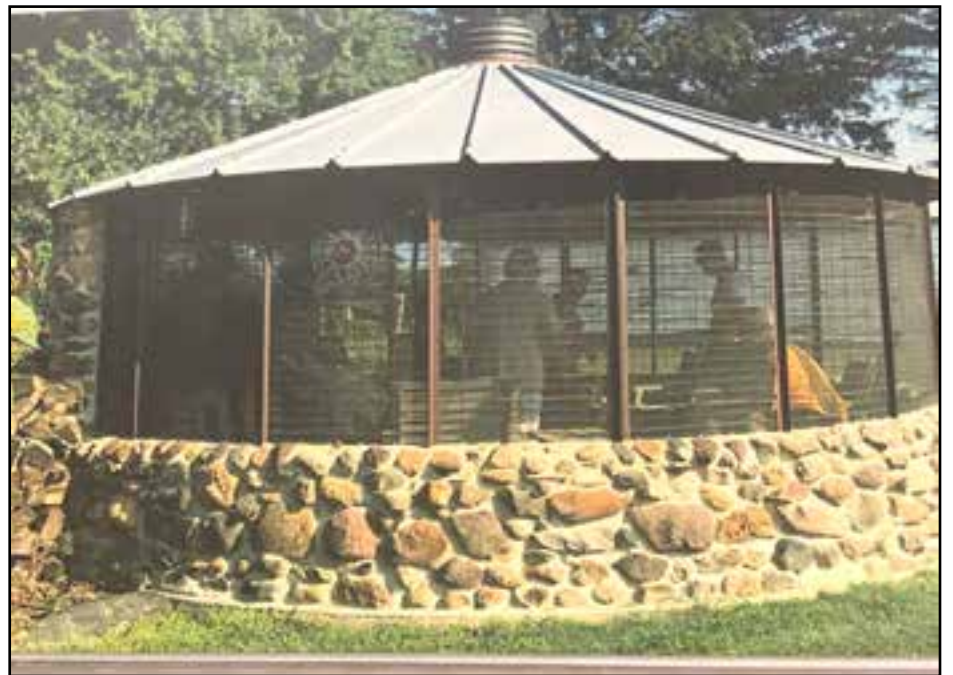
Next, the decorative cement foundation was poured thanks to Manatts who also generously discounted their price, Calvin

Kuker who donated the use of his cement forms, David Wittenburg's generator, and the manpower of those identified in the picture above.

This spring, David and Ruth Wittenburg raised, anchored, and put the metal door frame, which David welded, in place.

After procuring cement, the addition of the decorative stonework at the base of the corncrib will commence. Readlyn Gardeners are hoping even more volunteers will be willing to help with this exciting project.

If you would like to have bragging rights that you helped build this amazing structure, please contact Ruth Wittenburg @ 319-269-6568 or davidruthw@gmail.com.



The final product will be similar to the gazebo shown above, which David and Ruth Wittenburg built on their own acreage.



The crib was on the road to Readlyn, a trip that took more than three hours to complete.



After much searching, an appropriate corn crib was located by David and Ruth Wittenburg in Jesup (at right). David and Darby Wittenburg transported it to the Wittenburg acreage in 2019, where it was stored.

Above, Gene Thurm used Jeff and John Schutte's equipment to deliver the corn crib to the site.



Thanks to David and Ruth Wittenburg and friends, Readlyn's corn crib is in place, raised, secured, and has the door frame in place.

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## Bremer County Freedom Rock Dedication has been delayed

The dedication ceremony of the Freedom Rock has been postponed.

The Freedom Rock Dedication Committee had been planning on hosting the dedication of the Bremer County Freedom Rock on Sunday, June 14. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided to postpone the dedication ceremony until this fall, or possibly next year.

All of the communities in Bremer County were unanimous on the decision to delay the ceremony.

The public will be noticed when a new date is agreed upon.

The Freedom Rock is located in Readlyn, just north of Kwik Star on County Rd. V-49.



