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Underwood, North Dakota

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2020 annual report

Annual meeting June 22  
New location - MEC headquarters

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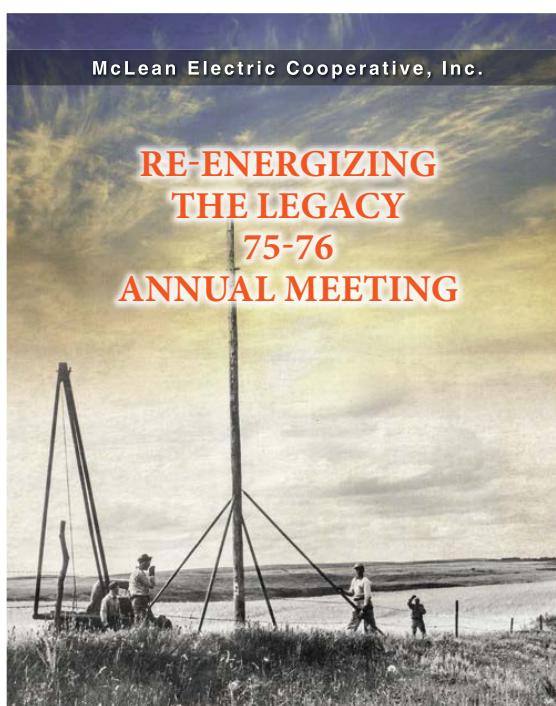
1. Election of four (4) directors for the cooperative
2. All other business which may come before the meeting, or any adjournments thereof

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June 22, 2021  
at MEC headquarters

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### PROGRAM

5 p.m. Registration and meal  
6:30 p.m. Call to order  
Determination of quorum  
Invocation  
Welcome  
Reading of notice and previous minutes  
President's report  
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# Working in the Garden With Kids

## DAKOTA GARDENER

By Carrie Knutson, NDSU Extension Agent, Grand Forks County

Do you have fond memories of gardening?

Or do you avoid anything to do with gardening because of unpleasant experiences, maybe related to garden chores?

My gardening memories are good: weeding on hot summer days listening to my Walkman (yes, I am that old), picking green beans and harvesting sweet corn. The “rosy glow” around my memories explains, in part, why I work with plants and garden at home.

So what are some ways to prevent unpleasant gardening

memories with your kids or grandkids so they continue to garden as they grow?

First, keep in mind that kids will take to gardening in different ways, depending on their age and personalities.

For example, preschoolers like to explore things. Kids ages 5 to 8 like to create, have their own ideas and just do things no matter the result. Don't expect this age group to accomplish as much in terms of chores. These kids also might require close supervision to prevent any gardening disasters. Sometimes a garden fence isn't just to keep the rabbits out!

Nine- to 11-year-olds like to do things. Have them make

and design plant markers or help build structures such as fences or trellises. They work best with smaller tasks given with short, simple directions.

Give teenagers leadership roles in gardening. Have them research plants, plan the garden, and buy seeds and plants. Help them choose tasks in which they can succeed.

Second, remember when working in the garden, time seems to pass at a different rate for kids. They get hot, thirsty and, frankly, bored more quickly than adults.

Weeding is an unpopular task for any gardener, so don't be surprised if kids don't want to weed, either. Encourage kids

to do their share of garden weeding. Try setting small, obtainable goals for weeding. Have them take care of one row or bed or a certain number of weeds. Turn it into a contest; the person with the most weeds gets to water first.

Speaking of water, kids love playing with water, but they can require a lot of guidance to get water in the right spot. Teach them how to water correctly: water the soil and not the leaves and how to check if plants need water.

Sometimes a hose can be hard to manage for younger kids. Fill a large bucket with water and let them scoop water into a smaller container they

can carry. For an example, a yogurt cup and a gallon milk jug with the top cut off.

Finally, focus on having fun and not the work. Remember that involving kids in your gardening chores likely will not reduce your work. In fact, it might even increase the work. But watching them enjoy the fresh peas and tomatoes that they cared for is well worth your efforts. Happy gardening!

