Of The Outdoors

Last Hunt Of The Season, First For One

BY GARY HOWEY Hartington, Neb.

Turkey hunting has been in my blood since the early 70's when I first hit the woods in pursuit of the long beards.

Over the years, I've managed to take over eighty birds bagging every species in the U.S. except for the Osceola of Florida.

As spring approaches, my excitement builds and as the season begins to draw down, I feel as if something will soon be missing from

This year it was different,

su do ku

Solution

New Construction

· Additions & Remodeling

No carpentry work to small or large!

tagged all three of Nebraska birds early in the season, two in northeast

Gary Nebraska and one in Howey the south-

part of the state. I'd also had the opportunity to call in a couple of birds for Team member Larry Myhre while we hunted together.

1 8 9 7 2 4 6 3 5

2 4 5 6 3 8 9 1 7

7 6 3 1 5 9 4 2 8

8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 9 |

5 7 1 9 6 3 8 4 2

9 5 4 8 7 2 1 6 3

6 2 8 3 4 1 5 7 9

3 1 7 5 9 6 2 8 4

Roofing, Siding & Concrete Flatwork

Lonnie Herrboldt, 605.665.3987

Since I'd tagged all of my

eastern

birds and there was plenty of time left. I decided to give my cameraman Kyle Nickolite, Yankton, the opportunity to shoot his first bird.

Kyle had been on several turkey hunts with me, but he was always on the other end, running the camera. His first filming in the

field had been a spring turkey hunt where a Tom came in behind him without making a sound, startling both of us. This is one of those

things that will either scare the heck out of you or hook you on turkey hunting for

As most turkey hunters do, on our first trip, we headed out long before the sun rose and set up where we thought the birds would be traveling from the roost.

Sometimes, turkeys and other wild creatures don't do what "We" think they should do and this was the case on our first hunt.

We'd set up in the dark up against a downed tree with the sun at our back. We were well camouflaged and knew the birds were roosting in adjourning property to the west.

I began my calling as I always do soft and subtle, as a hen in the roost would as she awakens.

No response, only silence, so I called again and after a short pause again, no response.

As the sun rose farther in the eastern sky, I increased the volume of my calls, switching from my Roost'em box call to my slate and my diaphragm call.

Nothing, not a peep and at that point, I was beginning to wonder if the birds had moved their roost.

Just then, Kyle whispered on the ridge. There they were, one Tom, a small Jake and eight hens, not good as no Tom in his right mind would leave eight hens to come to one or two others, no matter how sweet they sounded.

It just wasn't going to be our day to tag Kyle's first bird.

We tried it another early morning, calling in one hen and a Jake that was so close that we could have reached out and grabbed him.

Permission had been given by the landowner across the road, so we headed that way, walking into a hen that was being followed by a Tom, unfortunately the hens sharp eyes pegged us before we could get set up.

After two early morning excursion and the close of the season rapidly approaching, I think Kyle was beginning to wonder about turkey hunting.

We decided to give it one more go, an after work hunt in an area we'd seen birds earlier in the year.

As we always had we glassed the area from a hillside prior to heading in to set up.

We spotted one Tom right where we had planned to set up, so a new plan or Plan B had to be quickly thrown together.

The plan would be to drive to the far end of the trees, put a sneak through the trees growing along the south side.

As we headed into the trees, a Tom gobbled off to the west. With Kyle in the lead, we quietly approached the area we'd hoped to set up in

Once we reached the tree line, I noticed that there was a slight rise about thirty yards in front of us, which didn't give us much time to get on the bird as he popped over the rise.

Since we had no choice, I set the decoy in a low mating position just this side of the rise while Kyle set up our turkey fan off to his right.

Our fan came from one of last year's birds and cut off where it attaches to the body. After dusting the tail section with Borax to help preserve it, it's spread out and nailed to a board until it dries in a natural position.

We'd used fans years ago while hunting in central Missouri and since no one property, I felt it was safe

enough to use the fan. Note: The use of a fan can be dangerous if others may be hunting the same area, as a mature Tom's fan can draw gunfire from some

Once again, I started with my Roost'em box call and then went to my slate call, giving the impression that there were two different birds calling.