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# Wapsie Valley Community School District announces new 7-12 Principal for 2020-2021 academic school year

Wapsie Valley Community School District is happy to announce that TJ Murphy has verbally accepted the position of the 7-12 principal. Murphy comes to us from the Benton CSD as a 7-12 science teacher and data team coach for the past 14 years. He has coached several sport teams and is currently the head wrestling coach.

Murphy was raised in the Manchester area graduating from West Delaware High School, and his wife, Beth, graduated from Jesup Community School District. Both graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly. Murphy received his PK-12 Principalship Graduate Degree from the University of Northern Iowa. His family will accompany him to the Wapsie area this summer. Beth works for Aegon Asset

Management and their three children, Bailey (age 10), Clare (age 8) and Ray (age 6) all enjoy the great outdoors, basketball, softball, volleyball, baking, painting, camping, hunting, fishing and of course, wrestling! As you can tell, this is one busy family.


Murphy has a contract that starts on July 1, 2020, but he will be in the district to be involved in transitional plans and any further district hiring needs. When you meet the Murphys in the future, please introduce yourself and give them a huge "Wapsie Welcome." TJ was very impressed that we live by the motto, "We Are Family," and he is excited to be a part of that family! We are excited for the Murphy family's new journey in joining the Wapsie Valley Family!



TJ Murphy will be in the new principal at Wapsie Valley Middle and High School when the 2020-21 school year begins. He is shown with his wife, Beth, and their three children, left to right, Ray, Bailey and Clare. Photo contributed

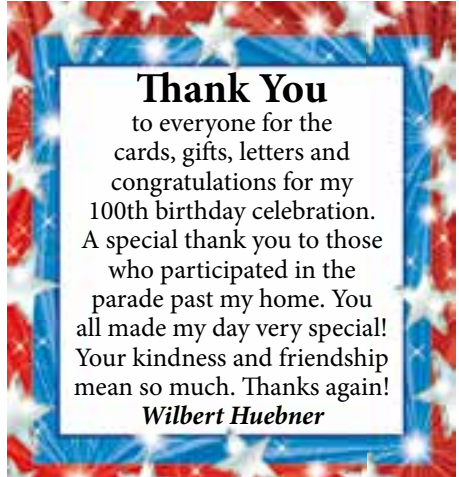
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*Jane Meier*



**Thank You**  
to everyone for the cards, gifts, letters and congratulations for my 100th birthday celebration. A special thank you to those who participated in the parade past my home. You all made my day very special! Your kindness and friendship mean so much. Thanks again!

*Wilbert Huebner*



I would like to thank the amazing town of Readlyn and surrounding towns for supporting balance massage therapy for the last 5 years! Being a business owner in this beautiful town was something I was very proud of! That dream came true for me because of you and your trust in me.

I have accepted a full time job at the Wartburg W and will no longer be at balance. If you'd like a massage from me in the future, you can go to **Schedulicity.com** and make an appointment there. You do not need to be a member of the W to receive a massage there.

Stay safe and healthy!  
God bless,  
*Sheila Rosengarten*

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## Foot Clinics Are Back

The Bremer County Health Department will begin having foot clinics at the Readlyn Library on the 3rd Thursday of every month.  
**Starting June 18th**



**Don't forget about our digital resources!**

## Hoopla and Bridges

### Baby's First Book

The Readlyn Library strives to promote a lifetime of reading. If you know anyone in the Readlyn area that is expecting, stop by the library and register them to receive a free book. Help us welcome new Readlyn's newest residents to the world and also to the world of reading!

### Hours:

Monday	10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	10:00 - 5:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00

# Coronavirus Precautions: Expanding our Services/Hours

Nancy, Tina, and I are excited to finally start moving back toward "normal"! We have been planning since the beginning of the shutdown, with help from the Board of Trustees and with suggestions from our patrons, on how to best serve the community. We have also been in communication with libraries throughout Bremer County to discuss and plan the best approach to reopen in a manner that is safe for our patrons and staff. In line with the actions of most libraries, businesses, and other work environments we too will be taking a tiered approach to reopening.

