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DISTRICT COURT

South-Central District Court cases from August 2019

The following are the proceedings of South Central District court for the month of August 2019. McLean County Clerk of Court office is not responsible for errors and/or omissions. This information provided under the open record laws and sufficiency not guaranteed.

Divorces granted: Everett J Snyder and Kelsie Rae Snyder; Todd Gieser and Stephanie Gieser; Christopher James Haugen and Heather Lynn Haugen

Licenses to hunt, trap, or fish required of residents: Kyle Patrick Grigsby, Minot, set up payment schedule, set up today, \$250 fee totals.

Licenses to hunt, trap, or fish required of residents: Nile Brian Kirkpatrick, Jr. Bismarck, set up payment schedule, pay in full within 60 days, deferred imposition of sentence, \$250 fee totals.

Driving under revocation-4th or subsequent off in 5yrs (6th Offense): Brandon Kirk Adams, Whiteshield, 24/7 sobriety program, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, concurrent with all counts concurrent, submit to fingerprints, u unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws, \$1825 fee totals, 20 days McLean County Jail, Term: 20 Days, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation, 24/7 program for one year w/credit from 7-17-2019

DUI of Alcohol or w/AC.08% or > (2nd Offense Condition): - **Adult:** Brandon Kirk Adams, Whiteshield, 24/7 sobriety program, chemical

dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, concurrent with, wll counts concurrent, submit to fingerprints, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws, \$1825 fee totals, McLean County Jail 20 days, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.; 24/7 Program for one year w/ credit from 07-17-2019.

Possession of a controlled substance, marijuana: Brandon Kirk Adams, Whiteshield, 24/7 sobriety program, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, concurrent with all counts concurrent. submit to fingerprints, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws, \$1825 fee totals, 20 dsays McLean County jail, term: 20 Days, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation

Refusal to submit to on-site screening or chemical test: Daryl Dean Allen, Pukwana, S.D., chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, pay fine from bond Posted, set up payment schedule, forfeit \$350 bond remaining fees to be paid by the end of probation, unsupervised probation, \$750 fees total, McLean County Jail, 10 days, 10 days suspended, probation 360 days

Possession of a Controlled Substance: Daryl Dean Allen, Pukwana, S.D., Amended sentence dismissed.

Reckless Endangerment: Nicholis Jay Backman, Bismarck, the defendant shall provide a sample of blood or other bodily fluids for DNA law enforcement identification purposes and inclusion in law enforcement identification databases as

required by N.D.C.C. Ch. 31-13, the defendant shall pay the cost of the collection of the DNA, submit to fingerprints, all counts concurrent, 5 years Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, report on: 08/21/2019, 23 days credit for time served, all fees waived if defendant meets criteria.

Fleeing a peace officer-Vehicle: Nicholis Jay Backman, Bismarck, the defendant shall provide a sample of blood or other bodily fluids for DNA law enforcement identification purposes and inclusion in law enforcement identification databases as required by N.D.C.C. Ch. 31-13, the defendant shall pay the cost of the collection of the DNA sample, submit to fingerprints, all counts concurrent, 5 years Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, report on: 08/21/2019, 23 days credit for time served, all fees waived TRCU recommended if defendant meets criteria.

Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Nicholis Jay Backman, Bismarck, all counts concurrent, chemical dependency evaluation, 360 days Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, report on: 08/21/2019, all fees waived. chemical dependency eval while incarcerated, TRCU recommended if defendant meets criteria.

Driving while license/privilege is suspended or revoked: Nicholis Jay Backman, Bismarck, all counts concurrent, 30 days Department of Corrections

and Rehabilitation, report on: 08/21/2019, all fees waived.

Possession Of A Controlled Substance: Timothy Eugene Bloom, Ponsford, Minn., \$50 fee totals.

Issuing Check Or Draft Without Sufficient Funds Or Credit: Robert Steven Boley, Garrison, submit to fingerprints, restitution of \$52.37 paid prior to court.

Possession of stolen property: Tanner S Comoza, Washburn, ct 2 concurrent to ct 1. submit to fingerprints, DNA sample, the defendant shall provide a sample of blood or other bodily fluids for DNA law enforcement identification purposes and inclusion in law enforcement identification databases as required by N.D.C.C. Ch. 31-13, \$60 fee totals, 79 days Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 79 days credit for time served, straight time.