*For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension/directory/counties>.*

# Clyfford Still, Abstract Expressionist

## DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Dakota Datebook written by Merry Helm

June 23, 2021 — Artist Clyfford Still died in Baltimore, MD, on this date. He was born November 30, 1904, in Grandin, which lies in the Red River Valley between Fargo and Grand Forks. While his name is certainly not a household one, he is possibly the most highly regarded artist the state has ever produced.

Unfortunately, most of us know little about him, because he so intensely guarded his work. Over his lifetime, Still created nearly a thousand oil paintings and some 13,000 works on paper, but only 225 pieces ever escaped from his

private collection.

In December 2004, reporter Robert Weller wrote, “By most accounts, the late Clyfford Still was a difficult customer – a grumpy, self-imposed isolationist who hoarded his paintings, told collectors which works they would be buying and once took back one of his paintings from a patron by slashing it out of its frame. One reviewer dubbed him the Unabomber of abstract expressionism.”

Still got his degree from Spokane University in Washington in 1933, and over the years he taught and studied in different locations around the country. His first solo show was at the San Francisco

Museum of Art in 1943. He met the great Mark Rothko during this time, and a couple years later, Rothko introduced Still to Peggy Guggenheim; she saw his work and promptly gave him a solo exhibition at her prestigious “Art of This Century” gallery.

Clyfford Still's paintings are best described as “color fields” – intense areas of color built up on the canvas in thick jagged formations. “To be stopped by a frame's edge is intolerable,” he once said. “A great free joy surges through me when I work . . . with tense slashes and a few thrusts the beautiful white fields receive their color and the work is finished in a few minutes. Only they are complete too soon, and I must quickly move on to another to keep the spirit alive and unburdened by the labor my Puritan reflexes tell me must be the cost of my joy.”

Abstract artist Jackson Pollock once said, “Still makes the rest of us look academic.” Indeed, Still's vision was so vast he wouldn't allow his pieces to be shown separately.

“Each painting is an episode in a personal history, an entry in a journal,” he said. “My work in its entirety is like a symphony in which each painting has its part.”

Over time, Still developed a deep distrust of the art world and began rejecting purchase offers, awards, honors and invitations to exhibit his work. The director of the Albright Art Gallery, Gordon Smith, and his patron, Seymour Knox, worked for years to gain Still's trust. Finally, in 1959, Still allowed them to buy two paintings and agreed to let the Gallery hang a rare retrospective of his work. When it turned out to be a positive experience, Still donated 31 paintings to the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, the gallery's parent organization. But, he stipulated, the work had to be shown permanently as a group, and the pieces could never be loaned out, sold or exchanged.

Still also refused to exhibit in New York City, because it was “too corrupt.” He finally agreed to exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1980, but he

insisted on hanging the show himself. Lewis Sharp, who then worked at the Met, said, “I can't think of another time that has been done.”

Clyfford Still died a short time later. In his will, he bequeathed his private collection to an American city that would create and maintain a museum devoted exclusively to his art. For more than two decades, cities have competed for the collection, but it wasn't until August 2004 that a deal was struck. The winner is Denver, whose mayor has said, “It will be one of the few opportunities to commune with a true genius.”

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# CALENDAR

Saturday, June 19  
Smoke Out Fundraiser for N.D. Firefighters Museum, Cubby Hole, 5-8 p.m.

Sunday, June 20  
Old Settlers Picnic

Monday, June 21  
Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.  
Bone Builders, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.  
American Legion Meeting 7 p.m.  
Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board meeting.

Tuesday, June 22  
MEC Annual Meeting at MEC Headquarters meal at 5 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23  
Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.  
E-Youth, Evangel Church in Garrison, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 24  
Bone Builders, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.  
Blue Goose Day at Audubon Refuge 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 26  
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## Moving Robe Warrior Woman

### DAKOTA DATEBOOK

**Dakota Datebook written  
by Merry Helm**

June 24, 2021 — On this day in 1876, Custer and the 7th Cavalry were a day away from their fate at the Little Big Horn River. Among the warriors who fought the following day was Tashna Mani or Moving Robe Woman. The following is an abridged version of her account of what happened:

"Several of us young Indian women were digging wild turnips when I saw a cloud of dust rise beyond a ridge of bluffs in the east. We looked towards camp and saw a warrior ride swiftly, shouting that the soldiers were only a few miles away, and that the women and children and old men should run for the hills in the opposite direction. I dropped the pointed ash stick, which I had used in digging turnips and ran toward my tipi. I saw my father running toward the horses... in a few moments we saw soldiers on horseback on a bluff just across the (river).

