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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday,
July 29,
7:00 PM at the
DSC Clubhouse*

**You can get the
newsletter by email!**

Contact:
[delanosportsmensclub@
gmail.com](mailto:delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com)

Delano Sportsmen's Club
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P.O. Box 394
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Delano, MN 55328

CLUB OFFICER SUCCESSION

The Club is still looking for active members who can participate as active backups for our Club Officers. We're looking for VPs who are willing to become President and backups for Secretary and Treasurer.

4TH OF JULY TRAP SHOOTING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

DSC hosted the 1st annual 4th of July Trap Shooting Tournament on Sunday July 6th and it was a huge success. With a larger than expected turnout, shooters young and old competed for their name to go down in the history books as the 1st winner of the tournament. This year we had co-winners with Reed Graunke and Matt Thomas shooting a perfect "50 straight"! We had youth shooters from many different high school teams in the area along with one shooter, James Koehler, coming all the way from London England to shoot. Carter Larison, a 6th grader on the Delano Tiger trap team, shot his 1st "25" – this was also the 1st 25 shot in the Larison family as Club President and Dad Mike just missed out with another 24. Maybe Carter can help Dad in these pressure situations? Many shooters raved about the new range while talking to trap coordinator "Uncle" Dan Thienes and trap scorer Ashley Thienes. Many new shooters expressed interest in coming down and shooting trap during our season and getting some teams for the summer league. DSC would like to thank the volunteers for making this shoot a great success! We can't wait to see the turnout next year!



Club Officers:

- President Mike Larison 763-645-4884
larrylarison@hotmail.com
- Secretary Dan Kittok 218-820-1155
- Treasurer Dan Kittok 218-820-1155
- 1st Vice President Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com
- 2nd Vice President Cal Brandt 612-597-5112
- 3rd Vice President Gene Hanson 612-518-3134
- Membership Joe & Jan Kittok 763-248-5382
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b.spencer@lakesarah.com
- Volunteer Coordinator Mike Larison 763-645-4884
larrylarison@hotmail.com
- Executive Board Larry Lindborg 763-567-8347
- Executive Board Jake Kittok 612-282-7975
- Public Relations Tom Delaney 612-408-8944

Range Information:

- Trap Shooting Dan Thienes 763-567-8446
- Firearm Training Garret Sarkinen 612-716-4614
- Black Powder Joe Bergeron 763-898-6483
- Archery League Shawn Lynch 763-972-3112
- Portable Targets Tom Delaney 612-408-8944
- Women's Shooters Ann Finelli dscwomenmn@gmail.com

Questions about firearm legislation, federal or state? You can get more information from Dan MacDonald at 952-454-3440 or by email at yellowdogrescue@gmail.com, or Dave Smith at 763-557-6970 or email at ddsnhs@outlook.com.

WANTED!

The club is looking for a refrigerator/freezer for the shack on the gun range. Please contact Tom Delaney if you can assist.

Standing Committees:

- Executive Board: This is a closed committee consisting of current officers and directors. It makes decisions on matters related to the club and presents recommendations to the membership. Director: Club President
- Buildings & Grounds: This is a working committee that meets to discuss issues and projects related to Club Buildings and Property. Director: Gene Hanson

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the club! We hope you enjoy many days, months and years of safe and fun shooting!

Ian Osborne
Geoff Discher
Mike Emanuel
Alistair White
Joseph Winkels

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

If you're on social media, you can find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/DelanoSportsmensClub/>

If you want something posted, contact Tom Delaney at mmraclubs@msn.com

VOLUNTEER CREDIT - WHAT COUNTS?

Members who volunteer to support the club receive reduced dues of \$50 or \$150 for the next year. So, what counts?

Volunteer Hours: 10 hours of time will give you credit to reduce your dues to \$50, 5 hours will give you credit to reduce to \$150. Volunteer hours can be obtained by volunteering at the 4th of July Celebration or Delano Expo, participating in Club clean-up days or volunteering on Club projects.

Meeting Lunch: If you make lunch for the members, your groceries (up to \$150) are reimbursed, and you get full 10 hour credit for volunteer time.