For the remainder of May, we will continue our curbside side service from 10:00 – 2:00, Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9:00 - 12:00. We will continue to offer faxing, printing, and copying services by appointment. As we have done in the past we will do our best to meet the patron's individual needs and to accommodate any reasonable request just give us a call or send us an email.

Tentatively starting June 1st, we will open our doors to the public on a limited basis. Please keep in mind this is only to access materials, computer access is available at designated times by appointment. We will not be able to be a social hub or hang out for some time. Services will be staggered throughout the day to accommodate the most people while maximizing social distancing. The hours and services will be:

### Monday - Friday

10:00 - 12:00 Curbside and library access for patrons over 60 and/or immune compromised.  
12:00 – 2:00 Public library access limited to 4 patrons at a time.  
2:00 – 5:00 Computer and family library access by appointment.

### Saturday

9:00 – 12:00 Public library access limited to 4 patrons at a time.

Finally, as we get more comfortable with social distancing, cleaning, and expanded safety measures we will cautiously and deliberately ease restrictions until our previous operating capacity is fully restored.

As we reopen the following safety measures will be in effect:

- Patrons under 14 must be supervised by a parent or guardian
- Limit of 2 family members unless pre-scheduled
- Patrons who have any cold/flu/virus symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with symptoms are asked not to enter the library
- Out of respect for fellow patrons and staff, patrons are asked to wear a mask while in the library
- All in-library programs are canceled through the end of July
- Social distancing measures must be followed
- Place all returns in book drop/do not place items on counters

**Summary:** youth supervised, short visits, no large groups, no congregating, masks encouraged

**As always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let us know!**

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Compiled by Bob Thran

# Readlyn, Long Ago

## Readlyn-Denver Civil War Veterans (1861-1864)

One hundred and sixty years ago, written into the United States Constitution, owning a black human being was a right in some states. Black people were bought and sold and auctioned off at slave markets.

The Confederate States' entire economy was based on slave labor. As America was moving westward, new states were being added to the United States. These states, including Iowa, were anti-slave states. Southern states, fearing the anti slave sentiment, seceded from the union. Abraham Lincoln, recently elected president, did not allow the breakup of the Union. The Civil War had begun!

These Civil War veterans are buried in Readlyn/Denver area cemeteries (1 to 10 Readlyn, 11 to 27 Denver):

1. Leopold Leistikow, buried at Grove Hill (see featured story)
2. George Vandewalker
3. John Kerr
4. W. F. Beck
5. Alfred Robinson
6. Herges Miller
7. Henry Porter
8. George Hahn
9. Two Unreadable Stones
10. Johann Schwer, Klinger
11. Jacob Michael, Messingham
12. John Rector
13. James Ballard
14. Joseph Farriis
15. John Foutsch
16. Isaac Conner
17. Christian Pipho, Maxfield
18. John Richman
19. Johan Schoof
20. Johann Schumacher
21. Heinrich Vogt, Artesian
22. Friederich Heidemann, Sharp
23. Ludwig Becker
24. Christian Mohling
25. Don MacDonald, East Janesville
26. Hiram Auner
27. John Adams, Pioneer

The Civil War was a vicious war. Strategy was a skirmish line. Soldiers

on both sides walked in a straight line side-by-side toward the enemy, then fired at close range or engaged in hand-to-hand combat. Rifles were single shot, and reloading took many seconds.

Many were severely wounded! Wounded were gathered from the battlefields after a battle, then often had to suffer a long wait to be treated. Facilities and treatment were crude. Sanitation was non-existent. Sulfa was not yet available, as in WWII, to douse the wound to prevent infection. One of the tools a surgeon had available was a saw with which to remove all or part of a mangled limb or a limb in which gangrene had set in. Doctors were not familiar with treating severe wounds, and amputation was often the solution. Treated wounds later oozed pus, and amputation again was necessary.