Once again, no response, which late in the season isn't unusual as the breeding season is coming to the end and there is less talking going on between the Toms and hens.

We'd been on site about five minutes when a red head, no two red heads appeared on the rise as a Tom and Jake walked into full view.

I whispered to Kyle that the mature Tom was in the lead as he brought his shotgun into position.

The big Tom, noticing the hen decoy, turned in that direction and noticing the turkey fan quickly turned to face it and started moving slowly in it's direction.

As I was giving the warning putt to get the Tom to raise its head, Kyle fired, dropping the big bird in its tracks.

Kyle's first bird, weighing 20 plus pounds with a 10" beard is a good bird, especially for the first one.

As I sit here, knowing the season has ended, longing for next spring season, I have many memories from this spring, one stands out and that was where I introduced another to his first turkey hunt during our final

Gary Howey, Hartington, Neb., is the President of Outdoorsmen Productions LLC. His award winning Outdoorsmen Adventures can be seen on www.MyOutdoorTV.com.



Herrboldt Construction, Inc.

We specialize in

• Farm & Steel Buildings

Saturday, June 19th, 2010

@ 10:30 am Sparky's Lunch Located: 30321 445th AVE, VOLIN, SD OR Johnson Bridge Road & US Hiway 81: 5 Miles East & 1/4 Mile South OR From Volin, SD: 4 Milex West and 1 3/4 Miles North

Petersen Brothers Clifford & Johnny Petersen, Owners

TRUCKS: 1980 Chevrolet C70 Truck Titled (Parts); 1948 Chevrolet Thriftma Truck, 10'Box With Hoist (Doesn't Run); 1963 Chevrolet 30 Series 1-Ton Truck,

FARM MACHINERY: INT. 715 Combine, INT. 810 Bean Head, INT. Dummy Head-5 Belt Pickup; INT. 844 Corn Head; J.D. 720 Gas Tractor, WF, 3PT; J.D. 70 Gas Tractor NF, 3PT; OLIVER 77 Tractor NF; OLIVER #2 2row Corn Picker, 2-Bottom 16" Plow, INT, #56 4-Row Corn Planter, Factory Made 3PT Bale Fork and Bale Spear, INT Sickle Mower, INT. 550 Manure Spreader, AVCO NEW IDEA Manure Spreader (As New-Always Shedded); GRAIN-O-VATOR 60 Feed Wagon with DUD Drive and 5 Ton Gear; KEWANEE & KELLY RYAN Elevators,2-JD #125 3 & 4-Bottom Plow W/ Midwest Harrows; 2-JD 13' & 14' AW Disks, JD #400 4-Row Cultivator with Spoons, 3-CASE Single Row Cutters, GLENCO 4-Row Field Cultivator W/Rotary Shields, BIG BUTCH Sprayer, Mel Hovden 2-Wheel End Gate Seeder, MM Drill W/Grass Seed Attachment; MASSEY HARRIS-FERGUSON #825P Combine, MASSEY-HARRIS Bat Reel Head, OLIVER #73H 2-Row Corn Picker, OLIVER MTD. Corn Picker, MM Corn Sheller, Corn Drag W/5HP Motor; INT. 950 Grinder-Mixer (Hardly Used); GRAIN-O-VATOR 20 Wagon Ext. Sides; INT. Spring Shank 4-Row Cultivator W/ Extensions & Midwest Harrow; JD Subsoiler, LUNDELL 2-Row Stalk Chopper, 3-ROORDA Silage Boxes W/Gears, BRADY 4-Row Stalk Chopper, Sprocket Packer, Swather Transport, Barge Box W/8Ton Gear/Hoist, Flare Box Wagon W/CAMCO 6-Ton Gear & BROYHILL Hoist, 2-6 Section Drags W/Carts, JD Dump Rake, JD 3-Bottom Plow Pull-Type Plow, DEMPSTER 2-Row Field Cultivator, INT #53 4-Row Cultivator W/Rotary Shields, BOMGAARS Post Driver 3PT; JD Side Delivery Rake, MASSEY FERGUSON #124 Square Baler (Use BALE LOK Twine); JD 4, 5 & 6 Section Drags with Eveners; INT. Silage Blower and Pipe.