Ingesting A Controlled Substance: Tanner S Comoza, Washburn, concurrent to ct 1. submit to fingerprints, the defendant shall provide a sample of blood or other bodily fluids for DNA law enforcement identification purposes and inclusion in law enforcement identification databases as required by N.D.C.C. Ch. 31-13, the defendant shall pay the cost of the collection of the DNA sample; \$60 fee totals, 79 days Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 79 days credit for time served, straight time.

Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Kyle Roy Decoteau, Mandan, \$100 fee

totals, set up Payment Schedule, Set up today. 08/21/2019.

Escape: Gordon Lowell Ennen Jr., Washburn, have no contact, no consume possess/purch., unsupervised probation, 90 days McLean County Jail, 90 days suspended, 1 year probation.

Driving Operating a Vehicle Under The Influence Of Liquor Or Drugs: Dixie Dale Friesen, Riverdale, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, unsupervised probation, no consume possess/purch., set up payment schedule, payment of \$100 per month beginning 09/30/2019, \$750 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.

DUI of Alcohol/Drugs And/Or Drove With BAC In Excess Of .08% or >: Daniel Lee Gipson, Minot, chemical dependency evaluation, set up payment schedule, \$50 per month beginning September 2, 2019, unsupervised robatation, \$750 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.

Driving under revocation: Morgen Hezekiah Grady, Minot, set up payment schedule, pay all within 90 days unsupervised probation, \$250 fee totals, 8 days McLean County Jail, 360 days probation, 8 days credit for time served.

Possession of a controlled substance, marijuana: Nicholas Guitian, Minot, set up payment schedule, set up today.

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The following are the proceedings of South Central District court for the month of August 2019. Prepared from McLean County Clerk of Court office records.

Inadequate number of flotation devices: Brian Lisle Bahm, Mandan.

Possessing/discharging fireworks on WMA: Lee Aaron Weltikol, Max.

Tinted windshield or windows: Brittney Ann Bruce, Minot; Breana Leigh Hoynes, Bismarck; Russell Lamar Wright, Minot.

Drove wrong way on one-way: Donald J Hoge, Bismarck

Failure to wear seatbelt: Carl William Freder Kuch, Mandan; Rylee Anna Bowers, Mandan;

Disregarding a stop sign: April C Schlafmann, Detroit Lakes, MN; Johnny Ray Strong, Bismarck; Kayla Jean Plesuk, Velva.

Failed to stop for railroad crossing: Francis Nicholas Thill.

Failing to use seatbelt while operating CMV: Patrick Phillip Wald, Bismarck.

Driving without license: Hope Miranda Baker, Bismarck; Nicole Marie Steele, Garrison.

Driving without liability insurance: Tiera Rose Banuelos, Jamestown; Christina Mae Bear, New Town; Darrin Maurice Pegram, Bismarck.

Failure to yield at intersection: Rylee Anna Bowers, Mandan.

Open receptacle: Daniel John Goranson, Garrison.

Failure to display registration tabs: Donald John Hansen, Garden Grove, Iowa.

Use of wireless communication device prohibited: Ashleigh Elizabeth Hicks, Minot.

Drove without headlamps as required: Yvonne Leigh Hines, Martin, S. D.

Inoperative seatbelt: Jeff Virgil Laib, McClusky.

Open Container: Daryl Allan Leifson, Ryder; Alexandrew Arthur Schmidt, Bismarck.

No drivers license in possession: Thomas Ray Nelson.

Failure to yield to emergency vehicle: Cristian F Posada, U Saddle River, New Jersey; Latisha Anne Vennes, Williston.

Driving without operators license: Robert C Raphael, Minot; Ricky Allen Rose, Minot.

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08/21/2019.

Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Nicholas Guitian, Minot, set up payment schedule, set up today. 08/21/2019.

Forgery Or Counterfeiting: Tammy Diane Jackson, Belfield, set up payment schedule, pay at the direction of parole/probation, submit to fingerprints, 2 years supervised probation, Pay fine from bond posted, \$3864.75 fee totals, 5 years Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 4 years 359 days suspended, 2 years probation, 6 days credit for time served.

Possession of a Controlled Substance: James William Jones Jr, Mandan, deferred imposition of sentence, set up payment schedule, within 60 days \$125 fee totals.

Minor in consumption or possession-General: Kelly Raye Knoll, Mandan, attend A.C.T. class, deferred imposition of sentence, set up payment schedule, pay within six months, unsupervised probation, \$250 fee totals.