For every three who died in battle, five died of disease. One-fourth of those on both sides who were captured and imprisoned died of disease, hunger or exposure. Great honor is to be bestowed to those who survived and are now lying at rest in our Readlyn/Denver cemeteries. General Grant stated, "WAR IS HELL!" The American Civil War was fought in the Depths of Hell!

After four years, the Civil War ended on April 9, 1865, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House. The Confederacy no longer existed. Four million slaves were freed.

According to the American Battlefield Trust, of the 3.5 million who fought in the war, there were 1.5 million casualties, 620,000 of which were deaths, making the Civil War the bloodiest in American history. More lives were lost in the Civil War than in World War I and World War II combined. The battle of Gettysburg alone had 51,000 casualties. Additionally, there were 476,000 wounded and 400,000 captured or missing.



Many Civil War soldiers served in Battery M 2nd U.S. Horse Artillery.

## Leopold Leistikow (1837-1912)

Leopold Leistikow has many descendants living in the greater Readlyn area. His Civil War military history was presented to me by his great-grandson, Ron Leistikow.

Born in Labentz, Silesia, Germany, now Poland, of Slav parents on March 10, 1837, and given the Slavish name Leopold, he migrated with his parents to the Klinger area. Leopold was section foreman on the Northwest Railroad when he enlisted into the 64th U.S. Artillery, on April 3, 1861. He was assigned to the horse artillery.

In the horse artillery, lighter cannons were pulled by six horses, accompanied by horse-drawn caissons (wagons) carrying ammunition. All men were mounted.

This type of artillery could travel many miles in one day. Duty was dangerous for, in battle, horses were a target. Artillery shells would burst among them. Horses would spook. Soldiers were killed not

only by the fire directed at the horses, but also in the confusion of runaways and the tangling of harnesses.

Leopold, in his three years in the Civil War, participated in dozens of battles ranging from Washington, D.C. to Tennessee. Major battles in which he fought were some of the most famous and bloodiest, Gettysburg, Antietam and Fredericksburg.

After serving three years, Leopold was discharged on April 3, 1864 in Nashville, Tennessee. He returned to the Klinger area and resumed his duties with the railroad. Leopold married Dorthea Tiedt on April 4, 1864 in Illinois. He and Dorthea raised five daughters and six sons, all born in a log cabin on what is now the Leon Heine-mann farm one mile south of Readlyn. He died November 8, 1912 and is buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery four miles east of Readlyn. He lies there with nine of his fellow Civil War soldiers.



Leopold and Dorthea Leistikow are shown with their children, son, August, and daughter, Amelia, in their Iowa home.



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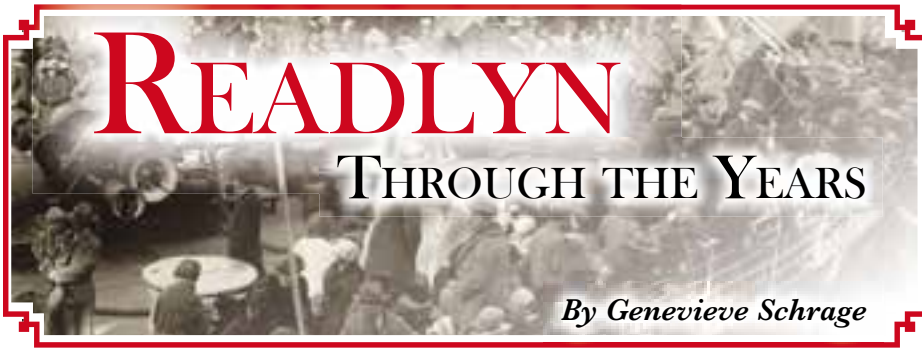
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## A different family lifestyle!!!