Raffle Tickets: If you sell 40 books of raffle tickets, that meets your full 10 hour volunteer time, 20 books will give you 5 hours volunteer time.

If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2025 MEETING

33 members present - the meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Mike Larison

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report - debits \$6316.53; credits \$4101.00; checking balance \$23294.72 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$3732.75; credits \$7931.50; checking balance \$19977.83. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$4500.00; credits \$4415.00; balance \$34,929.59 All reports were approved.
- New members - Three new members introduced themselves.
- Dues: 505 paid members, 2 Lifetime members and 90 Honorary members.
- 4th of July - Things are progressing. New to the event this year will be a motorcycle show. The Sportsmen's Club will be hosting a trap shoot on July 6th.
- 4th of July volunteers - There are still some openings for the 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM shifts on Saturday and Sunday for bingo
- Summer raffle - \$1560.00 was collected so far. Contact Jan Kittok for extra tickets.
- Trapshooting - Summer league - We are on week nine of summer league. The league is half way through the season
- Range Reservations - Rockford Firearms Safety for August 23rd from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm was approved
- The club raised prices on pop and water that can be purchased at the meetings. Pop is now \$1.50 per can, water is \$1.00 per bottle.
- Delano Sesquicentennial - Delano will be celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2026. It was approved to sponsor the event for \$100.00. It was also approved to buy a brick (with the clubs name on it) for the SQ Heritage Foot Path for \$100.00.
- Range Issues - Range issues have been reduced. The orientation of new members is helping.
- Key Fobs - The club needs to buy more key fobs for the range. It was approved to buy 100 key fobs at \$3.92 each.
- 4th of July Float & Candy - It was approved to spend up to \$500.00 on candy and supplies for the 4th of July float and parade.
- Postage - It was approved to buy 10 rolls of stamps at \$730.00 for future mailings.
- Thank You - The club received thank you cards from the Delano Grad Party and our Queen candidate Isabella.
- Secretary for July meeting - Dan will not be able to be at the July meeting, Dick Nordling volunteered to take the minutes in July.
- EAW/Mining - still in process
- Farm Property - Progress is being made on the farm clean up. Joe has been moving loads out.
- New Trap Clubhouse - The plumbing permit has been approved by the state. All plans have been submitted to the county for the building permit and it is going through their system to get approved. We could potentially break ground in August. Jeff is still working on fund raising.
- Project Appleseed - A rifle class will be held at the club on July 19th.

Thank you to Ashley Thienes for providing the June meal. The July meal will be provided by the DSC Women's Shooting Group.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

Before the regular meeting an Executive Committee meeting was held. Items discussed were: the main Bingo stand volunteer. Susie Larison will take over for Joe. The farm clean up - four vehicles left that don't run, Mike is working on bids for the tear down of the house. Dan will check with the bank and with the insurance company regarding the tear down. Farm Garage - the snowmobile club is interested in renting it and fixing it up and possibly fixing the other shed as well. Mike will talk further with them about their intentions. Website - Mike will be meeting with the website guy tomorrow.

FISHING CONTEST???

Darrall Pool is trying to gauge interest on a Club Fishing Contest. If interested please reach out to Darrall at dpool_79@yahoo.com or leave a message on his cell phone at (612) 812-5268.

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation*

Learn • Practice • Grow

Join our DSC Women's+ Group! We provide opportunities for women (and men by invitation) at all skill levels. Learn & practice in a safe, comfortable environment!

This group is for you if you are interested in...


- Making new friends and shooting partners
- Expanding skills & knowledge as a newer shooter
- Feeling confident to begin carrying (permit holders)
- Trying new types of firearms (pistol, rifle, shotgun)
- Developing skills for recreation, self-defense or competition
- Just having fun with like-minded individuals!