Possession of a controlled substance, marijuana: Chandler Shane Larock, Mandan, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, unsupervised probation, pay fine from bond posted, submit to fingerprints, \$250 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.

Unlawful Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Chandler Shane Larock, Mandan, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, unsupervised probation, pay fine from bond posted, submit to fingerprints, \$250 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.

Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Tristan Lee Lehnerr, Washburn, deferred imposition of sentence, set up payment schedule, pay within 30 days, unsupervised probation, \$125 fee totals.

Reckless Driving: Katlin Rose Leslie, Williston, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, submit to fingerprints, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal

laws, \$250 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days, fingerprints completed 07-22-2019.

Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia - Use - SI, SII, SIII: Kaneeta R Little Swallow, Minot, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, deferred imposition of sentence, submit to fingerprints, pay fine from bond posted, unsupervised probation, \$360 fee totals.

Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Ashley Jaymes McClaflyn, Valley City, set up payment schedule, set up today 08/21/2019, submit to fingerprints, \$100 fee totals.

Possession of a Controlled Substance(s): Mark Michael Olson, Bismarck, appendix A, set up payment schedule, pay at the direction of parole/probation pay fine from bond posted, 2 years supervised probation, submit to fingerprints, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, \$525 fee totals, 2 years Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 1 year 11 months suspended, 2 years probation, 31 days credit for time served.

Possession of a controlled substance, marijuana: Mark Michael Olson, Bismarck, appendix A, set up payment schedule, pay at the direction of parole/probation pay fine from bond posted, 2 years supervised probation, submit to fingerprints, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, probation terminated, \$525 fee totals, 2 years Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 11 months year suspended, 2 years probation, 31 days credit for time served.

Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia: Mark Michael Olson, Bismarck, appendix A, satisfied 06/25/2019, set up payment schedule, pay at the direction of parole/probation pay fine from bond posted, 2 years supervised probation, submit to fingerprints, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, probation terminated 06-25-2019, \$525 fee totals, 2 years Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 1 year 11 months suspended, 2 years probation, 31 days credit for time served.

Actual Physical Control

of a Vehicle while Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor: Roselynn Faye Painte, Garrison, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, set up payment schedule, \$50 min monthly, unsupervised probation, \$750 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 9 days suspended, 360 days probation, 1 day credit for time served.

Drove Or In Actual Physical Control Of Motor Vehicle: Andrew J Reed, New Town, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, set up payment schedule, pay \$100 per month beginning 10/19/1992, unsupervised probation, \$500 fee totals, 30 days McLean County Jail, 26 days suspended, 1 year probation.

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquors: Brian Allen Rime, Garrison, chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, set up payment schedule, set up today. 08/21/2019, unsupervised probation, \$750 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.

Driving While License/ Privilege is Suspended or Revoked: Joshua Lynn Woodard, Turtle Lake, pay fine from bond posted, unsupervised probation, \$250 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation.

Issuing a Check Without an Account: Preston Wren, Minot, set up payment schedule, set up plan today - to be paid in full prior to end of probation, submit to fingerprints, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws, \$489.49 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 9 days suspended, 360 days probation, 1 day credit for time served.

Reckless Driving: Jason Dean Ziemann, Garrison, chemical dependency evaluation, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws, \$250 fee totals, 10 days McLean County Jail, 10 days suspended, 360 days probation, all fees paid within 60 days.

Driving under revocation- 4th or subsequent off in 5yrs (6th Offense): Brandon Kirk Adams, Whiteshield, condition - chemical dependency evaluation, complete recommended treatment, concurrent with all counts, submit to fingerprints, unsupervised probation, violate no criminal laws, \$1825 fee totals.

GARDENING TIPS

When to prune deciduous trees

BY BEV JOHNSON M.G.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

What the experts say.

Bunkey always seems at a loss as to when he should prune various trees. There is scientific disagreement as to when maples and birches are pruned. Some say pruning in the spring when the sap drips is harmful. Other swear that the sap reduces the colonization of decay organisms. Here is what expert Patrick Weicherding, an

Extension Educator, says.

You can remove any small damaged, diseased or dead branches at any time. More extensive pruning should be done in late winter or early spring; in March or April once the threat of severe weather has passed. That is except apple trees. The time to prune them is February. Now that we have all the exceptions out of the way, let's look at science behind this.

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Saturday, Dec. 7

Grace Lutheran Church, WELCA, annual bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., McClusky.