Since it has been a long time that the rural areas of our country have been open to settlement, I am about to tell my genealogical history of my father's side of the family. It begins with my great-grandparents, the Peter (III) Maurer's migration to America in 1853, the permanent settlement in 1855, including a consummation achievement or, in other words, a marriage. Remember, Readlyn wasn't incorporated until 1904, two years after the railroad was built in 1902. Imagine to have to go from 1855 until 1904 (49 years) after supplies in Waverly (incorporated in 1846), a distance of thirteen miles each way.

The next generation of Maurer farmers was Peter's son, Benjamin Frank, who wasn't to enjoy a healthful lifetime. He married my grandmother, Mary. After a few years they had moved to Texas, hoping to improve Benjamin's life, but it was only a brief stay. Grandpa died in 1923, before I was born.

Going back to when my Grandmother Mary's parents and family (the Koschmeders) moved from Cedar Falls to the Readlyn area, it was a time when making and shining shoes was not a hefty-paying occupation for a large family, although, there were only four children at the time of the move to rural Readlyn.

Tempers ran full-speed forward. The three oldest boys were not thrilled at the thought of trying to farm with all the handicaps involved. First of all, there was no money "floating around," which was the biggest detriment in changing to an unfamiliar lifestyle. The sons, Frank, Herman, and Henry, had contacts with a friend who had moved to the Washington-Oregon area and who had convinced the three brothers to move West, in search of a better life.

Their friend was aware of the family upheavals and of the many disturbances created by the boy's father, Anton Koschmeder, and thought perhaps it was time for a separation. Herman, Henry, and Frank thought this to be a good idea, since their mother, also Mary, was at the brink of needing psychiatric help. This step seemed to be the answer to some of their questions, so they introduced this idea to their mother after the family had lived on a farm near Readlyn for quite a number of years and had increased their family to eight children. Among the increase was Mary Koschmeder who became my grandmother when she married Benjamin Frank Maurer. His health was a big problem, so she became the chief farmer, besides rearing seven children, although two died young. She was very active with a hammer. When she

went to the barn to milk, she carried her "Fix-it Kit" with her. (My father was also handy with a hammer!!!)

Many years later, in 1937, when Grandma Maurer stayed with us kids during a Western trip for our parents, she was our babysitter for about two weeks. During this time, she built enclosed storage cupboards in the basement. We lived in the basement in the summertime and the house was "only seventeen years old" and no cupboards. What a revolting development! She passed away in 1944, at the age of seventy-one.

The baby, Minnie, was about two years old when she and her mother, Mary, made the move to the West Coast — Oregon and Washington. Minnie's three brothers had moved earlier, and had found jobs in Washington, in the fruit orchards of Dayton and Yakima, and in Oregon, in good farmland as well as the vast lumbering areas. They had also made arrangements to get a job in the hops fields for their mother.

The move was made after the arrangements were made, but Mary, my great-grandmother, never came back to see her four children who stayed with their dad. Several of them had made trips Out West to see her. Charlie was about fifteen — he never saw his mother again — he was slated to help his father with the farm work. Mary (my grandmother), who was ten years old when her mother left, had to "step up to the plate" and be the housekeeper. Emma and John were six and four years old at the time.

Mary (my grandmother) managed to visit their neighbor lady for much advice, related to cooking and ordinary housework. Her neighbor eventually had fifteen children and was always a willing helper. She taught Mary how to bake bread, make many pastries, as well as to make home-made soap. With



a family of that size for neighbors, there may have been some help coming from the neighbor kids. There were many Wittenburgs who settled in the Readlyn-Denver area.

In the meantime, Minnie had grown up to be an educated girl. She graduated from high school and eventually married Christ Sheldon. She and her mother lived with the oldest brother, Frank, until she got married. Minnie and Christ made several trips back to Iowa to visit her relatives. They had several children — their son, Russell, and his new bride spent their honeymoon in the Midwest with relatives. This split-up family made many trips back and forth to visit their relatives.