"...I saw my father preparing to go to the battle. I sang a death song for my young brother, One Hawk, who had been killed. I ran to a nearby thicket and got my black horse. I painted my face with crimson and braided my black hair. I was mourning. I was a woman, but I was not afraid.

"By this time the soldiers were forming a battle line in the bottom about a half mile away. In another moment I heard a volley of carbines. The bullets shattered tipi poles. Women and children were running away from the gunfire. In the tumult I heard

old men and women singing death songs for their warriors who were now ready to attack the soldiers. The songs made me brave... Father led my horse to me and...we galloped toward the soldiers. Other warriors joined in with us.

"When we were nearing the fringe of the woods, an order was given by Hawk Man to charge... The troopers were all on foot. They shot straight, because I saw Hawk Man killed... The charge was so stubborn that the soldiers ran to their horses and... rode swiftly toward the river where the horses had to swim to get across. Some of the warriors rode into the water and killed some of the soldiers and unhorsed some of them. The warriors chased the soldiers across the river and up over a bluff, then they returned to where the battle took place and sang a victory song.

"Someone said that another body of soldiers was attacking the lower end of the village. I heard afterwards that these soldiers were under the command of Pehin Hanska (Hair Long)... I rode in that direction holding my brother's war staff over my head. Rain in the Face shouted, "Behold, there is among us a young woman! Let no young man ride behind her garment!"...

"We crossed the Greasy Grass below a beaver dam where the water is not so deep, and came upon many horses. One soldier was holding the reins of eight or ten horses. An Indian waved his blanket to scare the horses and they got away... On the ridge just north of us, I saw blueclad men running up a ravine, firing

as they ran. The valley was dense with powder smoke. Long Hair's troops were trapped... The Cheyennes attacked... from the north, and Crow King from the south.

"After the battle the Indians took all the equipment and horses belonging to the soldiers. We did not know who the soldiers were until an interpreter told us that the men came from Ft. Lincoln in Dakota Territory. On the saddle blankets were the crossed saber insignia and the figure "7".

The brave men who came to punish us that morning were defeated; but in the end the Indians lost. Over sixty Indians were killed, and they were brought back to the camp for scaffold burial. The Indians did not stage a victory dance that night. They were mourning for their own dead. The next day Sitting Bull's band packed our tents and started north to the Canadian line where we remained four years until Sitting Bull surrendered at Fort Buford."

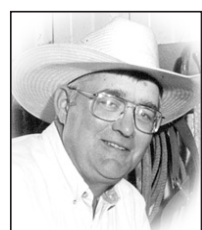
That was an account by Moving Robe Woman, who fought against Custer's 7th Cavalry to avenge the death of One Hawk, her brother, in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

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## Rainy ride

### HAT TIPS



BY DEAN MEYER

Hello, In our corner of the Dakotas, we have been blessed with nice rains this spring. Crops are looking good. Grass is looking good. And the hay, although spotty, is pretty darn good. I guess a late frost, or maybe lack of sunshine slowed some of it. But the weevils are enjoying what alfalfa there is. But, by and large, if you watch the flooding in Texas and the drought in California, we've got it pretty dang good.

I suppose some of you readers can remember your youth when you would get a rainy stretch like this. Too wet to farm, ride, or fence. Too wet for mom to be in the garden. The shop was cleaned up so the day was spent straightening nails. Really.

Straightening old nails out

so they could be used again. This is a nail straightening rain! I know I've told you of wet roundups before, but dang, it's hard not to think of them when you get days like this. Once the roundup had started you went every day.

Kind of like the postman. "Neither rain nor sleet nor hail", you know. Only lack of funding will stop the U.S. Mail. But that's another story.