Our group was founded by women for women. Our focus is educating & training women at ALL skill levels. DSC men are welcome and can attend by invitation.*


Event Times:

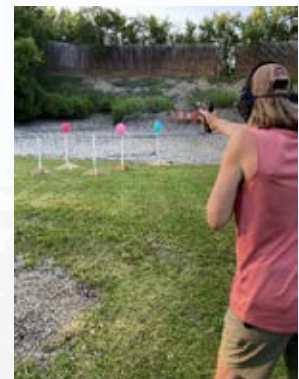
- 3rd Thursday of the month (April-September) 5:45-8:30 pm
- 1st Saturday of the month (January-March) 11:45 am-3:30 pm
- Classroom training or range events, weather dependent. Additional events may be scheduled time and weather permitting.

 Taught and supervised by USCCA and/or NRA Certified Instructors. NRA Certified Range Safety Officers ensure safety at all times.

 Leadership and Instructor Team consists of both women and men.

 Classroom sessions cover a wide range of topics. Includes hands on workshops.

 We LOVE newer shooters and will provide any assistance you need to get you started!



If your goal is to connect with other shooters, learn proper techniques, advance your skills and have FUN, join us!

DSC Women's+ Defensive Shooting Group

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Joining is easy! All you need to do is get on our e-mail list and show up! E-mail is the primary way we communicate to our members. We will keep you up to date on what's happening. Questions or requests to join should be sent to Ann Finelli at dscwomenmn@gmail.com

***MORE ABOUT US...**

By request we have opened up attendance to DSC men (spouses, significant others, family members of a women's shooting group member) who are 21 or older. We welcome the men as they have greatly contributed to the success and dynamic of our group! Contact Ann at dscwomenmn@gmail.com for requests to join.

- Group meets 3rd Thursday or 1st Saturday of the month; other dates seasonal.
- Cost is \$15 for DSC members (men and women) and \$20 for non-DSC members.
- Our instructors and RSOs are all volunteers.
- All fees go directly to our group for range supplies, etc.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE at DSC:

- **Thursday, July 17, Range Event** 5:45- Sunset
- **Thursday, August 21, Range Event** 5:45-Sunset
- **Thursday, September 18, Range Event** 5:45-Sunset
- **Saturday October 4, Range Event** 11:45-3:00 pm



Delano Sportsmens Club: 4505 County Road 50 SE, Delano, MN 55328

Brandt Airport: 2561 72nd St. SE Delano 55328



Shooting is a Perishable Skill... Don't Perish- Practice!

CLUB RESERVATIONS AND CALENDAR

July

- 17 – (Thu) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:00pm-9:30pm
- 19 – (Sat) – Range Reserved – Project Appleseed event – (Lyle Dennis) Rifle and 25 yard ranges are closed to DSC member shooting other than the event shooting
- 20 – (Sun) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) Family Firearms Safety 11am – 2pm
- 29 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse 7:00 PM

August

- 1 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) PF & NWTF Firearms Safety Camp 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 4 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – noon-4:00pm
- (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 21 – (Thu) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:00pm-9:30pm
- 26 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

September

- 6 – (Sat) Range Reserved – 9:00am – noon – Members Only Turkey Shoot – Rifle and 25 yard ranges are closed to DSC member shooting other than the event shooting
- 9 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 8:30am – 2:30pm
- 10 – (Wed) Range Reserved – West Metro SWAT (Raskin) – 9:00am – 4:00pm
- *13 – (Sat) Range Reserved – Rockford Firearms Safety Field Day – 8:00am-1:00pm (Czantkowski)
- 15 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – noon – 4:00pm
- 16 – (Tue) Range Reserved – West Hennepin Public Safety (Ebeling) – 8:00am – 4:30pm
- 18 – (Thu) Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 4:00pm-9:30pm
- 24 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 8:00am – 6:00pm
- 30 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

WITH SYMPATHY

Honorary Club Member Marietta Kapp has passed away.