One of the most interesting things that I remember was when my grandmother, Mary, told me that when she was seventeen, her father, Anton, gave her some money and told her to "take the train and go out to see what your mother is up to." She went out West and stayed longer, having gotten a job for a short time.

In later years, Grandma's daughter, Mabel (my Aunt Mabel), was interested in meeting her Uncle Henry's five children, the only one of the three brothers out West who had children. She got a job out West for quite a few years. She met and became good friends with all of Henry's children. Then she finally came back and got married at the age of thirty-five. She and her husband did a lot of traveling. They had many trips out West as well as around the world. They observed their Golden Wedding anniversary, and she lived into her nineties.


Great-grandmother Mary never left the Oregon area and great-grandfather Anton never left Readlyn. Great-grandmother Mary is buried in the Salem, Oregon cemetery. Great-grandfather Anton is buried in the Grove Hill Cemetery on Highway 3 east of Readlyn.

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# Congratulations

## Readlyn Seniors

### Class of 2020

#### Tanner Blaylock

Tanner Blaylock is the son of Dan and Kristin Blaylock.

During his time at Wapsie Valley High School he earned the following awards and honors:



Gold Presidential Award for Educational Achievement; Wapsie Valley Education Foundation Service Scholarship recipient; National Honor Society member; Silver Cord Volunteer Award; All Academic Teams - football, baseball, and track; First Team District Defensive Lineman - 2 years; *Des Moines Register* All State Football Team-Defensive Line; State Track Qualifier in Shot Put; Varsity Letter Winner - football, baseball and track.

He was a member of National Honor Society, played football, baseball, track, and basketball, and enjoys time outdoors hunting, fishing, camping, and playing sports.

His future plans are to attend Wartburg College to major in exercise science and minor in sports management, and will also be playing football for the Knights this fall.

#### Brendon Brown

Brendon Brown is the son of Jeremy and Kim Brown of Readlyn.



Brendon has been in the following activities throughout his High School career: FFA, football, golf, and his churches RAP (Readlyn Area Parish) Youth Group.

Brendon plans to attend Hawkeye Community College this fall for ag business.

#### Morgan Downs

Morgan Downs is the daughter of JoDee Downs and Timothy Downs.



Her high school activities have included archery her freshman year and cross country as a freshman.

Morgan plans to go to Hawkeye Community College for their medical laboratory technology program.



#### Jason Harks

Jason Harks is the son of Tony and Michelle Harks.

In high school, he was active in FFA and archery, and working for Fairbank Locker, Kwik Star and Sunrise Catering.

His future plans are to move to Hawaii and start his career.



#### Jackson Nading

Jackson James Nading is the son of Scott and Mary Nading.

He plans to work, and is undecided about college.

#### Andrew David Powell



Andrew Powell is the son of Andrea Buehler and Dave Powell.

He played football for the Wapsie Valley Warriors.

Andrew's future plan is, "Helping families have more options and freedom."

#### Anna Richards

Anna Richards is the daughter of Mike and Cassandra Richards.



At Wapsie Valley High School, she was active in FFA, basketball, National Honor Society, and football cheerleading.

Her future plans are to attend DMACC in Ankeny for agribusiness then transfer to Iowa State for agricultural studies. "I want to use this degree to come back to the Wapsie community and work as an ag loan officer."

#### Kiks Rosengarten



Kiks Rosengarten is the son of Jim and Sheila Rosengarten.

Basketball, football, golf, and track and field kept him busy in high school.

Kiks plans to attend Upper Iowa University to study business management and play basketball.

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### Family Fishing

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Last month I wrote about the month of May and all the great outdoor activities available to participate in during the month. One of those May activities is turkey hunting. Well, I'm sad to inform you all that within the month of May and the earlier seasons, the Eastern wild turkey has absolutely kicked my butt this spring.

