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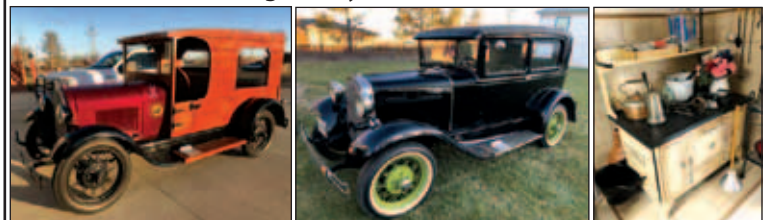
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Gardening Tips

Things you probably didn't know

BY BEV JOHNSON M.G.
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Extension Master Gardener

Bunkey planted 2 pumpkin plants last spring. By mid-summer, his garden was nearly covered with pumpkin vines. Petunia was having a hissy fit over how messy the garden looked and insisted Bunkey "do something." Of course, he asked George. "Since you can't stunt a vine, you need either to train it up a trellis, or shorten it. Trellising is not practical for a full size pumpkin so you need to prune the vine. When the vine has as many fruits as you will need, shorten the vine to at least 10 feet for each fruit. The plant needs that much vine to feed the pumpkin. This works with melons and other vine crops. Most vines now are available in bush types. They aren't as fruitful but for most people, it's enough.

Do you really know what hybrid means? It is a plant grown from a seed that was cross pollinated by 2 different parent plants. The first generation of that hybrid is labeled F1. Hybrids are usually much more vigorous than the parent plants, thus hybrid vigor. Seeds are crossed to make a plant more resistant to disease, more floriferous, brighter colored, with stronger stems or in some cases smaller or larger. Forget saving seeds from a hybrid. F2 hybrids will not be similar to either of the original parents. Odd fact. Try this with apple seeds and each seed will grow a different apple. Hybrid apples will have fewer than 5 seeds in each half.

Tips from other gardeners. Who knows if they will work for you, but fun to try. Smear garlic paste in cracks in the house where ants are entering to deter them. It also keeps away vampires, a plus at Halloween. Top dressing strawberries in the spring with composted cow manure will make the berries sweeter; smellier but sweeter. Grated orange peel will keep cats from using your flowerbeds



Bev Johnson M.G.

for a litter box. Pine cones work too as they hurt digging paws. To keep the vegetable garden edges nice and neat and weed free, lay strips of carpet fuzzy side down. If you are careful, you can mow over the edges. Some people, with too much time on their hands, pull the stuff up and dry it to use again next spring. You can leave it in place too. Eventually it will rot and need replacing. It also works for paths. Native bees don't make hives or live in them. When you are done with your Christmas tree, cut the trunk into foot long hunks. Drill rows of holes 3 to 4 inches deep and variety of diameters from 1/8th to 1/16th inches. Nail a board on top for a roof and hang around your estate. Wild bees will lay their eggs in the holes. You can tell if a hole is occupied as usually some of the holes will be plugged with mud. Don't make the mistake of hanging the bee logs next to a suet feeder. Woodpeckers consider bee larvae as lunch. One gal with a teen age son, ran out of deer repellent. Remembering how repellent her son's cologne was to her, she grabbed a bottle and sprinkled it around the edge of the garden. She insists it works but has to wear a mask when she weeds. Some of that stuff will clear a room of adults in 10 minutes. Teens must have a different "smeller."

Toad furniture

Bunkey absolutely abhors mushrooms, as much as Petunia loves them. This year he is going to give his wife two mushroom growing kits. One of her favorite mushrooms is the shiitake so he got that kit and one for oyster mushrooms for good measure. He carefully read the instructions, as he planned to have a crop growing to give her under the tree. The kit consists of a block of compressed sawdust already inoculated with the mushroom mycelium. The instructions say to make a tent of plastic to keep the block damp, mist it once or twice a day and you should have a bloom of mushrooms in about 10 days ready to harvest. Just to make sure this would work, he got an extra kit to experiment on. Since neighbor George loves "shrooms" too, the experiment is going to be at his house. There is a twofold reason for this; to be sure it works and to keep Petunia from discovering her Christmas gift before time. She is a terrible snoop and usually finds her gifts almost as soon as they come in the door.

