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Fishing back when fishing was free

Editor's Note: This is a re-print from a previous column.

I'm reminded of my age when I think about the days in my memory when fishing was free. And, if not exactly free, it was certainly cheap.

Yes, back in the days when we had fishing poles, not rods, and they were equipped with string, not line. When the loss of your tackle box meant you'd need to find a new two-pound coffee can to tote your stuff around in. When your fishing junk was exactly that. Junk. Gleaned from here and there, hooks the only store-bought item that couldn't be appropriated or stolen somewhere.

Did I say "stolen"? Scratch that. Let's say "found somewhere." Kids were always finding stuff.

I don't believe I was familiar with the term "bait shop" until my early teens, at which time Lake Sakakawea was forming itself behind the Garrison Dam. In those days, I suspect it was those "damn outdoor magazines" that ruined it for everyone by promoting all kinds of new equipment with which to catch the multitude of fish lounging around those huge lake waters.

Suddenly, people were buying suckers and minnows from the bait shop, which was also the local cream station, a familiar business in most rural communities of the day. No one seemed bothered that the cans that held the cream also held the bait, depending on the day.

Also showing up were manufactured bamboo poles, store-bought bobbers and sinkers. And, the real mark of distinction – the fishing reel.

In early versions I was familiar with, reels were really just spools with a handle, lacking the guides that rolled the string on the spool evenly. Shortly after the invention of those, the backlash or birds-nest followed, along with the creation of some swear words, because even some crusty fishermen said, "I never heard that one before."

If you owned a fishing reel, you owned a pocketknife, because some knots are just too big and pulled too tight to get out.

One of the great kindnesses of early fishing tackle was that it allowed for very little in the way of casting. People, once they were lucky enough to get a line out into the water, were reluctant to want to try again soon. Blessed were those who didn't have their line stuck in the weeds, wrapped around the wheel of the car, entangled with their body (or that of a bystander), or in a state of backlash or birds-nest, the birds-nest the holy grail of tangles.

These days, of course, with reels costing anywhere from a day's wages to several month's worth, everyone casts. A lot.

My grandson Triple T likes to cast. Despite many, many warnings from his father that ours is not a casting boat, he likes to sneak in a few too many on occasion.

Worth noting is that he is not alone, and all of my grandchildren have their bait dry out from being whipped through the air more than it is in the water. Now and then, a fish that has had the patience to wait, mouth open ready




TRACKS IN THE SAND KEN BEAUCHAMP

to bite, will be lucky enough to catch the bait in the water long enough to actually grab it.

While this seems to be a

problem (mostly for Grampa), it isn't likely to end soon.


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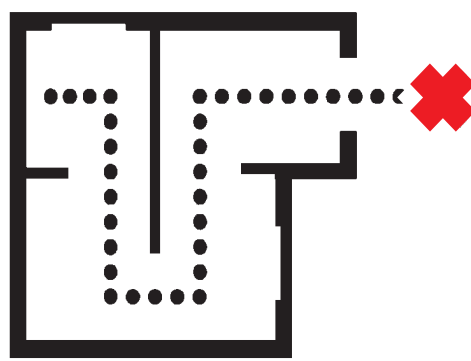
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No, not when one of the little people insists on casting, and casting, and casting.

Until they have a birds nest. At which time they turn to their dads and say, "Here. This isn't working anymore."

There are times when I find myself wishing I had a fishing pole like the old days. One cut from a sturdy-yet-supple willow tree.

The answer is yes, I would. I would smack their dads a dirty one. Untangling your own backlash or birds-nest builds character, and it is the best way to argue your need for your own pocketknife.

I've always liked a big one. A pocket-and-a-half knife.

A wise friend of mine noted once that no one ever got rich saving money. I think he was working as an investment guy at the time.

I don't know about that. I do know that no one ever had any fun saving money!

Since I no longer have to explain to anyone the basis of the whim which led me to buy another piece of fishing stuff, when what I had is still perfectly fine, I tend to over indulge.

Not to worry, I have money.

That's right. Some money I haven't even seen yet. That would be the money everyone said I would have when I quit drinking.

It has been almost 40 years and I haven't seen any of that money yet. Maybe some ghost broker has been investing it for me and some day I'll get a good news envelope in the mail saying I'm rollin' in dough.

Then there's the dollar a day I am saving, having once again put my pipes into storage. At the current rate, I could almost bankroll my own sainthood, if I live long enough and that drinking money shows up. I realize from the news that sainthoods are about half a million.