Many hunts and many close calls led to more stories than meat in the freezer, and the old adage of sometimes you're the bug, sometimes you're the windshield, definitely rang true this season! I was most certainly the bug this spring. BUT!!!! That's more than OK with me — I learned a lot this season and have many new memories with my daughter and Dad. At writing this, I have five days left of the season, I'll update you the next article on how this season ends. I congratulate all the outdoorsman and women who were successful this spring!

This month I want to talk about an activity you can share together as a family in these weird (I'm not going to use the term) C@50%#a virus times.

One activity that has really been utilized

more this spring than in recent years past is fishing. This spring, I've noticed more folks and families enjoying the sport I love so much. Without the hectic schedules of youth sports, work, and school events, families have had more time to be together, and many have taken to the outdoors and fishing in particular.

Even if you really don't know much about fishing, you can enjoy the sport without a lot of high cost in gear and get your family involved. A great place to start is a bait and tackle store. As most of you know, I'm very partial to Hank's Live Bait and Tackle at 186 W. 15th St., Waterloo. Smaller stores, such as Hank's, can be very helpful in getting you and your family started with quality, low-cost gear and great advice to point you in the right direction.

You can get started with simple bobber and worm rigs to catch bluegills and crappies and work your way up to all the various lures available to fishermen for all varieties of fish. I recently made a YouTube video for a young fisherman getting started bass fishing and how to rig and fish various baits. Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bcyfoa8k4&>



feature=share and it can help you get started with some basic bass rigs and baits. Also, YouTube can be a great resource to help you get started. There are endless fishing videos online with a quick search.

As far as where to fish, we are fortunate enough to live in our great Readlyn area that holds many fishing opportunities nearby. The Wapsi River and its backwaters are a great place to start. The Wapsi is home to many species of fish and, fortunately, has been running low this spring.

Seek out areas to fish the Wapsi by looking for deeper areas in the river that will be holding fish with it low. Also, some often overlooked areas to fish are the numerous ponds in the river bottom the Wapsi leaves behind as it recedes into its banks after spring flooding. Fish end up in these ponds from floods and can be great for all varieties of fish.

Part of the excitement fishing these ponds is never knowing what you might possibly catch! These ponds are easily found by using online aerial photos. And most of them around here reside on public lands, so, with a little homework, you

can find little honey holes that are often overlooked.

Another great thing about our area is many farmers and landowners have small ponds nearby. Sometimes a little door-knocking and conversation can gain yourself access to a great fishing spot.

If you're just getting into fishing, include the family and it can be a passion you can all learn together and share. I know I have many bonds that will last a lifetime due to fishing. So, as we head into summer and you're looking for family activities to enjoy, grab the fishing poles and get the family outside to make some memories and some big fish stories!

Iowa's free fishing weekend is June 5-7, so you can give it a try without even needing to purchase a license that weekend!

Before I leave you this month, I want to say a special thanks to some local folks, they will know why, Charlie and Wilda Albrecht, Laverne and Judy Leistikow, and Mark and Ruth Happel. I just want to say I can't thank you enough and I look forward to many years of friendship! Until next time, GET OUTDOORS!



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# Leistikow Family scholarships presented

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The four \$400 scholarships were presented by Ron Leistikow and the providers were LaVerne and Judy Leistikow, Kurt and Jennifer Leistikow, and Ron and Judy Leistikow, all who either attended Wapsie or their children did. It is our way to give something back to our school.

### Brendon Brown

The first winner is Brendon Brown, Readlyn. Brendon has worked in the area, mostly in agriculture-related jobs, besides doing much volunteer work and being involved in FFA, football, band, and golf. He plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for ag business and later transfer to Iowa State University for a bachelor's degree. His parents are Kim and Jeremy Brown.

### Hannah Miller

The second winner is Hannah Miller, Oran. Hannah has been involved in archery, FFA, Honor Society, softball, TAG, her church and 4-H club. Her plans are to attend Kirkwood and become a veterinary

technician. Her mother is Tamara Miller.