The first crop came in just as the instructions said they would. George shared his bounty with Petunia but didn't tell her how he got them. She was ecstatic. This gave George an idea. "Why don't you make her a mushroom garden? It's easy." Sure it is.

They found a place that sells plugs of inoculated mycelium. It also may be called spawn. A package of 100 plugs are enough to inoculate 2 logs and will produce a pound of mushrooms a year for 3 years. To start, Bunkey had to find the proper log for the spawn he was using. They could be alder, ash, oak or maple. The logs need to be fresh, not older than 6 months old. He started with a drill with a 5/16 inch drill bit. He drilled holes about 1 1/4th inch deep in a diamond shape

(off set rows) about 50 per log. The next step is to stick the plugs into the holes. If the plug is too small for the hole, he needed to fill the empty bit with wax to prevent wild spawn from contaminating the log. Now you wait. The logs need to be stored off the ground in a shady spot and watered to keep them moist. About a year later, when the temperature reaches 60 degrees, the mushrooms should start to fruit. Petunia should have mushrooms on her birthday next summer. Just in case however, Bunkey also found a bee house on the internet at solobee.com for her garden. Our native bees are super pollinators, 60 times more effective than honeybees and they live in holes, not hives. This bee house is a neat wood square with a spiral of various sized holes in the front with a frame around it and a multi-tiered roof. It would be a perfect finial for a wood post. There are two styles, the SoloBee Bungalow costs \$49.00. The larger 2 story is The SoloBee Shrine at \$119.00. These are made in California. This bee condo would be a great gift for any gardener whether she grows flowers or vegetables. An amateur carpenter could make one. This leaves Bunkey out as he can't dive a nail straight, and usually ends up in the ER if he attempts to use power tools. He did drill a hole in his jeans making the mushroom logs. No blood this time.

From other sources

If you get the Forum, you can skip this bit. Don Kinzler, a self-described lifelong gardener, a NDSU Extension Horticulturist and who owned Kinzler's Greenhouse in Fargo has designed a calendar for zone 3 and 4 gardeners. He "scoured information from North Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota to be sure all the information meshed".

This calendar has large squares marked with when to dos. That is when to fertilize the grass, when to start tomatoes when to divide rhubarb and when to do all the other jobs gardeners do throughout the year. This looks like the perfect gift for your gardener no matter if she is a newbie or an experienced gardener. There are 3 ways to get this calendar. You can get it at Fargo Gate City Banks, at the Forum building at 101 5th St. N Fargo or online at www.inforum.com/2019gardencalendar. At this time, the local Gate City Bank doesn't have them and is not sure if they will. The person I spoke to said to call back in a week or so but she hadn't heard anything about them getting them. The calendar sells for \$25.

The latest Minnesota Gardener magazine has a great list of what they are calling baby vegetables. There are two ways of looking at so called baby vegetables, either they are picked before they are full grown or they are smaller than regular sized plants or fruit. Many of these plants are small enough to grow in pots. A squash that weighs less than a pound is the perfect size for a one or two person family. The first four are all American Selection winners.

Patio Baby eggplant has 2 to 3-inch egg shaped fruits that turn black when ripe and mature in 45 days (from a plant started indoors). The plant is thorn less. Honey Baby squash as a 4 to 8 oz butternut type. If you like Watham, you'll

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The Central McLean News-Journal recently received a note and some recipe submissions from loyal reader Anabelle Mitchell of Oak Harbor, Wash.

She writes, "Most all of my 'tried and true' recipes came from my mother, Aunt Ida and cousins Elaine and Janet. My other favorite source was 'Country Kitchen Recipes' which I was addicted to cutting out recipes weekly. Then I found they were printed up yearly, and I believe I purchased every year printed 2001-2013."

She included a couple of her favorite recipes from Chateau Grand Traverse Winery and Vineyards.