But, then I think about all the really neat fishing stuff I could buy with that kind of money. I could even put a down payment on a nice new fishing boat and have the loan company send the payment book to my son.

Last week a lady asked if I was interested in going fishing in the dark. I quickly responded, "Heck, no! You won't believe the lantern system I just bought."

Late Ice Lessons



OUR OUTDOORS
NICK SIMONSON

I can recall the sun rising over the eastern waters of Devils Lake as I headed to the hotel to meet my parents for a weekend of early spring fishing on the just-opened channels of the north end of the sprawling lake. The rays shimmered on the lightly rippled bay and dulled as they fell nearer to shore where a couple hundred feet of ice extended out into the water. A half a mile over the bridge, I was amazed to see two die-hard ice anglers working a series of holes cut into the gray ice as the spring morning broke and things began to warm. There are some folks who love ice fishing, and then there are those that really love ice fishing. I surmised, as the pair looked to extend their season to its literal and figurative edge.

Late ice can be one of the fastest fishing times on hard-water, rivaled only by early ice and the late fall feeding frenzy that carries on below without much regard for the first covering on a lake or reservoir. Fish make their

moves toward spawning areas as meltwater enters the system and the bite often becomes more aggressive as they feed in preparation for the upcoming efforts associated with reproduction. As the amount of daylight extends for ice fishing efforts into March and even April, depending on the winter that was, anglers too have more opportunities to find these more readily-biting fish, with extended after-work options and a sunset that won't come until after 8 p.m.. I recall a couple of seasons up north fishing crappies and bluegills in mid-April when ice off didn't come until the first week of May on many lakes and being amazed when I

returned home near 9 p.m. those evenings with a pail full of panfish for a late dinner.

As fish make their moves ahead of spring and openwater, so too do anglers targeting those stretches of ice where, like a good hockey player, they move to where the target will be and not where it is. Late winter and early spring have often found me on the edges of northern bays and feeder creeks where just a few weeks later I'd be casting across the open water for pike and walleyes and working my way back toward the main water to find where fish were at in their series of seasonal sojourns. It's not unusual to lay out a spread of tip-ups and jig a grid of holes set over various depths to intercept those fish that are transitioning toward their spring spaces. However, with all the excitement of late ice, there are many safety factors to consider as things can change quickly with any early warm-ups.

With the rising angle of the sun, the longer days and presumably warmer temperatures, the strength of February's clear ice can quickly erode in March. Perhaps the biggest influence on weakening ice is inflowing water, as melting snow and early spring rains can quickly cut into that ice at the connection between a creek and a lake or even just a gully that drains to a water body. Additionally, any areas of ice quickly weaken where water moves freely, such as around outlets or culverts. With these areas breaking up faster, those windy conditions that herald the changing of the seasons throughout the upper Midwest can also assist in the degradation of what was once solid ice. While no ice is ever safe ice, these areas this time of year are the most dangerous and should be avoided. Monitor the weather conditions – even on an hourly basis, especially as winds rise at mid-day – and inspect the destination water before heading out, leaving contact information and your likely locations for friends or family at home.

Late ice can provide some fantastic angling as the season shifts toward spring. Safely pushing the limits of ice and the season can result in some amazing memories but making sure those factors for a solid outing are in play are even more important in continuing the adventures in the future. Target those areas where the fish are headed and work back to the main water along the transitions as spring spawning motions begin, while keeping an eye on the often fast-changing conditions for a safe and successful late ice experience...in our outdoors.

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Fifty years of bringing a smile

BY DANIEL ARENS

There's a lot of days that go into a period of 50 years. Yet for each working day over those last five decades, you can always count on being greeted by Sharon Olander's smile when you come by the Hazen Star.

"I still enjoy getting up and going to work," she said.

The daughter of Leonard and Louise Olander, Sharon grew up in the Stanton area with her four brothers Darrel, Clayton, Wallace and Douglas. She graduated from Stanton High School in May of 1969.

"I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do [after graduating]," she said. "I was kind of interested in being a stewardess, then I flew and got sick, so I crossed that off the list. I thought maybe I wanted to be a nurse, but I didn't like the sight of blood, so I crossed that off the list too."

Always a fan of reading area newspapers, as well as good books, Olander decided pursuing a career where she could type up things to write was a good fit. Less than a year after her high school graduation, she found herself hired as a part time typesetter with BHG News Incorporated for the Hazen Star in February 1970. She hasn't looked back since.