CLUB RAFFLE

*Members only summer raffle tickets are available. This year's first prize is a Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport 22 **OR** Smith and Wesson M&P Bodyguard 380 2.0 380 ACP **OR** \$500. Second place is for \$250 and third is \$100. Tickets for the raffle are \$2 each and you can purchase as many as you would like. If you have any questions, please call Jan Kittok at 763-248-5382.*

October

- 4 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am – 3:30pm
- (Sat) Range Reserved – Non-Member sight-in Day 9:00am – 5:00pm. Range is closed to DSC member shooting on both ranges during this event. [click here to view event flyer](#)
- 28 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

November

- 1 – (Sat) 25 Yard Range Reserved – DSC Women+ Group – 11:15am – 3:30pm
- 5 – (Wed) Range Reserved – Three Rivers PD (Groskreutz) – 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- 17 – (Mon) Range Reserved – Medina PD (Hall) – 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 18 – (Tue) Range Reserved – Deephaven Police Dept – 4:00pm – 10:00pm
- 25 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

December

- (Fri) Club Members Christmas party. 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Bring the Family-potluck – bring something to share plus your own beverages, beer and wine, board games and cards.

No monthly club meeting in December

* indicates reservation request pending approval

No one likes to show up at a closed range! These reservations have been accepted and approved by the club. Please note the time and date to avoid conflict.

DSC Family Fun!

**Annual Turkey Shoot & BBQ Picnic
Members Only
Saturday, September 6, 2025**

- Turkey Shoot 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- BBQ Picnic to follow



Shooting turkeys at DSC?.... well, not the real ones!! Test your skill at a turkey target. Distance is 25 yards. Scopes allowed. Best score each group wins a coupon for a FREE turkey. Everyone goes home with a coupon, so bring extra ammo and shoot till 'ya win!!

- Rifle or pistol. Recommended is .22 (No shotguns)
- Don't have a .22? No worries - we'll have extra on hand. Just bring your ammo (.22 LR)
- Great way to meet other DSC members!
- One turkey per family. We'll have prizes for the kids too.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the shoot, bbq, picnic set/clean up. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Jan Hanson: jannie4511@gmail.com

RANGE HOURS AND RULES

Range Hours:

Rifle and Pistol:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-earlier of 8:30pm or SUNSET

Saturday: 9:00am-6pm

Sunday: 11:00am-6pm

Watch the range calendar for restrictions/closures due to scheduled events.

Trap Shooting:

No Hand or portable throwers allowed.

League and Practice Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday: 5:45pm-10:00pm

Trap Shooting is only allowed during scheduled events and practice time.

Don't forget to wear your ID.

See someone without an ID? Ask to see it...

Be kind to our neighbors— follow the rules!

DELANO AMBASSADOR

Our club candidate, Isabella Vosper, after being chosen. She is going to school to be a dentist. This is the third year in a row that our DSC candidate was chosen.



THE DELANO SPORTSMAN

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Businesses or members wishing to advertise may place an ad in the newsletter once per year at no charge. Ad space is limited to 1/4 page. For advertising information contact Editor Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

You can submit a story or photos from the range or club activities! Contact editor Aaron Gesell at delanosportsmensclub@gmail.com.

The deadline for story or advertising submissions is the 8th of each month.

Range Rules:

1. You must wear your ID card when on the range.
2. Maximum of 2 guests per member are allowed.
3. Use paper targets only (no cans, glass, plinking).
4. No Paintball guns.
5. Do not attach targets to the backstop posts.
6. No trap shooting; except organized events.
7. Be sure bullets are hitting the backstops.
8. Do not dig in the backstops.
9. All firing must be done from the firing lines at 25, 50 & 100 yards.
10. Move the 50-yard target off range when not in use.
11. No intermediate targets between established firing lines.
12. Do not shoot anything on the ground.
13. Pick up your trash, remove targets from backstops, & pick up casings. Leave the area clean & ready for the next member.
14. Check unknown people for membership cards.
15. Do a Safety Check before firing.
16. Fully automatic weapons are forbidden.
17. The gate is to be kept locked at all times.