Dried cherry broccoli salad

- 1 bunch broccoli, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 cup dried cherries
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon wine vinegar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

In large bowl, combine broccoli, onion, pecans and cherries. In a small bowl, stir together mayonnaise, cheese, sugar, vinegar and cinnamon. Toss together.

Cherry cashew cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened.
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 package vanilla milk chips
- 1 cup lightly salted cashews
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1-1/2 cups dried cherries

In a large mixing bowl, combine butter and granulated sugar, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla. Mix with electric mixer on medium speed until thoroughly mixed. Combine flour and soda. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture. Stir in vanilla chips, dried cherries and cashews. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire racks. Makes 4-1/2 dozen cookies.

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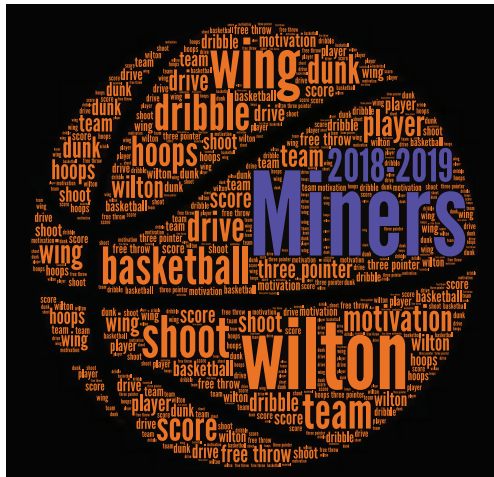
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Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 8

The Wilton Lions will be having their annual Santa Claus Day at the Wilton Memorial Hall. Pancakes and sausage will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa is to arrive around noon.

A 90th birthday open house celebration honoring Derald Larson, formerly of Ryder, is set for 2 to 4 p.m. at Bread of Life Lutheran Church, Minot. No gifts requested.

Bertha Rath is celebrating her 90th birthday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Hillside Aquatic Complex-Community Room, 1719 E Boulevard Ave., Bismarck. No gifts.

Washburn's Santa Party is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Washburn Memorial Building. Hot dogs and chips, hot cocoa, sugar cookie decorating, cotton candy and kids ornament craft. Vendors will also be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for some local shopping.

Community Food Pantry, Ryder Community Gym, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Free soup and sandwiches

Milk & Cookies with Santa, Garrison Senior Center, 1-3 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Max Civic Center

Da Lutherlic Ladies, KOTA Theater, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9

The Washburn United Methodist Church invites those who wish to light a candle in memory of a loved one this Christmas season to join them for a short service and candle lighting as they remember together at 6 p.m. at the church.

The Birka Lutheran Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting following 8:45 a.m. worship service.

First Lutheran Church in Washburn is hosting Joy to the World, a celebration of carols Cantata presented at 9:30 a.m. at the church during worship. Coffee and fellowship to follow.

Monday, Dec. 10

Turtle Lake City Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Mercer senior citizens meeting, 2 p.m.

McClusky City meeting, 7 p.m. Goodrich Fire Department meeting, 7 p.m.

Washburn Area Economic Development Association will meet at 5 p.m. at the WAEDA office, 611 Main Avenue. Open to the public to give ideas and input.

The Washburn City Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the city hall. The public is welcome.

Bring your projects, sewing machine and lunch to the Chat and Sew sewing group from 10 a.m. to whenever at First Lutheran Church, Washburn. Will provide help with troublesome projects, and show and tell projects are welcome to inspire the group! 462-3306. Small charge for meeting space.

The Christian Women's Club of Harvey and surrounding area will be having a "Where Do You Travel?" lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, Harvey. For reservation, call 324-4728 or 324-4553.

The Washburn American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting/Christmas social at 7 p.m. at the Washburn Memorial Building. Bring bags/boxes of cereal that will be donated to the McLean Family Resource Center and a goodie to share for the Christmas social. New and prospective members always welcome.

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Bone Builders exercise, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Butte Auxiliary cookie drive, Butte Mini Mall.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Goodrich School Board meeting, 6 p.m.

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Tuesday, Dec. 11

meeting, 8 p.m. Lawrence Stephenson Post 133 of the American Legion to meet at 6:30 p.m. for supper, meeting to follow.