The new job came with a transition to a new community, albeit one nearby and which she was already familiar with. It helped that she had relations she could stay with while she was still searching for her own house.

"When I first got the job, I stayed with my grandma and uncle until I got on my feet," she said.

Olander has worn a lot of different hats during her many years at the Star and, for a short time, at

the Beulah Beacon. After the Beacon's new building opened, she commuted there each day, until Don Gackle, BHG general manager at the time, informed her the new front office position at the Star was available, and thought she might want that.

"I do enjoy it, it's more of a variety of things to do," Olander said. "It's not just behind the typewriter the whole time."

The job description for front office manager is indeed varied. The work includes billing for the Center Republican and Hazen Star, deposits each week for ad and office sales, subscriptions for both the Star and Republican, taking in all the classified section ads and managing the front portion (including inventory of all the office supply material the business sells).

"After doing this for so many years, I know if we have it and, if we do, I know where it's at," she said.

Besides these regular duties of her main job description, Olander has also found a couple opportunities to write in each week's newspaper.

"I know when Lauren Donovan was editor, I had found this lady one time was doing extra baking for Christmas," she recalled. "So I said to Lauren, 'Look how interested she is in cooking.' And Lauren told me, 'Well, if you're interested in that, maybe you should start doing a cook column.'"

For a while, Olander would travel to different people's houses and conduct interviews to gather recipes. Although she eventually stopped traveling out, she continues to gather online recipe columns or those submitted to her and put them together in her "Cook of the Week" column to this day.



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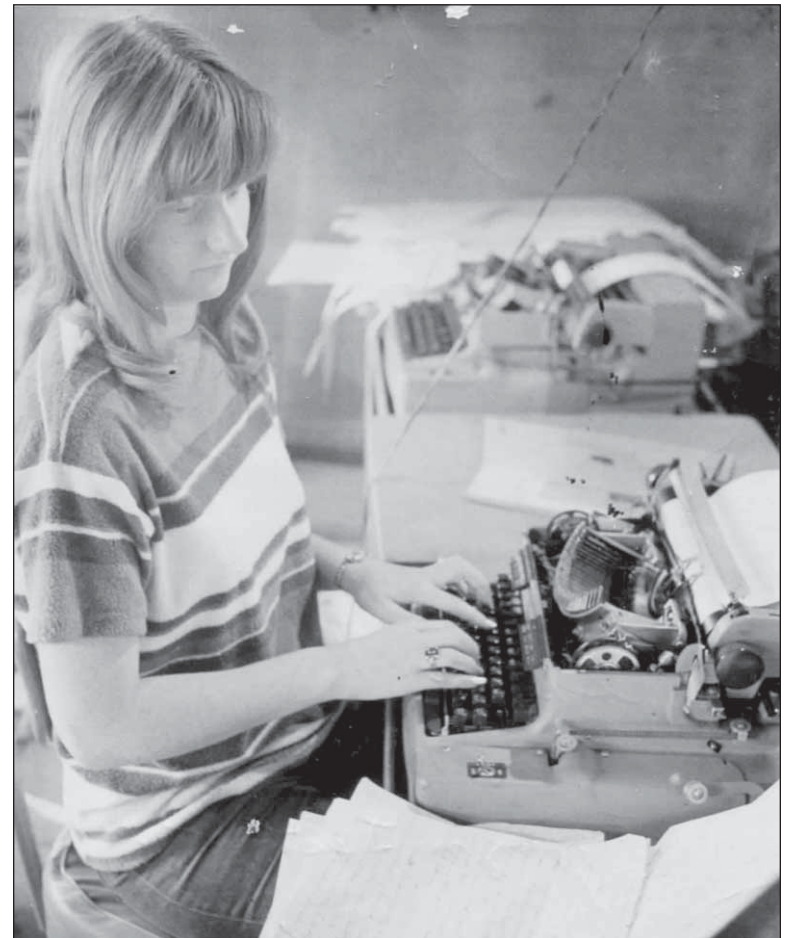
Sharon Olander sits behind her desk at the Hazen Star front office. This month, she celebrated her 50 year anniversary with BHG Incorporated.

Olander also took on the "Days Gone By" section (the Hazen Star's adaptation of the "Remember When" column) when it became too much additional work for the editors. Currently, she is doing 10, 25, 50 and 70 year sections, although she plans to add "100 years ago" once we move forward enough that the preserved newspaper books in the Star's office go back that far.