On roundups you dress like a cowboy. Hat screwed on tight. Neckerchief on. Slicker tied behind the saddle. Catch rope coiled up and ready to pull down. Copenhagen in your pocket, or maybe a pack of Pall Malls. Shotgun, chinks, or batwing chaps buckled on. Like Gil Favor on Rawhide.

"Head 'em up! Move 'em out!" Dang I miss those good shows.

Anyway, once the roundup started, Grandpa Jack wasn't going to weaken and call a day off. You would meet at daylight, get sent on a circle,

and push cattle towards the spot where you would hold the herd and cut for brands later that day. Jack would send small groups of riders in each direction. "You and Red, head up to the Kennedy Hills. Drop down by the Smith Camp and come down the creek. You three ride the flat above Yellow Wolf's and bring those cattle down the road. Two of you lope over to the Hills in the Beef pasture and push those cattle north. We'll hold herd at Doug's corrals." And he would line out the dozen or more riders and you would take off at a long trot. Rain or shine.

When the herd was gathered, Grandpa Jack would start cutting the One Bars out. Well, actually Jack would start before the herd was gathered. He and his horse "Joey" would start cutting those One Bars out about a half-mile from the herd. And we had to whip and spur to keep the things kind of gathered up as Jack was cutting pairs off to the side.

Then you would hold herd. Sometimes for hours. And there were times you would sit and hold herd in a rain like this. Your horse would turn his tail to the wind and you didn't mind at all.

Pull your slicker up tight and tilt your hat so the rain dripping off the back didn't run down your neck. Trot over to another cowboy and see if he has a dry match or some fresh chew.

Eventually, the rain would get through that slicker and your gloves would be soaked and you would start to stand up in your stirrups to see if you could see smoke from Uncle Hugh's dinner fire.

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that wood and light her up. In a jiffy, he had a couple big skilletts covered with shortening melting and coffee boiling. And he would start making those burgers (we called them handy andy burgers cause he never took off his handy andy cotton gloves while making patties).

And I suppose it maybe wasn't sanitary, but he had that skillet hot enough it damn sure killed any germs! And if you've been sitting holding herd in a cold rain, you will never taste a better meal in your life.

You can tell I'm a good eater. I've eaten in some fine restaurants across the country and even in a few other countries. But I can tell you this. There will never be anything as good as cowboy coffee, handy andy burgers, pork and beans, pickles, and a Hershey bar for dessert on a cold and rainy day.

You enjoy the rain. I'm going to straighten nails.

Later, Dean

# Handle Flour Safely When Baking at Home

## PRAIRIE FARE

By Julie Garden-Robinson,  
Food and Nutrition Specialist  
NDSU Extension

Do you remember the shortages we experienced in 2020?

Yes, toilet paper was in short supply in some areas.

In some places, grocery shoppers noted limited supplies of meat and milk.

Bakers were disappointed when yeast and flour were among the foods difficult to find in some stores.

Fortunately, these essential ingredients are available in 2021, just in time for fun summer learning at home.

Preparing food with kids has benefits that go beyond the foods that are made. Preparing food promotes reviewing school lessons and learning life skills in the process.

Whether preparing food with a parent, grandparent, sibling or caregiver, children can glean a lot of information.

Cooking and baking can combine science with artistic skills. We eat with our eyes before taking the first bite, so making food look good is part of the process of preparing and serving food.

Children learn basic chemistry skills when baking soda is combined in a recipe with acidic ingredients.

How about some math

review? Kids learn about fractions when measuring accurately and multiplication if they are halving or doubling a recipe.

Baking also requires problem-solving skills when the temperature and the humidity of the day necessitate some changes in your breadmaking lessons.

Reading and following recipes strengthens reading and vocabulary skills. What does whisking, folding or kneading ingredients mean?

Food preparation requires planning. After you choose a recipe, you need to check your ingredient supply and shop for the missing items in your pantry or refrigerator.

Food preparation also requires patience, especially if yeast bread is involved.

With siblings working together, negotiation and conflict resolution skills may be practiced.

Children also learn about safety skills, from using knives to using an oven and appliances.

Most people know that cooking requires close attention to food safety, but baking also has some fairly recent cautions.