The Washburn Civic Club will meet at noon at Captain's Cabin.

Pickleball, elementary gym, 7 p.m., beginners welcome

Garrison Lamplighter Sr. Citizen Business Meeting, Garrison Sr. Center, 2 p.m.

The Union Bank and Western Frontier Insurance Agency will hold a Christmas Open House from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union Bank. Coffee, cider and cookies will be served.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Kids Club will meet after school in the school lunchroom in Underwood.

Adult Health Services and Foot Care Clinic available at the public health office, McLean County Courthouse, Washburn. Please call 462-3330 to schedule an appointment.

McClusky Merchants annual appreciation free dinner and Santa Claus Day, 3:15-7 p.m., McClusky Elementary Gym.

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

Bible Study, non-denominational, all are welcome, The Meadows, 2 p.m.

Washburn class 4B is having a pajama drive to help children facing uncertainty. If you would like to help, please send new pairs of pajamas to the school by Dec. 12. Collection boxes will be located in both Washburn School offices.

The annual Cookie Walk is set for 4 to 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake.

Christmas open house and visit from Santa, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dakota West Credit Union, Turtle Lake. Serving goodies and refreshments.

Santa Day, Turtle Lake.

Thursday, Dec. 13

The Lord's Pantry is open from 2 to 4 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake.

Sheridan County senior citizen potluck.

The Share-Exchange (clothing giveaway) will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. at 221 Main St., Turtle Lake.

The Washburn high school concert is at 7:30 p.m.

The Wilton school's high school concert is set for 7 p.m.

Turtle Lake-Mercer elementary concert, 6 p.m.; high school, 7:30 p.m.

Bone Builders exercise, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Bob Callies Elementary Choir Concert, Garrison High School, 2 p.m.

Pickleball, elementary gym, 7 p.m., beginners welcome

Garrison High School Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.

McClusky School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

The 12th Day Till Christmas Concert performance by Tigirlily is set for 7 p.m. and caroling lead by local singers is from 5 to 7 p.m. at Washburn Memorial Building. Free admission event sponsored by Washburn American Legion.

A Visit from Santa in Washburn and rural Washburn. Santa and Mrs. Claus will come to your home for a visit Dec. 14 or 15. During the visit you can take photos and tell him your Christmas wishes which will last approximately 10 minutes. To sign up for a time call the McLean Family Resource Center at 701-462-8643. Reservations due by Dec. 7.

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

Santa's Workshop for elementary students, Bob Callies Gym.

Hazel in the house; Alice moving in

BY KATHY TANDBERG
BHG News

Hazel no longer works for the Baxters, who had a beautiful little ranch home in Hollywood.

Harold, the Baxters' little blonde son, who loved Hazel, grew up and went away to college, and then moved to Keystone, S.D., where he died at the age of 21 in a car accident.

This was hard for his parents, George and Dorothy, so George's company transferred him to Saudi Arabia, where he would manage big contracts.

Dorothy, an interior designer who only worked for the rich and wealthy, of course went with him to design penthouses for the rich. So the Baxter family no longer needed a wonderful maid like Hazel.

There I was on the Internet one day searching for household help because, with my bulging disc back issue, I'm not supposed to do motions like vacuuming, sweeping and such. My chiropractor, DJ, had long ago warned me about that even before the disc bulging. I should have listened to him.

Of course, I vacuum and mop anyway because finding a good maid to work for free is impossible. But I looked online anyway, just in case. And there she was, looking for work.

OK, I bought one of those robo-vacuums. You know, those little round vacuums that roll around your house on her own, and her name is Hazel. I've had Hazel for a while now, and I love her!

She does a nice job, too. I have one of the models that can go



Kathy Tandberg

easily from hard surface floors, which most of our home has, to carpet that we have in the bedrooms. Of course I do a couple things I'm not supposed to need to do before Hazel goes to work, but I can't help it.

Before I have her do a room with a hard surface, I take a broom or a dust mop and sweep along the trim boards along the floor, and under some furniture, too. That way the dust comes off the trim board before Hazel vacuums.