For many of the years she writes about in this section, Olander has herself been a witness to the events, having lived in town here all through the years. Her involvement with groups like the Hazen Lions Club and the Red Hat Ladies has helped her make many lifelong friends, many of whom still live in the Hazen area themselves.

"There's always something for everyone, no matter how quiet of a person you are," she said of Hazen.

Olander recalled what the local communities and newspaper were like back



Submitted photo

Sharon Olander works with the "Justewriter", an old piece of equipment prior to the installation of computers that would print out the type on a second machine as she pressed the keys on the first.



Submitted photo

Olander types away during her brief stint working at the Beulah Beacon.

in the early 70s when she took up her position.

"[The original Hazen Star building] was right in front of where the new one is now," Olander said. "You could look out the window and watch it go up."

"That first building did not have indoor plumbing, so it was nice to get a bathroom in the new one," she added, laughing.

Olander said the introduction of computers was a marvelous advancement that made her job a lot easier. For one thing, she no longer receives paper copies of all meeting minutes that she must then type up by hand (including the long list of bills accompanying many of those minutes). Of course, even the first computer is now far in the past, and many other new inventions have

left their mark on her career path.

Despite the many, many hours that go into 50 years of working at the Hazen Star and BHG News Incorporated, Olander is not ready to stop yet.

"I'm still planning on working a couple more years for sure," she said, adding the qualifier, "unless I win the lottery."

Over all the many years of service, Sharon Olander said she never knew what a day will bring. But, regardless, she'll meet it with a smile and a helping hand for callers, customers and community friends alike.

"I would just like to kind of sum up my 50 years with a saying from Forrest Gump: 'Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.'"



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District Education Programs

Conservation Scholarship

Michael Schmidt was one of the 2019 recipients of a \$500 Mercer County SCD Conservation Scholarship. Michael is a graduate of Beulah High School. He is attending North Dakota State University majoring in Agronomy with minors in Range and Soil Sciences. Michael hopes to return to the Beulah area upon graduation. Robert Fitterer was the other recipient. Robert is a graduate of Beulah High School and is attending Dickinson State University. He plans to return to the family ranch when he graduates.



Soils for Successful Production

The Mercer County SCD supervisor Wayne Windhorst hosted a field tour featuring Doug Landblom, NDSU Extension and Hal Weiser, NRCS Soil Scientist. Topics included Soil Health, Cover Crops, Grazing and Haying as well as a Soil Pit. The district hosted lunch following. It was a gorgeous day to visit about healthy soils for a healthy bottom line.



8th Grade Soil and Water Conservation Tour

The District held its annual 8th grade Soil and Water Conservation Tour at Harmony Lake. Beulah and Hazen Middle Schools attended with 96 students participating. Students were taken to various soil and water conservation practice sites. Tour presentation topics included range management and native plants, benefits of tree windbreaks, beneficial wildlife habitat, soil health, water quality, and reclamation.



2020 Scholarships Available

MCSCD is taking applications for 2020 Conservation Scholarships. The scholarships are open to high school seniors and college students who are residents of Mercer County, North Dakota and intend to or are currently pursuing a degree at a two or four-year university in the state of North Dakota. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.

Interested applicants are required to complete the application form and compose an essay of no more than 500 words. Applications and essays are due to the Mercer County Soil Conservation District office by April 1, 2020. For more info or applications, please contact the office.



Coffee Talk

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Goodman Creek Watershed Project

The Mercer County SCD was successful in their application to continue the watershed funding through the ND Department of Environmental Quality. The new project is Goodman Creek. The goal of the project is to decrease the annual Escherichia coli bacteria (E. coli.) entering the creek and restoring riparian habitat. Practices include fencing, water development, waste management facilities and grass seeding. If you would like more information on the Goodman Creek Watershed Project, please call Brian or Mark at 873-2101 ext 3.



