“Dream Hunt” at Tanglewood Ranch

On Saturday September 30th, the Tanglewood Ranch and Hunt Club in rural Mineral Point hosted a day long “dream hunt” for critically ill and disabled children. Tanglewood owners Kurt & Tammy Wedig are members of Wings Over Wisconsin and they contacted Ron and MaryAnn Burbach of the Iowa-Lafayette chapter to see if Wings, with their Outdoor Wish Program, would be interested in sponsoring and helping out with this adventure. Several Wings members from the chapter showed up to help with and support this great effort. Wings donated backpacks to the 11 children who participated in the activities.

The pheasant hunt and fishing trip is organized annually by the United Special Sportsmen Alliance (USSA), a non-profit organization which grants outdoor adventure wishes for ill and disabled children and adults in the Wisconsin River Chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Assc.

The activities for the day included hunting pheasants and other birds, fishing, trap shooting, games and learning about hunting safety. The Wedig’s donated the exclusive use of all the fields as well as the lodge for lunch and activities.

Many of the children required adaptive equipment including a chair bolted into a 4-wheeler which enabled the young hunter to aim and shoot from a sitting position. One of the parents expressed, “the events mean a lot to these children as it gives them the opportunity to get away from problems of their lives, and has been a real blessing for us and the kids.”

“We’re happy to be part of such a wonderful experience and help in any way possible,” said Kurt Wedig. His wife added, “we have three children of our own so we know how important it is to spend fun quality time with your children.”