Hazel does a great job, but there is one place she gets stuck on occasion, and that's under a chair and accent table in the front entry. When she gets stuck she beeps and talks to me, telling me to pick her up and move her.

She's a busy little worker, my Hazel, but a bit noisy just like any vacuum, so I always warn my husband that Hazel has work to do in the living room, so he can go to a different room or to his shop until she's finished.

It's hard to get older and not be able to do something as simple as vacuuming your home. It's not actually my age, of course,

that prohibits vacuuming, but my lower back with its issue. Vacuuming or sweeping, like my Mom told me, and I told my kids, is a simple and easy household chore - until you have an issue.

Our daughters, who live not far from us, always want to come over and clean for us. But they work full-time jobs and have children to run to activities, and while I know they will come if I need them, it's so much simpler to do it ourselves in the morning or afternoon and be done.

I always tell them that one day when their Dad and I are older and more gray, they can clean our house anytime they want. For now we've got it, along with Hazel. I love my Hazel!

I hired another housekeeper during all the recent sales. Hazel, after all, is an older woman as well, and only likes certain tasks.

So Alice is moving in, too, because most of those six Brady kids have also grown up and moved out, so it was just Carol and Mike at home in that big, huge mid-century two-story house in Southern California, so the Bradys moved.

Of course, Alice's lips are tight, but rumors are that Carol had begun to fool around with a much younger guy, and that's why she and Mike decided to move.

So there was Alice looking for something to do, so she is going to do the mopping after Hazel vacuums. I now have one of those little robo-mops, a cousin to the robo-vacuum. I'll be testing Alice out this week after I finish the Christmas decorating. If she doesn't do the job right I'll have

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 Hiring an assistant cook for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. Work day is 25 hours per week, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pay is dependent upon qualifications and experience. This position will be open until filled. Please contact the superintendent, Mr. Brandt Dick, at 701-442-3201 or email brandt.dick@underwoodschool.org.

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 Accepting applications for a temporary teacher's aide position. Work day is 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for 6.50 hours per day. Pay is dependent upon qualifications and experience. This position will be open until filled. Please contact the superintendent, Mr. Brandt Dick, at 701-442-3201 or email brandt.dick@underwoodschool.org.

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County employees recognized

BY ALYSSA MEIER
BHG News

Twenty-one county employees were recognized for their years of service during Tuesday's McLean County Commission meeting.

Commissioners signed certificates of service on Tuesday for employees who had been employed by the county for five, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 35 years.

Recognized for five years of employment were Charley Bonney, Jr., Keith Ellison and Harlan Patterson of the Highway Department, Roger Britton of

Planning and Zoning, Terri Guderjahn of the auditor's office, Jeffrey Turning Heart of the sheriff's department and Noreen Morris, Jamie Oberg and Alicia Seely of Dakota Central Social Services.

Hitting their ten year anniversary of employment are Anna Six and James Valandra, both of the sheriff's department.

Honored for 15 years at the county were State's Attorney Ladd Erickson, Department of Emergency Services Director Noelle Kroll, Nancy Leidholm of

the auditor's office, Curt Malo of building maintenance and Curtis Olson of the sheriff's department.

Lonna Nelson of Dakota Central Social Services was the sole recipient of a 20-year service certificate.

Marking 25 years at the county were Randy Mautz of the Highway Department, Vance Tomlinson of weed control and James YoungBird of the sheriff's department.

Recognized for 35 years of employment was Clerk of Court Catherine Bailey.

Blue Flint marks 1M hours of safety

Underwood's ethanol biorefinery is celebrating a milestone this month as it surpasses one million consecutive hours of safety.

Midwest AgEnergy, the parent company of Blue Flint, announced Monday that the plant had gone over 10 years without a "lost-time" accident. According to the press release, this kind of accident is defined as time lost due to an employee being injured on the job and therefore unable to work the next scheduled shift.

Midwest AgEnergy said the streak began in April of 2007, with all 49 employees at the biorefinery avoiding accidents for over 11 years.

"To put the one million safe work hours into context, if one person works 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, it would take about 481 years for that person to reach one million safe work hours," the press release stated.