### Cole Neil

The third winner is Cole Neil of Fairbank. Cole has been involved in hundreds of hours of farm work, mostly with cattle. He was also involved in football, basketball, baseball, track, FFA and National Honor Society. He plans to attend ISU for an animal science degree. His parents are Todd and Alisa Neil.

### Anna Richards

The fourth recipient is Anna Richards of Fairbank. She has been involved in many activities including band, FFA, basketball, 4-H, National Honor Society, golf, cheerleading, volleyball and her church. Her plans are to attend Des Moines Area Community College for a degree in ag business. Her parents are Mike and Cassandra Richards.

We had 13 applicants and it was not easy to pick the winners.

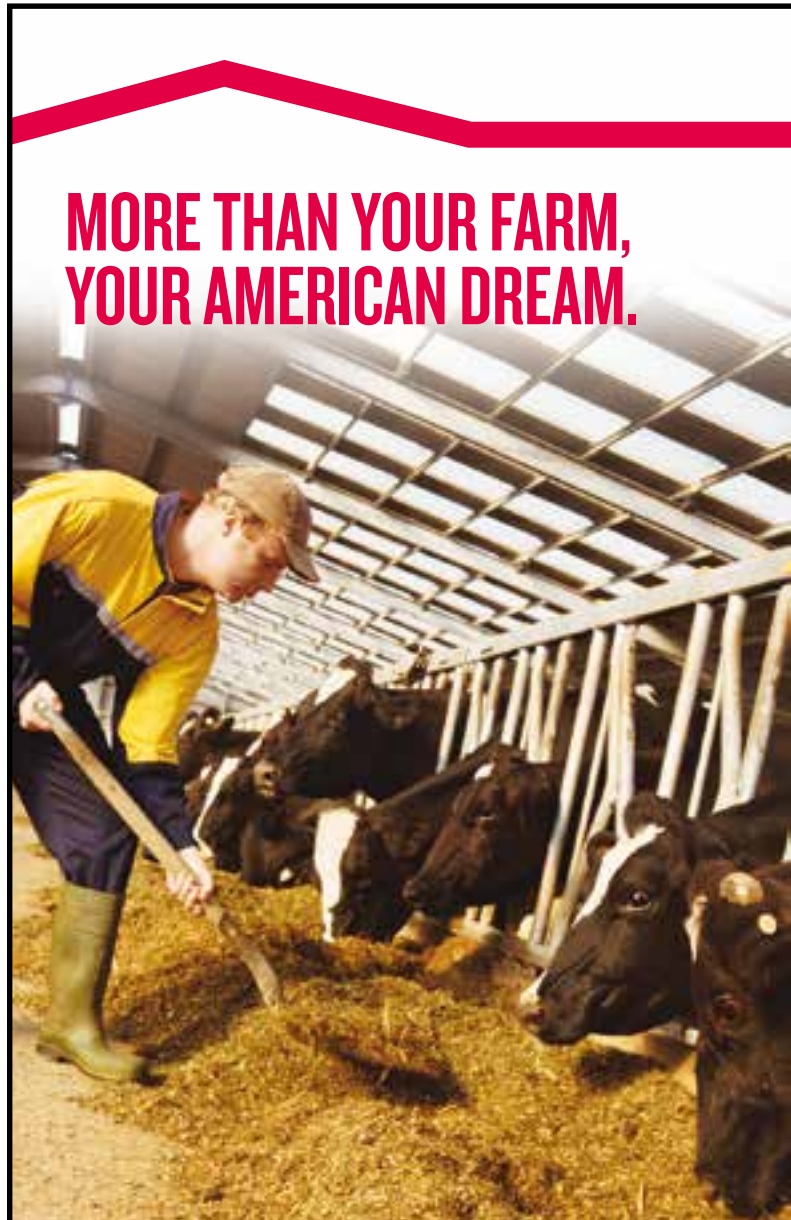
Congratulations to all the Leistikow scholarship winners!

Also, it was noted that Cole Neil and Hannah Miller each had won a \$500 scholarship from the Bremer County Corn Growers organization earlier.



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