GUN RANGE ISSUE



Please see the photo of where targets were placed on the range. ***This is unacceptable and not allowed on the range. The standing targets cannot be used on the 100/50 yard range.*** The rolling 50 yard target should be used on the right side with the 100 yard as the backstop. **THANK YOU!**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit us at

<http://www.delanosportsmensclub.com>

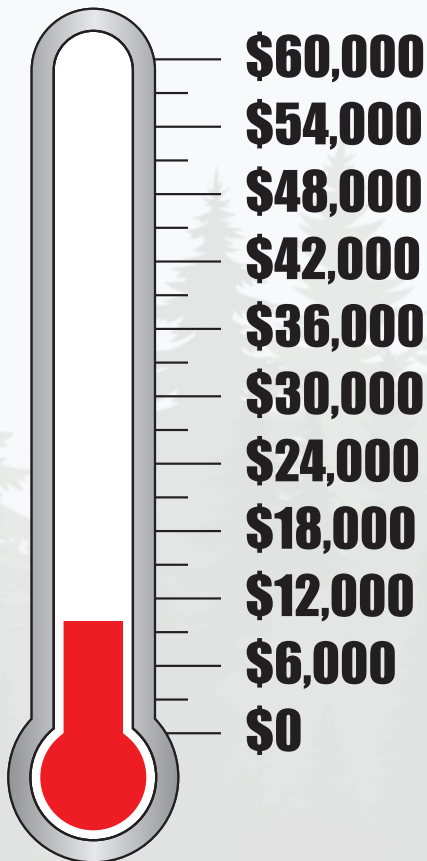
DELANO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

NEW CLUBHOUSE DONOR SHEET



BREAKING NEWS- The new clubhouse building has been ordered and we now enter into Phase 2 of construction! We would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who donated thus far to help us get to this point. Our plan is to have the building kit materials delivered around the 3rd week of July. We now need everything from lumber, windows, doors, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc. to complete the project. If you have any of these materials, or if you can donate any money **it will help**. ANY amount would be greatly appreciated towards the \$60,000 needed to finish the building.

PHASE 2 GOAL



As a thank you to our generous donors, the Club intends to recognize **YOU** based upon the level at which you are able to help:

Individual/Business

- **Premier Diamond*** \$20,000 - Name on Sponsor Board, 2—one year memberships, 20 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Diamond*** \$10,000 - Name on Sponsor Board, 1 year membership, 15 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Emerald*** \$5,000 - Name on Sponsor Board, 10 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Platinum*** \$2500 - Name on Sponsor Board, 5 free rounds of trap shooting
- **Gold** \$1,000
- **Silver** \$500
- **Bronze** \$100
- **Other** \$ _____

* Outdoor signage will be available to platinum sponsors and above

Please see the options below for donating or reach out to us with questions.. Check can be made payable to **Delano Sportsmen's Club- New Clubhouse**. Please mail them to: **Jeff Graunke**

11657 Deegan Ave SE

Watertown MN 55388 or call us and we will gladly pick them up!

Please feel free to contact any of us on the New Clubhouse Fundraising Committee if you have any questions or to join us on this mission.

Jeff Graunke – 763-442-5939 – jeff.graunke@imperialdade.com

Tim Lemmerman – 612-751-7668 – tlemmerman@yahoo.com

Mark Bauman – 612-599-3263

Elks 44TH Annual GUN SHOW

KNIVES & COINS

Saturday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

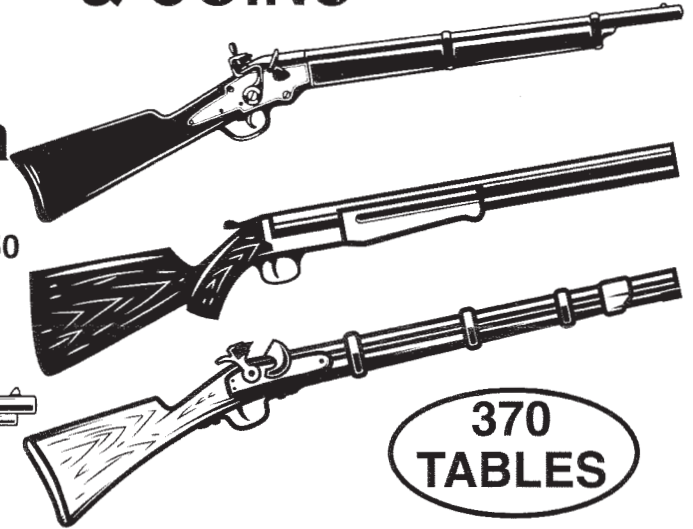
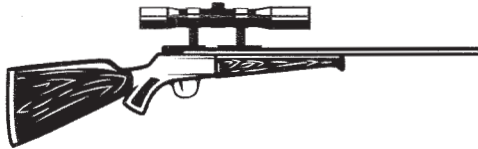
Sept 20 & 21, 2025

