



PHOTO BY CORA CONDON

Cora Condon's best photo yet might be this one that features my golf tee flying skyward like a rocket.

I've got some tough competition — from my oldest daughter

One of the things I've really enjoyed about my kids getting older is having them tag along with me to sporting events (you know, before this whole COVID-19 thing).

Cora (age 7), in particular, enjoyed going to track and field or cross country meets or baseball and softball games to get some fresh air and spend time with me.

She'd ask questions about taking pictures and want to use my phone to take pictures or videos while I used my camera. But now she wants the real thing.

She wants to use my camera, which I constantly remind her is worth more money than she has.

So I usually let her snap a few pictures once I'm done taking the pictures I need.

She's taken some pretty good pictures, too.

A couple years ago at an American Legion baseball game she took a picture I nearly ended up using in the paper.

A couple weeks ago, she got some pretty good shots of the Easter Bunny as it greeted kids around Jackson.

But she topped them all last week while I was golfing.

Using my phone, she took a burst of photos as I teed off on the first hole. She wants to do that on just about every shot — she goes with me to the course mostly to steer the cart and take pictures —

so I didn't bother looking at the pictures right away. But when I did, I was awestruck.

Looking through the burst of 15 or so photos, one stood out as quite unique. While I held my follow through — which I tend to hold even longer on a good shot — my tee is flying through the air toward the camera as the ball is seen flying down the fairway.

The tee — which I never found — is straight up and down, almost looking like a rocket flying through the air.

Sure, it took some luck, but don't most good action pictures?

I always tell people to put yourself in the right position to get the best action, but that doesn't guarantee that action will ever take place or that you'll get a great picture out of it.

But she was in the right spot and got the shot.

So now I've either got a reliable helper or some competition when it comes to getting good pictures.



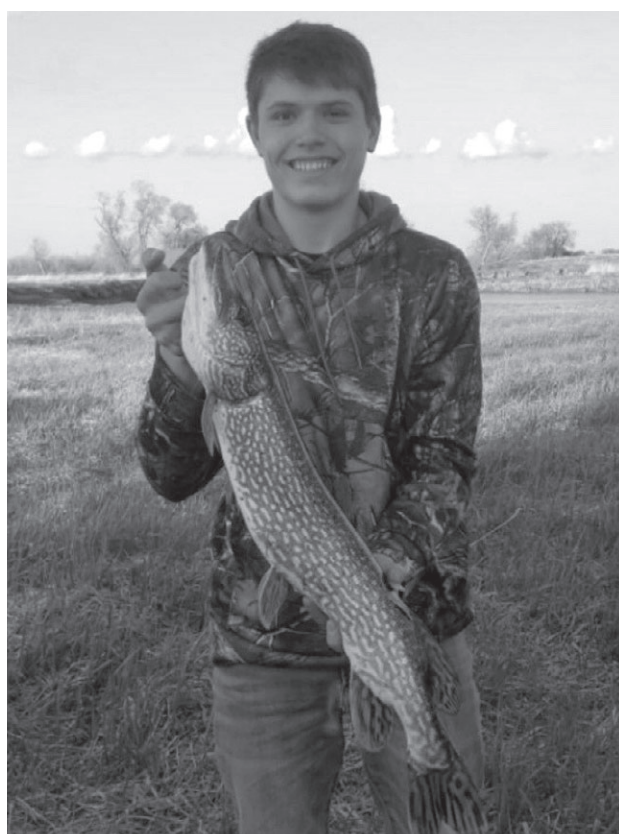
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GREAT CATCH

Above: Aubrey (from left), Braeden and Brynn Erickson show off their haul after a successful fishing opener Saturday. Left: Kason Farmer shows off the 18-inch bass he caught on Cottonwood Lake Saturday. Bottom right: Izabella Grein celebrated her 13th birthday by catching a 2-pound walleye on Loon Lake. Bottom left: Ethan Hendrickson reeled in this 31-inch northern Sunday by North Heron Lake.



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