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This summer, I had the opportunity to cover and provide stories with state-wide relevance to and for members of the North Dakota Newspaper Association. I reported on everything from local bike shop owners adjusting to a national shortage of bicycles to the status of the Operation Prairie Dog Bill and its effect on North Dakota communities. The extent of how much I've learned under the mentorship of Chuck Haga and through reporting on a community from several states away is immeasurable.

Through the remote work I've done during my internship, I've learned more about the importance of making sure a story fully represents its subject (i.e. representing the west of the state as well as the east) and how to build rapport with sources who I have never even seen in person- a skill I have never previously had the opportunity to learn. I encountered a wide range of levels of difficulty with each story and from each story that took a little bit more effort than the last, I feel like I've become increasingly more professional in how I handle journalistic obstacles and feel more prepared to enter the work force next spring. I have my time reporting for the NDNA to thank for several new pieces to my portfolio and a summer of intensive learning. I'm especially grateful for this opportunity during the COVID-19 pandemic, when I know that members of the media had difficult adjustments to make on their own without contributing to my own learning. I will take the tools I used this summer with me into my final year in the J-School at KU reporting for the Eudora community and will be better for it.