In the release, Director of Workforce Safety and Insurance Bryan Klipfel commended Blue Flint on the accomplishment. Midwest AgEnergy's Regulatory and Technical Services director also recognized the milestone.

"I am so impressed with the employees at Blue Flint for continuously doing all the things necessary to avoid workplace injuries," Adam Dunlop said. "It's been an honor to work alongside such a caring and devoted group."

AUCTION

Saturday, December 8, 10:00 AM CT, Warren Kitzan Collectible Gun Auction, Offering 118 guns & large assortment of ammunition Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan, ND. www.wolffauctioneers.com

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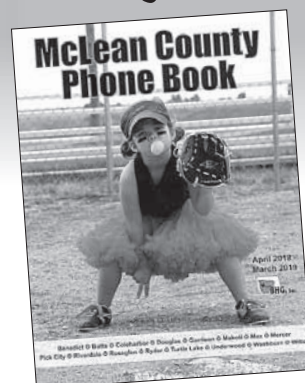
Winter Hike Saturday

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center will be hosting the Fort Mandan Winter Hike this Saturday.

Participants will trade their modern hats and coats for historic bison robes and wool capots. The hike winds through the forest to Fort Mandan, where warm fires and historically accurate refreshments await.

"The Winter Hike is the one event of the year that allows visitors to rough it like the Corps of Discovery," Interpretive coordinator Dana Morrison-Lorenz said. "Visitors brave the winter weather while wearing historic clothing and experience Fort Mandan just as the expedition members did in 1804."

The free hike, which is about a mile long, begins at 1 p.m. at the Fort Mandan Visitors Center. Participants should come dressed for temperature and snow conditions because historic coats will be on a first come, first served basis. Pets are welcome, but must be kept on a six-foot leash.

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Prairie Fare

How long does frozen food last?

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"I have a question I've been meaning to ask you," a woman informed me one Sunday morning in church.

I took a sip of coffee and leaned closer to see if I had an answer. I figured her question might be about food because I know she reads my column.

"I have had some pumpkin bread in my freezer for about a year and I'm wondering if it is safe to eat," she continued.

"Yes, it will be safe," I responded. "The quality will depend on how well it was wrapped, though."

"How was it packaged?" I asked.

"It was wrapped in Saran wrap," she commented. "It probably will be dry and won't taste very good. I'm going to throw it."

She answered her own question.

I think I mentioned using freezer bags in the future. Freezer bags are made of a heavier plastic that protects food better than plastic storage bags or plastic wrap. If I didn't mention it, I know my column reader will see this.

I don't want her to have to throw away her delicious quick bread next time.

Food can become forgotten in freezers and then we might decide that we don't want to eat the food. Sometimes off-flavors or colors can develop if food is not packaged in air-tight packaging.

Improperly packaged meat and



Here's an easy recipe to impress your holiday guests. (NDSU photo)

poultry tend to be the foods most likely to develop dry, grayish spots characteristic of "freezer burn." Although freezer-burned meat technically is safe to eat, you might not enjoy the off-flavors or colors that can develop.

If you buy extra meat, poultry or other foods, be aware that you can freeze it safely in the original packaging from the store. However, sometimes the store packaging is permeable to oxygen and the quality can decline quickly.

Vacuum-packaged frozen foods will maintain their quality longer. Vacuum packaging equipment is available for consumers to use at home.

If you have freezer-burned meat, you don't have to throw it away from a safety standpoint. Just cut away the "bad" parts. However, from a quality standpoint, your food may not taste very good.

Remember to always thaw meat in the refrigerator or microwave oven. Thawing meat on the counter or in the sink is not safe. Toxins can develop during improper thawing; even if you cook it thoroughly, you could become ill from improperly thawed meat.

What if you thawed some meat

and your plans change? Can you refreeze it?

Technically, you can refreeze meat if it has been kept cold (40 F), but you might expect some quality loss. Be sure to package it properly to exclude air.