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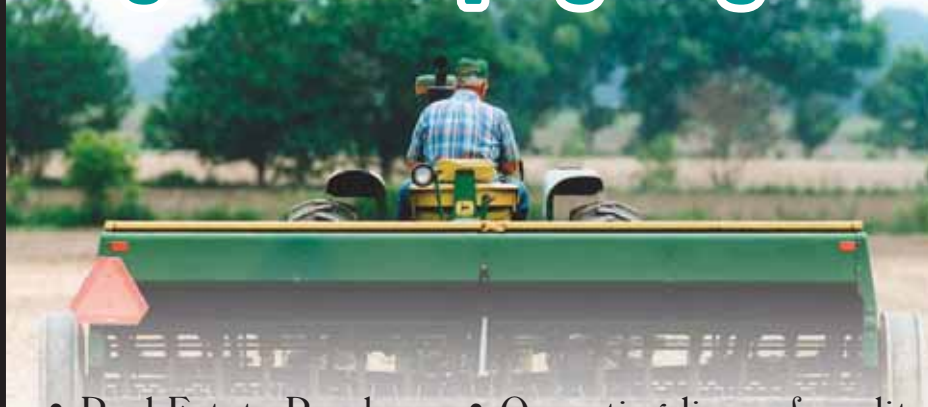
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Operations:

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- * Approved the annual budget and plan of operations
- * Published the annual report
- * Hosted the county Local Led Work Group
- * Attended Mercer County Water Resource Board meetings
- * Supervisors, manager, technician &

coordinator attended the NDASCD Annual Meeting

* District requested a county tax levy of one mill

Education:

- * Hosted Coffee Talk event for areaproducers.
- * Held annual 8th Grade Conservation Day.
- * Hosted Soils for Successful Production field day.

* Hosted Locally Led Conservation open house for all residents in the county.

* Assisted with Mercer County Achievement Days.

Promotion:

- * Paid dues to NACD, NDASCD, Area V SCD, & RC&D
- * Conservation Achievement award was presented to the Schriefers.



District Tree Planting Program

The District tree planting crew (Brian Kerns, Mark Johannes, Shaye Yeager, Callie Lemer & Dawson Reich) planted 70,034 feet of trees in 2019. 2019 Conservation Practices Installed.

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2019 Conservation Practices Installed

TREE PLANTING

Farmstead Tree Plantings	13	
Field Windbreaks	5	
Wildlife Planting	5	
Totals	20	70,034 Feet

WEED BARRIER	19	64,783 Feet
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All Program Practices

- 3 New EQIP Contracts
- 3 CSP contracts were accepted.
- 5,765 feet of pipeline and 2 tanks were installed to enhance livestock drinking water.
- 8,861 feet of fence was installed to improve livestock grazing distribution with 1,231 acres of managed to improve grazing.
- 650 acres of Cover Crops.
- 3,355 feet of Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation.
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The MCSCD will assist Mercer County Producers with manure sampling for NUTBAL and testing water quality in livestock water. For more information on these programs contact the district office.



Tree Planter Needed:

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Long-range weather forecast remains cloudy

By MICHAEL W. SASSER

Last weekend's overnight shift in temperatures in the Beulah area might have been a preview of what is to come.

Saturday's low-50s high and sun was supplanted by early Sunday morning's low in the 20s, cloudy skies and strong wind making it feel even cooler.

A mild transition to spring could be in the cards.

Or possibly not. So said Corey King, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Bismarck.

"The good news is that in the near term, the Beulah area's forecast is not much different than Bismarck's," King said. "For the most part, temperatures look like they will be relatively normal or above normal. It doesn't look like there will be much if any precipitation. There are no big systems on the short term horizon. There are some systems but they aren't targeting the region. Temperatures will range in the 30s and 40s. It should continue to feel spring-like."

"When you see temperatures going up and down, it indicates that a system is moving through but not directly our way," he continued.

King said that the March outlook by the national Climate Prediction Center was

released some two weeks ago, but there was nothing definitive for the state. The same goes for a longer range forecast locally, although that should become clearer in the weeks ahead.

Typically, the average high temperature in the area is 28 degrees in February, 40 degrees in March and then moving to the mid-50s in April.

"The average high on March 1 is 34 degrees," King said. "By the end of March the average high is in the mid-40s historically."

However, it is particularly difficult to nail down a longer term prognosis this year for two reasons. One is that the Beulah area sits right on the border of what might be two different outlooks, with the northern part of the state facing lower temperatures and the southern with a slightly higher chance of above normal temperatures. Secondly, neither an El Nino nor a La Nina dynamic are in effect this winter. El Nino is the periodic warming of water in the Pacific Ocean every few years with La Nina being the opposite.

The impact can influence storm development in the United States. The absence of these contributing influences makes long-range forecasts nationwide a challenge and particularly so in states such as North Dakota



A slight snowfall briefly blanketed Beulah last week. It's unclear what to anticipate beyond next week.

where precipitation and cool temperatures can make for rough conditions.

