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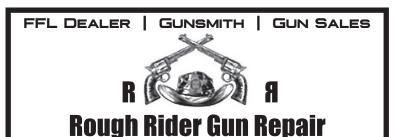
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Tuesday, August 11

Washburn Area Improvement Association meets at noon at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

Wednesday, August 12

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

Thursday, August 13

Washburn School Board meeting 6 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Aug.10: Breaded chicken, whipped potato, peas, apricots.

Aug.11: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad with dressing, fresh fruit, breadstick.

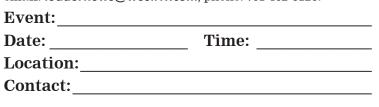
Aug. 12: Baked cod, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, carrots, peaches.

Aug.13: Ribs, baked beans, potato salad, pears,

Aug.14: Chef's salad, garlic toast, cookie.

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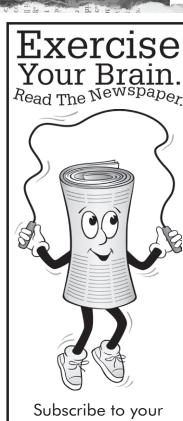
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> L&J Motors Dealership will remain open but will be closing its Towing & Service Dept

Piles of batteries and alternators! Many more Items too numerous!







PRAIRIE FARE



Do You Have Zucchini **Coming Out** of Your Ears?

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON FOOD AND NUTRITION SPECIALIST - NDSU

A man went to a doctor. He had a carrot in each nostril and a zucchini in each ear.

"I know what your issue is," the doctor said. "You aren't

eating right." One of my kids told me that joke several years ago.

I am feeling like the man in

I have zucchini coming out of my ears, but not literally. Our garden is becoming a zucchini factory, and we have more than what we can use.

Poor zucchini. It often is the punchline of jokes at harvest time. You are advised to keep your doors locked and monitor your front porch step, or you might be the recipient of a pile of zucchini.

I decided to make Parmesanroasted zucchini spears the other night. I drizzled zucchini slices with olive oil and sprinkled them with fresh Parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning. We ate the entire batch.

"How many zucchini did you use?" my husband asked.

"That was one zucchini," I replied.

I think I heard a heavy sigh. The next day, I prepared zucchini slices marinated briefly in Italian dressing and grilled in a perforated

grill pan. I also made a supereasy zucchini chocolate cake, which I am including as this week's recipe.

"How many zucchini did you use?" my husband asked

"One," I replied. I definitely heard a heavy sigh this time.

Zucchini is a versatile and prolific summer squash that can be used in breads, cakes, muffins, main dishes and side dishes. It can help stretch your budget as a result. Its high water content means that it is low in calories.

Zucchini provides vitamins A, C and K, along with potassium and other minerals. One cup of cooked zucchini

has just 17 calories. Maybe I will make zucchini boats filled with hot dish, make zucchini noodles (zoodles) or add some grated zucchini to a

meatloaf. Zucchini blossoms are edible. Removing the blossoms means your plant cannot produce as many zucchini. If you allow the plant to produce a giant zucchini, vou also may reduce the plant's productivity.

I have two bush-type

zucchini plants, which stay in their confined areas fairly well. Other varieties grow long vines that can overtake your

Although my zucchini plants are behaving themselves and not spreading everywhere, I should have planted one plant.

Be sure to monitor your garden frequently because these "fruits of the plant" grow auickly.

If you miss harvesting a zucchini, you may find a giant "leg-sized" zucchini within a few days. Large zucchini have big seeds, harder skin and a spongy, fibrous cavity.

Small zucchini are very tender. In fact, try to harvest them when they are fairly small (2 to 3 inches in diameter). They grow a couple of inches a day, according to some sources.

Personally, I think they are underestimating the rate of

You can freeze zucchini, but keep in mind that the freezing process will cause the plant cells to release their liquid. Be sure to drain the excess liquid thoroughly or you could affect your final product.

To freeze, rinse zucchini, then grate or slice it with or without the skin. Blanch (scald) in boiling water for one minute if grated or three minutes if sliced; allow to dry, then package in freezer containers. Label with contents and date.