Card shower for Marilyn Saueressig's 70th birthday. Send birthday greetings to: 841 Center Ave N, McClusky, ND 58463.

Lego Club, Garrison Public Library, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church women's advent breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Washburn. All are welcome!

Santa day craft and vendor show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Washburn Memorial Building. Free lunch served.

Santa party, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Washburn Memorial Building. Photos with Santa, 11:30 a.m.

Underwood holiday craft, vendor and bake sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Underwood City Hall.

Benefit fundraiser for Jacob Olson. Dart tourney, potluck and silent auction, 1 p.m. Sign up at noon, Douglas Bar.

Sunday, Dec. 8

St. Nicholas Children's Advent program following 8:30 a.m. mass, with brunch to follow.

Washburn Baptist Church mother-daughter Christmas tea, 5 p.m. Music by Gene and Cindy Putnam.

Monday, Dec. 9

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

Mercer senior citizens meeting, 2 p.m.

Washburn School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Washburn City Comm. meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your projects, sewing machine and lunch to the Chat and Sew sewing group, 10 a.m., at First Lutheran Church, Washburn. 462-3306

McClusky City meeting, 7 p.m.

Goodrich Fire Department meeting, 7 p.m.

The Christian Women's Club of Harvey and surrounding area will be having a "Massage for Christmas" luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, Harvey. Call 324-4728 or 324-4553 for reservations.

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

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

Garrison-Max Athletics Banquet and potluck, Bob Callies Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

Goodrich School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Adult Coloring Club, Garrison Public Library, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

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

McLean Co. Commission meeting, 8:30 a.m.

American Legion Victor B. Wallin Post #12 and Auxiliary will be having a meal and monthly meetings at the Memorial Building. Meal to be served at 6 p.m. with meetings set for 7 p.m. The Auxiliary will be providing holiday treats for dessert. Also, the Auxiliary will be collecting shampoo, conditioner, lotions and body wash to be given to the McLean Family Resource

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Center. New members are always welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Author visit and book signing, Garrison Public Library, 9 a.m. to noon.

Adult coloring/diamond painting club, Garrison Public Library, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Foot care clinic available at the public health office, McLean County Courthouse, Washburn. Please call 462-3330 to schedule an appointment.

Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress meeting, noon, Bev's Cafe.

Whatever Wednesday - Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake, each Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. 448-2551

Cookie walk, 4-6:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Community Clothing Share-Exchange open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 221 Main St., Turtle Lake.

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

Sheridan County Senior Citizen potluck at the center.

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

White Shield School Christmas Concert, White Shield Gymnasium, noon.

Bob Callie Elementary Christmas Concert, GHS Gymnasium, 1:30 p.m.

Max Elementary Christmas Concert, Max School Gymnasium, 6 p.m.

CHS Annual Meeting, Totten Trail, 6 p.m.

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

Garrison High School Christmas Concert, GHS Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

Washburn JH / HS Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday open house, 2-4 p.m. North Star Community Credit Union, Butte.

Friday, Dec. 13

Cookie extravaganza, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Krause's Market, Garrison.

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

A visit from Santa, Dec. 13-15, Washburn. Santa and Mrs. Claus will come to your home for a visit lasting approximately 20-40 minutes.

To sign up call the McLean Family Resource Center at 462-8643 by Dec. 9.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Milk and Cookies with Santa, ND Firefighters Museum, 1-3 p.m.

Santa Day in Max. Free pancakes and sausage, 9:30-11 a.m., Max Civic Center.

Cookie extravaganza, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Krause's Market, Garrison.

Johnny Holm Band concert, 8:30 p.m., Washburn Memorial Building.

Charity dart tournament. Registration at 11 a.m. Throw at noon. Call Totten Trail to register. See ad for full details.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Immaculate Conception of Max will hold their advent program following the 11 a.m. mass.

Special Delivery will present a Christmas Concert at First Presbyterian Church in Wilton, 7 p.m.

PRAIRIE FARE

Gift ideas that are easy on the budget and positive for your health

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON
FOOD AND NUTRITION SPECIALIST
NDSU EXTENSION

"I've bought and wrapped gifts for myself," one of the meeting attendees said.

Most people in the room nodded, especially parents.

I was among the people nodding my head.

Yes, I've wrapped a lot of holiday gifts for myself. I tend to go a little overboard in the gift-giving department for my family. As we take turns opening gifts, I quickly run out of gifts to open.

