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MEETING!

*Next meeting is
Tuesday,
August 26,
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.

MAKING PROGRESS ON THE NEW TRAP BUILDING!

THE WAIT IS OVER! After 9 years club members have begun construction on the new trap clubhouse. Grinding thru 90 degree plus heat, members framed the building last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We hope to have the building weather tight in the next month - the building has been wrapped and doors/windows have been ordered! The Club is having a Fall siding shoot on September 6th from 12-6 at the new range to raise money for siding - look for the flyer later in this newsletter. There will be prizes for 1st, 20th and 40th place. All proceeds will go to buying siding for the new clubhouse. Please call Jeff Graunke 763 442 5939 if you have any questions or if you would like to donate.



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 deaconjoe@frontiernet.net
• Rental/Reservations	Brad Spencer	612-616-7548 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!

Sidney Chollett, Cindi Chollett,
Chase Nepper, David Faber, Scott Shatek,
Doug Bros, Malia Hermerding,
Anthony Ferrara, Daniel Moriarty,
Michael McCadden, Jacob Knox

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 JULY 29, 2025 MEETING

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

- Secretary's report - Minutes of the June 24, 2025 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers report - debits \$10,787.67; credits \$4250; checking balance \$16,757.05 - Trapshooting Checking: debits \$3187.99; credits \$15,439.17; checking balance \$32,229.04. Capital Savings account for new trap clubhouse: debits \$13,965.00; balance \$20,984.52.
- New members - Two new members introduced themselves as well as special guest Wright County Sheriff Sean Derringer
- Dues: 525 paid members, 2 Lifetime members and 90 Honorary members.
- 4th of July - Thank you to all the volunteers. Around \$10,000 will be distributed to each organization. The 4th of July Trapshoot was a success. Around 80 shooters participated including a shooter from England. Winchester donated shells for the event.
- Summer raffle - \$2210.00 was collected so far. Contact Jan Kittok for extra tickets.
- Trapshooting - Summer league continues.
- Women's League - They will be shooting the third Thursday of the month.
- Taste of Delano - Volunteers are needed to run the ice cream stand at the Taste of Delano on August 6th.
- Clubhouse Cleaning - Volunteers are needed to clean the clubhouse
- Brass Recycling - Brass was collected from the shooting range and recycled. The club received \$1469.00.
- **Could whoever took Jan's Cushman from the farm please return it as she is missing it.**
- Rifle Range - Thank you to Kevin Miller for the use of his equipment and to the volunteers who helped with the new 50 yard range.
- Farm Property - Clean up is going good and still progressing.
- New Trap Clubhouse - The plumbing rough in has been done. The third week of August the building will be built. Anyone who can get a discount it would be much appreciated.
- Project Appleseed - Eleven people attended, 4 were members. A family from South Dakota attended.
- City Council Trap Shoot - 30 shooters attended the City Council Trap Shoot held on July 28th.

Thank you to the DSC Women's Shooting Group for providing the July meal. The August meal will be provided by Charlie Grill.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Kittok, Secretary.

WITH SYMPATHY

Honorary Club Member Richard Walker has passed away at 84. Honaray Club Member Richard Mass has passed away.

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:

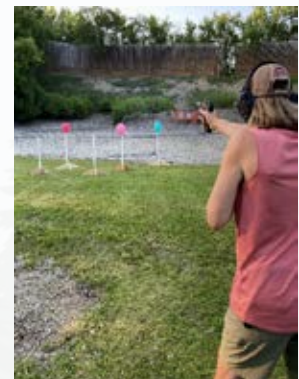
- 3rd Thursday of the month (April-September) 5:45-8:30 pm
- 1st Saturday of the month (January-March) 11:45 am-3:30 pm
- Classroom training or range events, weather dependent. Additional events may be scheduled time and weather permitting.

 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

Women Encouraged – Men by Invitation*

Learn • Practice • Grow

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, 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

August

- 1 – (Fri) Range Reserved (25 yd range only) – TRPD (Barth) PF & NWTFF 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
- 6 – (Sat) Trap Shoot for Siding Fundraiser– noon – 6:00pm
- 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

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.
- 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



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.*

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!