MISCELLANEOUS: Crimper for INT. 110 Swather, RAASCH Portable Loading Chute, INT. Endgate Seeder (Parts), FORD620 Combine (Parts); VERSATILE 103 Swather (Parts), SUPER 26 M-Harris Combine (Parts), Silage Top for FARMHAND 210 Wagon, <u>Lots of Old Iron</u>, Old 3PT Field Cultivator, CONTINENTAL Post Hole Digger/Wire Winder; MAYRATH 14'& 20' Augers, Small Elevator W/WISC. Engine, DUAL Hay Basket & Bucket, JD Narrow Front Trike, Barrel Cement Miser, Pony Cart With Brakes, 500-Chick Brooder Stove, IDEAL 60 Bu. Hog Feeder, IDEAL Hog Waterer, 12-Cattle Panels, CLIPPER Fanning Mill, Horse Saddle, Horse Breaking Saddle, Horse Drawn Sled, Old Bob Sled, 2-DEMPSTER Hand Water Pumps, 500 Gallon Diesel and 2-500 Gas Tanks; 2-Plastic Bottom Feed Bunks, 4 Wood Feed Bunks, HYDRA-MAC Square Water Tank, 2-Calf Creep Feeders, Calf Hut, plus many other items too numerous to mention.

Jim Payne Auctioneer

TERMS: CASH OR BANKABLE CHECK

Phone/CELL: 605-760-0734 214 Capital ST • Suite 8 • Yankton SD 57078



Brian & Jean DeGroot, Owner's **Quality Clean Used Vehicles**

CARS
2007 Chevy Malibu, 4-dr., blue, 29,000 miles \$11,995
2005 Volkswagen Beetle , black, 71,000 miles \$8,995
2005 Ford Focus Wagon , red, 71,000 miles\$7,995
2005 Chevy Malibu , silver, 87,000 miles\$5,995
2003 Chevy Cavalier , 2-dr., white, 83,000 miles \$5,295
2003 Chevy Monte Carlo , 2-dr., brown, 96,000 miles \$6,995
2001 Chyrsler Sebring , convertible, gold, 94,000 miles . \$5,595
2001 Dodge Ram , pickup, white, 90,000 miles \$5,995
2000 Buick LeSabre , 4-dr., tan, 109,000 miles \$5,895
2000 Chevy Blazer , 4x4, black, 92,000 miles \$5,795
1999 Ford Ranger , Ext. Cab, 4x4, blue, 107,000 mi \$6,995
1999 Toyota Sienna Van , tan, 89,000 miles \$7,395
1998 Chevy Blazer , 4x4, brown, 99,000 miles\$4,995
1998 Toyota Corolla , 4 dr., blue, 95,000 miles\$4,995
1996 Mercury Marquis , grey, 116,000 miles \$3,595
1996 Olds Silhouette Van , maroon, 132,000 miles \$2,995
1989 Lincoln Continental , brown, 106,000 \$3,995
1989 Chevy C-1500 , 2wd, red & silver, 78,000 mi \$4,995
1987 Chevy 1 ton dually , red, 107,000 miles \$7,995
SPECIAL INTEREST
2006 Polaris , 4 wheeler, red, 632 miles\$6,595
1999 Ford Van , with boom & bucket, 83,000 mi \$8,995
1993 Suzuki 4x4 Pickup , white, 67,000 miles \$4,795
1987 Searay , 25ft cabin boat with trailer\$14,995
1977 Chevy Nova , 2-dr., yellow, 50,000 miles \$9,595
1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible, 2-dr., white, 67,000 miles \$14,995
2004 Chevy Workhorse Delivery Van , Diesel, white, 17,000 miles \$14,995

1985 Ford Wrecker, 4x4, red, 67,000 miles \$7,495 **1972**, 17ft., Jet boat, 400 V8, olds motor \$5,495

U-Haul Brand Car Dolly with straps\$1,295

Mulch For Sale

Shredded Cottonwood Trees Available By Pickup Load Or Can Be Delivered.

Call 661-2847