Even our dogs give me gifts. My family has labeled me "hard to buy gifts for."

Who, me? Yes, I have a lot of stuff already. Maybe they think I have enough stuff.

I beg to differ. In this season of gift-giving, you can opt for gifts that do not take a lot of space or cost a lot of money.

By the way, I have a gift for many of you. Be sure to read to the end of this column. You might win a gift from us at NDSU Extension - Food and Nutrition. I promise: It doesn't take a lot of space.

Here are some ideas for useful items that promote health and/or safety.

- Food thermometers are internal temperature measuring devices that are easy to use and don't take up a lot of drawer space. Food safety experts encourage the everyday use of thermometers because color is not an accurate indicator of doneness. A food thermometer also helps you avoid overcooking meat and can improve the quality of your meals.

- Pedometers are step-counting devices. They can be powerful motivators as people set goals to increase their physical activity. According to a recent Stanford University study, participants who set a goal walked 2,000 steps (one mile) more than before they set a goal.

- A storm survival kit can save your life. Winter weather can be unpredictable and result in emergency situations. See the information at <https://www.weather.gov/oun/safety-winter-safetykit> for more information about assembling a survival kit.

Most of us enjoy tasty food, so here are some food-related make-it-yourself gift kit ideas. The handouts include ready-to-go gift tags with the recipe.



Cranberries are readily available during the holiday season and can make a tasty salsa. (Photo courtesy of Pixabay)

- "Mix It Up" is available at <https://tinyurl.com/NDSUMixItUp>. Along with Friendship Soup, the site features mixes for Homemade Cornbread, Cranberry-Oatmeal Cookies and Country Chili.

- Warm up after an afternoon of sledding with a warm beverage such as Spiced Tea Mix or Double Chocolate Peppermint Candy Hot Cocoa. Find "Beverage Mixes in a Jar" at <https://tinyurl.com/NDSUBeverageMix>.

- Quick breads make tasty brunch items for holiday mornings. How about some Cherry-Chocolate Scones or Peanut Butter Bread? See the do-it-yourself mix directions at <https://tinyurl.com/NDSUQuickBreadMix> for details.

Finally, here's your free gift opportunity. Send me an email with your name and address to julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu before Dec. 20, 2019, at noon Central time, and I will enter your name in a drawing for a copy of our full-color, recipe-filled 2020 "Field to Fork" calendar.

I will give away at least 20 copies, so don't think you won't have a chance to win. See <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork> to look at an example before you enter.

Do you want to stir up your family's taste buds this holiday season with a home-canned gift? Canning isn't only for the summer and fall seasons.

How about a jar of cranberry salsa for the person who has everything? Cranberries are readily available during the holiday season. Cranberries are rich in natural antioxidants, which have potential health benefits.

This recipe is from the University of Georgia's Athens National Center for Home Food Preservation. It was released by Elizabeth Address, Ph.D. It goes great as a side dish with chicken or pork. Try topping a block of cream cheese with it, and serve it with crackers.

Your gift recipients probably will bring their empty jar back and ask for a refill next year.

Spicy cranberry salsa

6 c. chopped red onion
4 large serrano peppers, finely chopped
1 1/2 c. water
1 1/2 c. cider vinegar (5% acidity)
1 Tbsp. canning salt
1 1/3 c. sugar
3/4 c. bottled lemon juice
6 Tbsp. clover honey
12 c. (23/4 pounds) fresh whole cranberries, rinsed

Caution: Wear plastic or rubber gloves when handling and cutting hot peppers or wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching your face or eyes.

1) Wash and rinse six 1-pint canning jars; keep hot until ready to use. Prepare lids according to manufacturer's directions.

2) Combine all ingredients except cranberries in a large Dutch oven. Bring to a boil over high heat; reduce heat slightly and boil gently for five minutes.

3) Add cranberries, reduce heat slightly and simmer mixture for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching.

4) Fill the hot mixture into clean, hot pint jars, leaving 1/4 inch head space. Leave saucepot over low heat while filling jars. Remove air bubbles and adjust head space if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; apply two-piece metal canning lids.

5) Process in a boiling-water canner according to the following recommendations: 10 minutes at 0 to 1,000 feet altitude; 15 minutes at 1,001 to 6,000 feet altitude; or 20 minutes at above 6,000 feet altitude.

6) Let cool, undisturbed, 12 to 24 hours and check for seals.