2026 DUES

Want to avoid the Holiday rush? You can begin sending in dues for 2026 today!



A couple of the Volunteers after a long day's work on the new Traphouse!

THE DELANO SPORTSMAN

Published monthly, January– November by the Delano Sportsmen's Club.

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>



SEPTEMBER 6TH FROM 12-6 “SHOOT FOR SIDING”

Fundraiser For the Building

We are hosting a shoot on September 6th from 12pm to 6pm. The cost will be \$25 for (2) rounds of trap, 50 total. All proceeds will go to the purchase of the siding for the clubhouse. You can shoot as many times as you would like. There will be \$75 cash prizes for 1st place, 20th place, and 40th place. Winners will be decided on reverse run, if there is still a tie there will be a shoot off.

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BRING A FRIEND,
SHOOT MULTIPLE
ROUNDS!!!

**DELANO
SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

5836 65th St SE
Delano, MN 55328

Dad's

Belgian Waffles



**Serving:
Waffles
Sausages
Flavored Syrups
Drink**

All you care to eat!

Saturday, September 6

7:30 ~ 11:30

Delano Fire Station

245 2nd Street North

**Take Outs
Available!!**

**Cost: \$9.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the
door, age 5 and under \$5.00**

“Corporate Deal” ~ 12 tickets for \$96.00

Silent Auction from 8:00 ~ 11:30

**Proceeds benefit the Delano Fire Relief Association
and the Delano Senior Center**

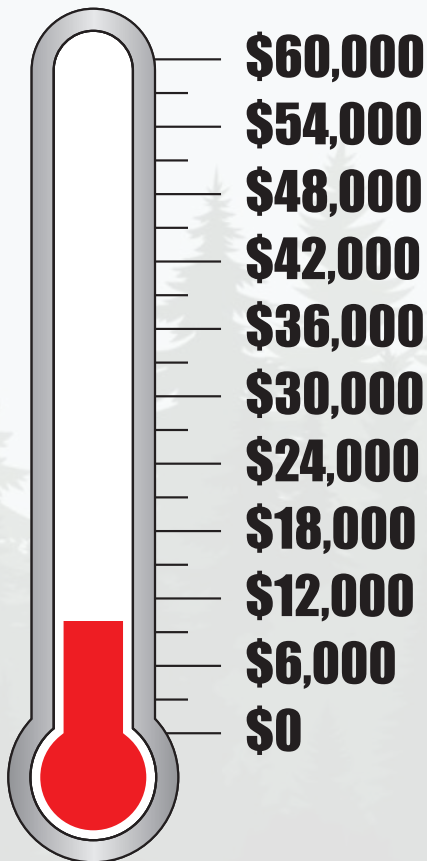
**Tickets can be purchased in advance at the
Delano Senior Center or from a Delano Firefighter**

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.

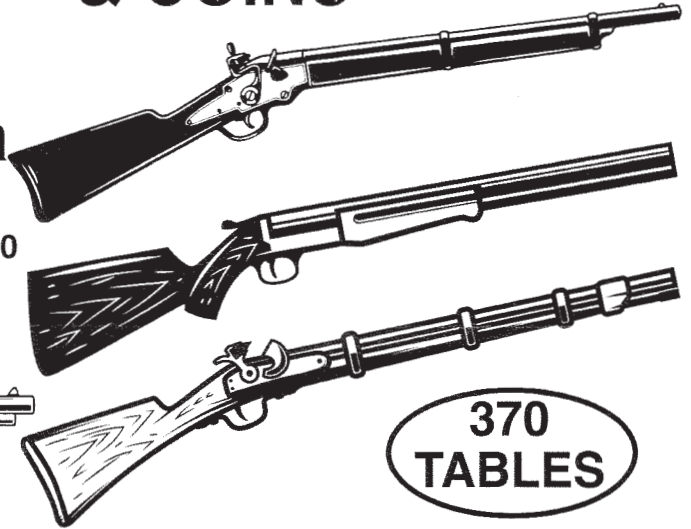
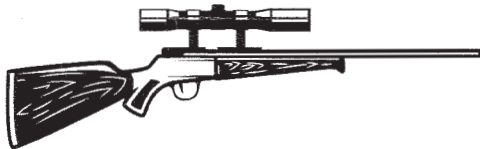
Sept 20 & 21, 2025