A good packaging material should have the following characteristics:

- * Moisture/vapor-proof or at least moisture resistant
- * Made of food grade material (designed to be used for food products)
- * Durable and leak-proof
- * Doesn't become brittle and crack at low temperatures
- * Resistant to oil, grease or water
- * Protect foods from off-flavors and odors
- * Easy to fill and seal
- * Easy to mark and store

We have a free food freezing guide available online, with information about freezing just about anything. It also includes wrapping techniques for packaging food. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/NDSUFoodFreezingGuide>. Click on "Download PDF" if you prefer a printable form.

We also have some ideas for quick bread mixes that you can layer in glass jars to create holiday gifts.

"Give the Gift of Joy With a Quick Bread Mix" is available at <https://tinyurl.com/NDSUQuickBreadMix>. It features Quick Herb Bread, Snickerdoodle Muffins, Cherry Chocolate Scones and Peanut Butter Bread. The recipes include printable gift tags with the recipe add-ins.

By the way, for best quality,



Julie Garden-Robinson

use these dry mixes within six months. If you decide to make them and freeze them, use freezer bags or freezer containers. Here's an easy scone recipe that will impress your holiday guests.

CHERRY CHOCOLATE SCONES

- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose white flour
- 1 c. whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. semisweet chocolate chips

- 1/2 c. dried cherries
- 1 3/4 c. heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, chocolate chips and dried cherries in a bowl. Make a well in the center of the mixture and add the heavy cream. Mix until all dry ingredients have been combined, then form into a large circle and flatten. Cut into 10 pieces and bake for 16 to 20 minutes.

Makes 10 servings. Each serving has 320 calories, 18 grams (g) fat, 5 g protein, 36 g carbohydrate, 1 g dietary fiber and 390 milligrams sodium.

FRONT PORCH

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to let her go.

For the doubters out there, I know nothing can do the job as well as a human, and I would still be doing it if I wasn't trying to ward off surgery. But hiring a house cleaner right now isn't in the budget.

My hubby always helps me around the house with a lot of things but has his back issue as well, so I found Hazel and she does a good job for us.

Still, from time to time I still do it the old fashioned way myself, just to give it a deeper cleaning.

It's just not every few days or week. Hazel gets us through until it's time for deeper cleaning. I hope Alice works out as well!

I hear the doorbell, so Alice must be here. I hope she and Hazel get along. They are both used to being the boss handling a household. They are also both accustomed to having their own room, but here they have to share one.

I also have one issue with Hazel that I can't solve. She won't call me by name! I'm thinking if Alice will, then Hazel of course will because she doesn't want to let Alice have the upper hand.

GARDENING

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like this one. If you don't plan to make sauerkraut but like cabbage, Katrina is the one for you. She matures in 45 days, is sweet and only 4 inches around. Looking for a semi-vining cucumber? Try Parisian Gherkin. This is a true midget cucumber, only 2 to 4 inches long. It is both a pickling and slicer, although how one would slice a 2 inch cuc or even want to is beyond me. If you like the grape type tomatoes, a 2018 winner is Valentine. She is described as being exceptionally sweet, with a deep red, meaty flesh similar to a paste tomato. It matures in 55 days. This is a sprawler so don't put her in a pot. She needs to go in the garden. If you want a container tomato, Red Racer,

a "cocktail" tomato. She comes in at 2 ounces and 1/1/2 inch around. If you prefer a yellow tomato Choice Yellow grows 1/2 oz. fruit on an 18 inch tall vine. If you are looking for a very small-3-inch pepper, Sweetie Pie is for you. You can pick them green or let them ripen to yellow, orange and red. Apparently the grower had a problem and mixed the 3 colored seeds together so you never know which color your peppers will ripen to. If you don't like peppers it is probably because you have only had green ones. They are like green apples, much better and sweeter when ripe. No matter the color, red, yellow, brown or orange, all ripe peppers taste very much alike so don't pay extra for an exotic color. Try a ripe one: you WILL like it.

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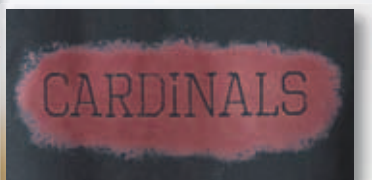
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