7) Remove ring band and store upright. For best quality, consume within one year.

This recipe makes six pint jars.

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- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup cream (heavy) opt.

Combine pears, sugar, tapioca, nutmeg. Line pie plate with bottom crust. Add pear mixture. Put top crust on, cut lg. slits on the top. Brush with egg. Bake 375 degrees 55 to 60 minutes. Pour cream through slits, if desired.

Strawberry pie

- Crust:**
- 1 1/2 cups flour
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - Dash of salt
 - 1/2 cup oil
 - 2 tablespoons milk
- Glaze:**
- 1 cup sugar
 - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 4 tablespoons strawberry jello
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 quart fresh strawberries

Crust: Mix together ingredients. Put in pan and pat out. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Glaze: Mix together and cook until it boils and turns clear. Cool. Mix in 1 quart of fresh strawberries and pour in crust.

French silk pie

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 6 ounces chocolate chips
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoons vanilla

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly until fluffy. Melt chips and cool for a few minutes. Add eggs one at a time to butter and sugar mixture, beating thoroughly after each addition. Fold in chocolate and vanilla. Pour into baked pie crust and refrigerate. Serve with whipped cream.

Butterscotch pie

- 6 tablespoons butter
 - 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1-1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 - 2 cups milk
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 3 large egg yolks, beaten
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 pastry shell (9 inches), baked
- MERINGUE:**
- 3 large egg whites
 - 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 1/2 cup sugar

In a saucepan, melt the butter. Remove from the heat; add flour and stir until smooth. Stir in brown sugar. Return to heat; stir in milk and salt until blended. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat. Stir about 1 cup hot filling into the egg yolks; return all to pan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat. Gently stir in vanilla. Pour into crust. For meringue, beat egg whites and cream of tartar in a small bowl on medium speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar, about 1 tablespoon at a time, on high until stiff glossy peaks form and sugar is dissolved. Spread evenly over hot filling, sealing edges to crust. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes or until meringue is golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 1 hour. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours before serving. Refrigerate leftovers.

Chocolate cheesecake pie

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups milk chocolate chips, melted and cooled
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)
- Chocolate curls, optional

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Beat in cooled chocolate. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate until serving. Decorate with chocolate curls as desired.

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the tree is coming out of dormancy. Growth is starting but very little photosynthesis is taking place. At this point, the tree is relying on reserve energy from the previous year. In April, bud break and leaf formation are the major growth activities. Photosynthesis is still minimal and the tree is still using energy from its reserves. This is the tree's lowest energy level of the growing season. To make it worse, insects and pathogens are also becoming active. From May through July, photosynthesis increases dramatically. The new leaves begin to produce more energy most of which is used up in the early period to make leaves. All of the trees growth occurs during the 6 to 8 weeks of full leaf expansion. By August and into September, the tree begins energy storage for the next year. Most of the seasonal growth is done and the tree enters dormancy where it just loafs along until next February.

This should make it obvious that pruning during the active growing season, when the tree has very little to no energy reserve, is a bad time to be cutting off branches. It can change the growth of the tree. Removing living foliage by pruning affects the tree's

physiology and future growth. By removing leaves you reduce the tree's overall photosynthetic capacity. This can affect just the pruned section or the whole tree. Pruning during the growing season will have a lasting effect on the tree and can reduce its longevity.

The advantages of pruning during the dormancy period.

Wound closure is most rapid if it's done just before new shoot arrive. Too early and the wounds can crack and dry out delaying healing. There aren't any bugs or active diseases floating around in the winter. With no leaves on the tree, you can see the shape and where it needs pruning. Now, as to the old husband's tale that you need to cover a wound in a tree--- it's bunk! It simply delays healing and the dressing can actually harbor disease organisms. The one exception is to prevent oak wilt if you have a wound in an oak tree during the growing season. It is used to discourage sap beetles that are a vector of the oak wilt fungus. These little stinkers can detect oak sap a mile away.

Now is the time to get those pruners and saws nice and clean and sharp. And maybe, set a ladder beside the apple tree that needs pruning when the snow drifts are knee high to LeBron James the basketball player.

Following the apostle

Local pastor takes religious trip to Greek Islands

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Ten days, seven locations and one inspiring apostle. Cory Thrall, a pastor at Washburn's United Methodist Church, embarked on a week-and-a-half-long trip last month with his wife to discover more about the apostle Paul in the ancient lands of Greece. What he learned made a lasting mark on his views of the apostle.