With varying conditions at this early juncture predicted for the eastern and western halves of the state as well, the chances of warmer than usual and cool temperatures, and precipitation odds, are virtually equal – with perhaps a small advantage on the mild side in the Beulah area.

"It really could go either way," King said. "It will become clearer as time passes."

For the next week or so, though, it should continue to feel mostly spring-like.

"The story is still being written whether there will be an early spring or not," King concluded.

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5,000 SQ. FT.
\$64.99 (SALE \$84.99 - \$20 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Scotts® 4 Step Annual Program
15,000 SQ. FT.
\$164.99 (SALE \$214.99 - \$50 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Scotts® Turf Builder® Halts Crabgrass Preventer with Lawn Food
5,000 SQ. FT.
\$24.99 (SALE \$29.99 - \$5 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

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STORE HOURS: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
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Miracle-Gro® Potting Mix with Fertilizer, 2 Cu. Ft.
\$9.99 (SALE \$12.99 - \$3 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Miracle-Gro® Garden Soil or Whitney Farms® Organic Raised Bed Mix, 1-1/2 Cu. Ft.
\$6.49 each (SALE \$8.49 - \$2 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Ace 50' x 5/8" Flexogen® Premium Garden Hose
\$19.99 (SALE \$23.99 - \$4 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Rust-Oleum® Painter's Touch® Ultra Cover 2x Spray Paint + Primer, 12 Oz.
2 FOR \$7.00 (SALE \$9.00 - \$2 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Bird's Blend
\$69¢ each (SALE)

Peanut Crunch

Berry Blast

Orange Burst

Heath® Suet
\$29.4530, \$29.4548, \$29.4555, \$29.4563

Ace Crabgrass Preventer with Fertilizer
\$19.99 (SALE \$21.99 - \$2 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Ace Annual Program
5000 SQ. FT.
\$49.99 (SALE \$69.99 - \$20 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Ace Annual Program
15,000 SQ. FT.
\$134.99 (SALE \$179.99 - \$45 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Ace Black Oil Sunflower Seed, 20 Lb. or Wild Bird Food, 40 Lb.
\$9.99 each (SALE)

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Outdoor Power

EGO® 56 Volt Self-Propelled Mower
\$499.99 (SALE \$529.99 - \$30 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Toro® Recycler® High-Wheel Self-Propelled Mower
\$309.00 (SALE)

Craftsman® High-Wheel Push Mower
\$249.99 (SALE \$259.99 - \$10 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

STIHL® MSA 120 C-BQ Battery-Powered Chain Saw
\$299.95

Craftsman® 16" Gas Chain Saw
\$149.99 (SALE \$159.99 - \$10 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Ace LED Bulb 2/Pk.
\$12.00 (SALE 2 FOR)

Ace LED Bulb 4/Pk.
\$9.00 (SALE 2 FOR)

Halsted 5 Pc. Fire Table Chat Set
\$599.99 (SALE)

Taylor 7 Pc. Dining Set
\$449.99 (SALE)

SAVE \$2 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD INSTANTLY

DURACELL

Roundup® Ready-to-Use Weed & Grass Killer III with Comfort Wand® or Weed & Grass Killer Concentrate Plus
\$18.99 each (SALE \$22.99 - \$4 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Pennzoil® Motor Oil
\$3.99 quart (SALE)

DeWalt® Circular Saw, or 20 Volt MAX Lithium-Ion Compact Drill/Driver or Impact Driver
\$99.99 each (SALE)

Ace 22" Spring Brace Rake or 24" Poly Leaf Rake
\$6.99 each (SALE)

Rubbermaid® Brute® 32 Gal. Commercial Grade Trash Can
\$22.99 (SALE \$27.99 - \$5 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Iron-Hold® Contractor Trash Bag
\$9.99 each (SALE \$12.99 - \$3 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Stanley® Hand Tools & Accessories
\$4.99 each (SALE \$7.99 - \$3 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Ace Yard & Garden Tools
\$15.99 each (SALE)

Scotts® Foundation Soil Improver
\$24.99 (SALE \$29.99 - \$5 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

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Flex Seal® Flex Seal® Flex Tape® or Flex Seal®
\$12.99 each (SALE)

WING TIE TOUGH HEAVY DUTY DRUM LINERS
\$5.99 each (SALE \$8.99 - \$3 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)

Iron-Hold® Contractor Trash Bag
\$9.99 each (SALE \$12.99 - \$3 WITH ACE REWARDS CARD)