Be cautious where you get your baking recipes. Some recipe creators and users may not be aware of some of

the more recent rules about handling raw flour.

For example, a quick search of popular recipe sites showed recipes targeting children at home. Several “doughs” were not baked and, therefore, are not considered safe.

Remember that when grain is milled into flour, it is not heated. Flour technically is a “raw” food and it should be heated prior to eating.

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), several outbreaks of foodborne illness linked to E. coli and salmonella bacteria sickened 168 people and led to 20 hospitalizations. The products involved included cookie dough and cake mix. These were eaten raw or were undercooked. If they are baked properly, they are safe.

Keep these tips from the FDA in mind during summer food preparation involving flour:

Follow the package directions when using baking mixes.

Keep all raw foods such as flour and eggs separate from ready-to-eat foods.

Refrigerate cookie and pastry dough according to package directions. Be sure your refrigerator is set at 40 F or below.

Clean up carefully after working with flour and eggs.

Wash your hands with soap and water. Wash utensil, bowls, measuring utensils and other items that have come in contact with raw ingredients.

Do not allow children to eat or play with raw dough products.

Do not let children use homemade, uncooked dough for crafts or clay.

Do not use homemade cookie dough in ice cream or other desserts.

Note: The “cookie dough ice cream” in stores and restaurants is safe because it has been treated to kill harmful bacteria. If the dough product package says the food is safe to consume without baking, you are OK. Remember that food package labels are regulated by the FDA.

Here’s a favorite recipe we have used in our “Kids Baking School” program. This teaches measuring and coordination (when flipping a pancake). The batter contains raw flour and raw eggs, so be sure that the pancakes are cooked properly. By the way, the pancakes have been a big hit in our classes and they help you meet the whole-grain recommendation.

Light as a Feather Whole-wheat Pancakes

1 1/3 c. whole-wheat flour  
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. baking soda  
1 egg, large  
1 Tbsp. brown sugar  
1 1/3 c. buttermilk  
1 Tbsp. oil

Optional add-ins  
(blueberries, chocolate chips)

Preheat griddle on medium-high heat. In a medium bowl, stir or sift dry ingredients together. In a separate bowl, beat egg, buttermilk, brown sugar and oil together. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened; batter should be slightly lumpy. Pour 1/4 cup batter for each pancake onto sprayed or seasoned hot griddle. Sprinkle with a few blueberries or chocolate chips. Flip the pancake when bubbles appear on the surface; turn only once.

Makes 12 pancakes. Each pancake has 80 calories, 2 grams (g) fat, 13 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 2 g fiber and 190 milligrams sodium.

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# North Dakota’s Top Fruit is a Secret Wonder

## DAKOTA GARDENER

By Tom Kalb, Horticulturist  
NDSU Extension

What is the leading fruit crop grown in North Dakota? You probably never heard of it.

Our top fruit is aronia, also known as black chokeberry.

The latest agriculture census showed aronia was grown on 88 acres in North Dakota in 2017. This was more land than our next two leading crops, apples and grapes, combined.

Aronia has emerged as the No. 1 fruit crop in our state because it is easy to grow. It’s gaining in popularity among backyard gardeners, too.

Aronia suffers from no major insect pests. This makes it a popular crop among organic growers and consumers.

The production of aronia is reliable. The shrubs survive our bitterly cold winters. The flowers do not appear until late May, escaping damage from killing frosts in late spring.

Birds are usually a major threat when growing fruit crops but not with aronia. Birds are not interested in eating aronia when it ripens in early September. In natural settings where fruits are not harvested, birds wait until winter to eat aronia berries.

No plant can completely stop a hungry deer, but aronia gives off natural chemicals that repel deer.

Fruit growers are worried about declining populations of bees, but aronia flowers do not need pollinators to set their fruits.

Best of all, aronia shrubs are precocious and productive. You can expect yields of 5 pounds or more after only three years. Irrigated plantings can achieve more than 15 pounds of berries per year.

Aronia would make a wonderful addition to a home landscape for its beauty alone. The shrubs are filled with white blossoms in the spring and glossy green foliage in the summer. In the fall, the leaves develop intense orange, red and purple colors.