Pastor Cory Thrall grew up in Bismarck and has been with United Methodists since 2012. He became involved in the ministry when he was called by God into the practice.

"When God gives you a call, you can't run from that," Thrall said. "No matter how hard you try, you can't run from it."

Due to a shortage of pastors in all denominations and a lack of people to send up to the Washburn church, Thrall was asked in 2014 to give up his job in Bismarck, move to Washburn and become a pastor there.

"I said, 'heck yeah, let's try it,'" Thrall said.

Going from an urban setting to a rural setting took some adjustment on Thrall's part, he said. Thrall also serves Center and Hazen as a pastor, and credits Washburn as being 'unique.' Quite a few of the population work in Bismarck, giving Washburn a small-town feel but a Bismarck energy.

"Every morning, someone puts out what the road conditions are," Thrall said. "The first one to Bismarck tells all of Washburn on Facebook what the road conditions are, and I think it's awesome. It really is. It's a real community feeling that everyone's in it together. You don't get that in Bismarck. In Bismarck, you get, 'you look it up!'"

Traveling has been a large part of Thrall's life since he was a child. Family trips were a common occurrence in his family, going to Detroit Lakes and other nearby destinations with his mother, and traveling to further places such as Mexico with his father.

"I've always loved to travel and experience other cultures and other ways of thinking and doing things," Thrall said.

Thrall became aware of the trip to Greece through a United Methodist Church conference that brings all the North and South Dakota churches together. Bishop Bruce Ough, along with his wife, announced they were planning to sponsor an educational trip called the Journeys of Paul through a program called Educational Opportunities, or EO.

"I took the brochure home and laid it on the counter, and that's when my wife saw it and got all excited," Thrall said. "Then we were in."

Interest in the apostle Paul has always been present in Thrall. Paul understood Jesus better than anyone else, Thrall said, all while Paul is one who had never met Jesus, as he wasn't a disciple during his time.

"During the time of Jesus, he was trying to persecute the church. He actually brought people in to be killed because they were Christians," Thrall said. "But after his conversion, he understood what Jesus taught better than anybody else."

There was over a year of



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preparation time available for Thrall and his wife Becky, who had a lot of the planning taken off their plates due to EO organizing a majority of the trip.

"The only planning we had to do was how to pay for it and what to pack," Thrall said with a laugh.

Thrall and Becky had in 1996 spent three weeks in Israel taking a college-level biblical geography course, which required months of preparation filling out maps of movements of people from the bible. Once Thrall and Becky arrived in Israel, they pulled out their maps and bibles at these locations and recognized the locations where biblical events had taken place.

"When we saw this Journeys of Paul, it seemed like a great capstone," Thrall said. "We've done Israel. But now let's go to where Paul was and do the same thing, and read about where Paul was."

Thrall praised the amount of history Greece contained, and especially enjoyed how accessible the history of the country is to visitors.

"You're not going to hurt it," Thrall said. "Our history is fragile; their history is marble. It's fascinating, to actually stand in those places where Paul was. It gives more depth to what you're reading."

In order to travel to all the locations on the trip, the company supplied a ship that

took the Thralls through Crete; Ephesus, Turkey; Rhodes; Patmos; Santorini; and Athens. Athens especially was important for Paul. In the Book of Acts, Paul traveled to Athens to speak to the locals about Jesus. At the time, Athens was a ghost town, filled primarily with older citizens who enjoyed listening to stories. The people told Paul to meet them at Mars Hill for the town's meeting.

"That was important for him, because he was talking to philosophers. He had been trained in Greek philosophy; he understood how they thought," Thrall said. "He used logic to try to convince them. And it didn't work."

Paul decided that, instead of using logic, he was going to preach Christ and Christ alone. He would only use his own experiences; he no longer tried to convince others of Christ by using logic, but rather told his own story to inspire other followers.

All the knowledge Thrall gained of Paul in his trip changed his original view of the apostle, he said. His respect of Paul's leadership skills has increased since visiting Greece. He also said that, while he always viewed Paul as humble, he now realizes that Paul was arrogant.

"But in a confident way, not a jerk way," Thrall said with a laugh. "He wasn't full of himself; he was full of Christ. That gave him confidence to say the things that he said the way that he said them."

Thrall plans to give a specific report to the churches on what he learned. But overall, the background information he gained regarding Paul will always affect how Thrall views Paul's letters.

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