Hutchinson, Minnesota

McLeod County Fairgrounds

(Behind Target & Walmart) -- Hutchinson, MN 55350

Public Invited - \$8.00 Admission



370 TABLES

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Tables 370 tables--8 foot tables
Rental \$40.00 for 2 days
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Exhibits Guns, Weapons, Coins
Prints, Knives, Military & Powder, Shells & Bullets,
Trapping, Fishing, Stamps, New, Used & Antique
Security McLeod County Sheriff's Posse

Public Open to Public
Saturday and Sunday
Admission \$8.00
Under 12 FREE with Adult

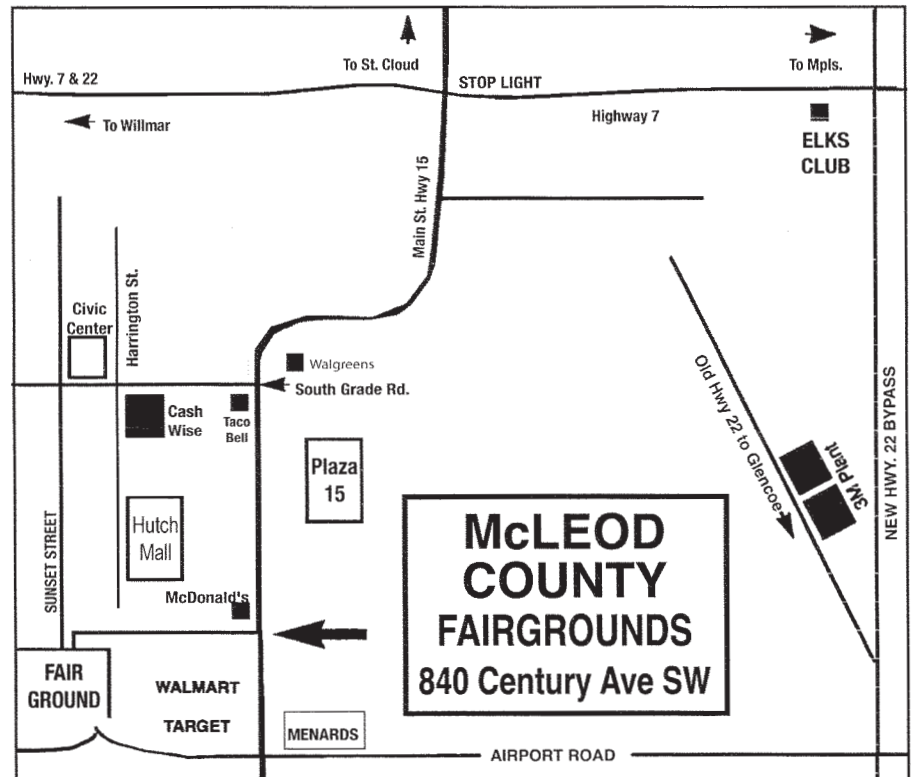
Early Exhibitor Set Up Friday, 1-7 p.m.
or 6:00 a.m. Saturday Morning

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Hutchinson, MN 55350

For Table Reservations:
Dale Harbarth, 20641 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson, MN 55350
320-587-8989

Att. Exhibitors; Table rental must
be paid by Sept. 1st.
You are expected to keep your tables
open til 3:00 Sunday

Food and Beverages Available



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From: William Hanlon

Thank you for sending me to camp.
I had so much fun. And I am very thankful for
that. Because of this got to meet new
people and got to have many great
friends. I loved all the activities here; like
rock climbing, fishing, hikeing and shooting. I liked
it so much I might have to come next year.
Thank you and I hope this message
gets to you.