Aronia is awesome. Then why doesn’t everyone grow it?

The raw fruits taste awful. These berries have a dry taste, hence its name “chokeberry.”

Aronia is much more popular in Europe, where consumers greatly appreciate

its nutritional qualities.

Aronia is one of the richest sources of antioxidants among all fruits in the world. Medical studies have indicated the consumption of aronia has numerous health benefits that include reducing the risks of heart diseases and cancer.

Europeans overcome the dryness of the fruits by processing or freezing them. Aronia commonly is processed and made into juices, syrups, preserves and wines. Frozen fruits are baked into breads and used as toppings on ice cream, yogurt and oatmeal.

You can find aronia plants at many landscape nurseries today. ‘Viking’ and ‘Nero’ are the most popular varieties grown for fruit production. These shrubs grow about 6 feet

tall and produce large clusters of fruits.

‘Autumn Magic’ and ‘Iroquois Beauty’ are varieties with more compact plants, smaller fruits and exceptional fall color. These varieties were developed to add beauty to landscapes.

‘McKenzie’ was developed in North Dakota and is offered by our soil conservation districts for wildlife plantings. These shrubs grow 8 to 10 feet tall.

Discover aronia. This easy-to-grow fruit can be a beautiful addition to your landscape.

For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension/directory/counties>.

# Drought Likely to Impact Duck Production

## NDGF NEWS

Very dry conditions, along with a decline in numbers of breeding ducks compared to last year, were found during the North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s 74th annual breeding duck survey.

The 2021 May water index was down 80% from 2020, and nearly 68% below the 1948-2020 average. The percentage-based change in the number of wetlands holding water is the greatest seen in the history of the survey.

Mike Szymanski, Department migratory game bird management supervisor, said 2020 was the sixth wettest year and 2021,

according to the survey, is the fifth driest in 74 years.

“That’s an indication of how dynamic this system is that we work in,” he said. “We essentially have no temporary and seasonal basins holding water on the landscape right now. And that has huge ramifications for duck production in the state.”

A drastic decline in areas for ducks to establish pair territories and for hens to find high quality forage for egg production doesn’t bode well for whether ducks will decide to nest.

“If a hen sees an area with poor or declining wetland

conditions, she’s going to work under the assumption that there’s no place to raise a brood later,” Szymanski said. “Even though we counted a fairly large number of ducks (2.9 million) on our survey, most of those ducks are not going to nest unless we have a very, very dramatic change on the landscape.”

While this year’s breeding duck index was down nearly 27%, it was above the 73-year average by about 19%, and the 48th highest on record.

Indices decreased for all primary species from 2020, including mallards (-48.7%), representing the 28th highest

count on record, but the lowest since 1993. Some of North Dakota’s other common species dropped below their long-term averages, most notably pintails (-68%), with their lowest count since 1991.

The exception was a 47% increase in the gadwall index from 2020.

“We have seen these oddities in the gadwall index when coming abruptly from wet conditions to rather dry conditions,” Szymanski said. “Being a late-nesting species, gadwall that won’t breed this year are still in the process of aggregating for departure to more secure molting habitats.”

Szymanski said typically it’s probably too early to make any big predictions about the coming fall hunting season. Yet, based on how things are playing out in North Dakota and much of the Prairie Pothole Region, it’s likely going to be tough hunting without a lot of young birds in the air.

“Of course, we’ll do a duck brood survey in July to get another handle on habitat conditions and what we see for production,” Szymanski said. “But based on social mannerisms of ducks right now, it seems like there is very little breeding activity happening.”

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**BY NICK SIMONSON**  
DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

Through the valleys and hills of the sporting clays course east of town, we tracked the movements of our five high school shooters logging their final rounds of the season.

Sunday's rounds were different, in that they comprised the last 100 targets of the year and the first to be entered into the tournament scoring system for the USA High School Clay Target League (USA CTL), with the inaugural season nearing its completion.