Hutchinson, Minnesota

McLeod County Fairgrounds

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

Public Invited - \$8.00 Admission



**370
TABLES**

BUY - SELL - TRADE

Tables 370 tables--8 foot tables

Rental \$40.00 for 2 days

Parking FREE all day

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

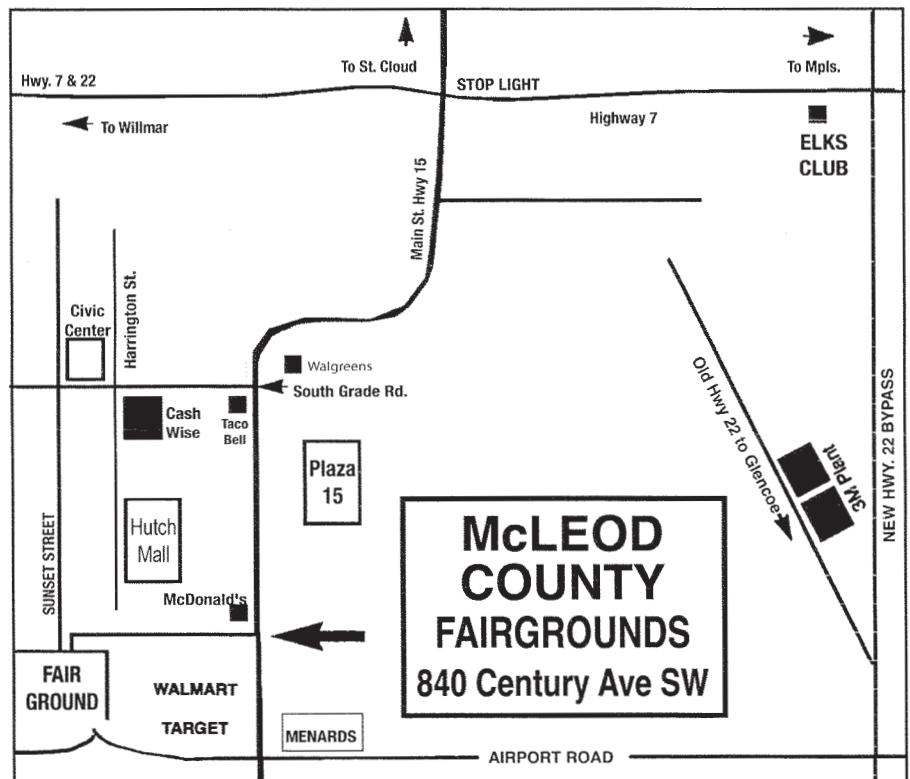
Early Exhibitor Set Up Friday, 1-7 p.m.
or 6:00 a.m. Saturday Morning

Sponsored by Hutchinson Elks
Lodge No. 2427
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



SHAMROCK INN
1200 Hwy 15 So
Hutchinson
320-587-9299

DAYS INN
1000 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson
320-587-6030

QUEENS INN
200 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-2129

7 HI BUDGET MOTEL
700 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-2088

KING MOTEL
1255 Hwy. 7 West
Hutchinson
320-587-4737

AMERICINN
1115 Hwy. 7 East
Hutchinson
320-587-5515
1-800-634-3444

BUY - SELL - TRADE - ANTIQUE - MODERN

Delano

1-24-25

Dear Sportsmans club,

thank you for sponsoring
me to go to gun safety camp.

It was very fun and my
favorite part was making
shelters.

Sincerely,
Matt Kittok