Five participants from two schools put on a shooting clinic, with the scores ranging from 79 to 89 on some very challenging stations, many of which have given me fits over the past couple of years. Diligently, I marked down the hits and misses on the scoresheet as we went from station-to-station in the finale. As the tallies mounted, I wondered how many more kids we could accommodate next season, while the group shared smiles and fist bumps as they closed out their season.

While the group was small, I like to think that's how all big things start. Word spreads quickly through schools, social media and even the old-fashioned way and things begin to grow. It certainly has been the case for high school trap shooting across the country. Where once there were only a handful of teams near Minneapolis when the organization began in 2001, the league has expanded dramatically, especially in the last decade, growing from around 3,000 shooters in the Land of 10,000 Lakes in the spring of 2011 to more than 38,000 shooters across 37 states this past season.

Even through the pandemic, numbers remained high, despite the cancelation of some schools' seasons and the state tournaments, which thankfully are back on the calendar this spring, not only for trap and skeet but the added disciplines as well; continuing the organization's mission of expansive and inclusive shooting sports.

Sporting clays is one of the two new offerings added to USA CTL this season, along with the more stationary version, 5-stand. In the latter, shooters still get the experience of targets whizzing across and from behind them, a bouncing rabbit and an incoming floater from eight different stations, mixing things up while staying in a

familiar five-post setup. It too, with a combination of single birds and report pairs, tests a shooter's ability to track and crush targets across the range.

That group of eight who had logged their tournament rounds earlier in the day included some of our sporting clays shooters, also helped usher in the discipline for our local clay target league.

Locally, we've added 50 new shooters this spring, bringing seam-busting totals of 240 strong and including the six local high schools and a college team to our organization. In total, 11 of those shooters participated in the 5-stand season, and for many it was an eye-opening experience.

One shooter — a participant who was well established at the top of his team's rankings in trap — remarked as he logged his final league rounds in 5-stand that he'd never shoot trap again, citing the excitement and variability of the new offering.

It is in those increased options that continued growth is possible. Like sporting clays, 5-stand offers that challenge of something different, a place where experienced shooters can go to find a new mountain to climb, or where new shooters can forge their own path.

While facility availability may be the biggest challenge to teams across the country — as sporting clays often requires an area of 40 acres or more,

and 5-stand needs a bit more space than a standard trap range — enough exist to meet the moment of starting these disciplines off on the right foot, and the latter discipline can be constructed fairly quickly to provide the variety demanded by the growing throngs of safe and passionate high school shooting sports enthusiasts.

Through this expansion, the greater organization and our local group's mission is clear: more shooters with more opportunities than ever before, all while stressing safety, fun and marksmanship in the process. As a result, a growing new generation of shooters will take the line behind a trap house, the semi-circle of a skeet range, the cages of a 5-stand setup, or the trails of a local sporting clays course.

In exchange, the world will be blessed with thousands of young adults who know not only the importance of safe firearm use, but they will also develop the competency with a shotgun required of recreational shooters and ethical hunters.

The greatest by-product of this growing program, however, is the confidence developed in a young person that comes with the smashing of more and more orange clays in each round, and the high-fives, fist bumps and smiles shared with coaches, classmates and friends that come after ... in our outdoors.

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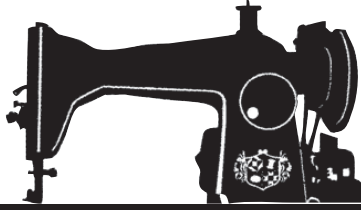
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DIRECTIONS: From Sheyenne: 1/2 mile North (first turn West out of Sheyenne), 11 miles West, 1 mile North

OWNERS: Kevin Bachmeier Estate – 701-331-0185 (Lindsey)

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Kevin Bachmeier passed away rather unexpectedly. He and Becky were very active in the cattle/livestock industry. This is a large interesting sale with a huge variety. Plan to spend some time. Note household, antiques and guns along with a large line of machinery, tools and livestock equipment.

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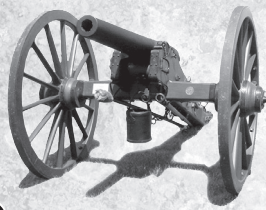
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- CANNON FIRING Noon & 3:30 p.m.
- 1870s Period Re-Enactors
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