Visit https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork to gather more of summertime produce.

I don't always trust online recipes without trying them first, so I bought the least expensive cake mix in the grocery store in case this didn't work. I served it on a fancy serving plate sprinkled with confectioner's sugar. My family gave it a two thumbs up rating. It is lower in calories and fat than a typical chocolate

Super-simple Zucchini Chocolate Cake

2 Tbsp. water

2 c. grated zucchini, packed

1 chocolate cake mix (about 16 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour a Bundt cake pan, or use two loaf pans. Mix eggs, water and grated zucchini in a bowl or with a mixer. Add dry chocolate cake mix (do not add oil or additional water). Mix well. Place in a Bundt pan or divide between two loaf pans. Bake 35 to 45 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean. Don't overbake or it_will be dry. Allow to cool. Remove from pan, and sprinkle powdered sugar over the top using a flour sifter, slice and serve. Makes 16 servings. Each serving has 130 calories, 5 grams (g) fat, 3 g protein, 21 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber and 240 milligrams sodium.

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recipes and ways to use and preserve zucchini and a range As promised, here's a very easy dessert recipe using a chocolate cake mix. I adapted it from one I found online.

Jay Schiehr Saturday, August 15, 2020

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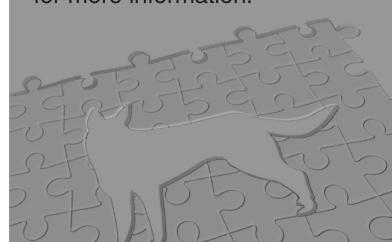
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Unit Reopening Evidence of Pronghorn Rebound

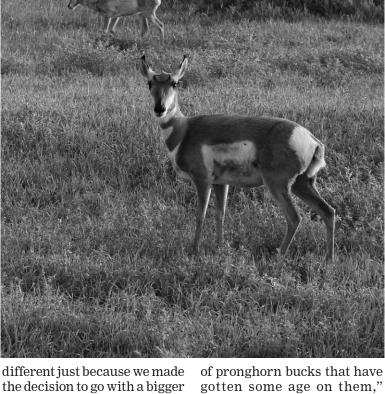
BY NICK SIMONSON DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDG&F) announced last week that 1,790 tags would be available for the pronghorn hunting lottery in 2020. While this number was up significantly from the 1,330 licenses made available in 2019, it's the expansion of the units open to hunters that better evidences the improving size of the pronghorn herds found in the state's western half. Most notable was the reopening of Unit 13-A, located in northwestern North Dakota, bounded by the Canadian and Montana borders, Highways 52 and 8 on the eastern end and the Missouri River on the south. This large unit had been closed to pronghorn hunting since 1993.

"There are various locations north and east of the Missouri River all the way down to the South Dakota line for that matter where there are some isolated pockets of pronghorn; this particular area in the Northwest is an area we've been keeping our eye on for the last couple of years just because the numbers have been improving," said Jeb Williams, NDG&F Wildlife Division Chief, "we felt it was time with the numbers we've been seeing on the landscape," he added in regard to the opening of the unit which has

been closed for 27 seasons. The area has struggled to regain pronghorn numbers since the 1990s, due to weather and other factors including habitat fragmentation, with the winter of 1996-97 playing a major role in knocking back populations. Tough winters since that time have also hindered recruitment of pronghorn in the region falling under Unit 13-A, which Williams related is not primary territory for the unique big game animals. With recent mild winters however, and close observation by NDG&F agents and reports from the public, the agency okayed the opportunity to open the area up to hunting, based on certain benchmarks.

"Different management units in the state have some different measurements [and] different goals as far as that data collection goes," Williams related, "13-A is a little bit



unit, size wise, looking for some good opportunity to get people back on the landscape chasing pronghorn," referencing the size of the space and the added chances to hunt.

With the opening of 13-A, along with units 8-A north of Dickinson and 11-A west of Mandan, the latter two having been closed since 2009, hunters may see some opportunities to harvest impressive, unpressured buck pronghorn which likely have not seen pursuit in their lifetimes. With the years spent under no hunting seasons, it is likely that many bucks in those newly-opened areas will have large horns and be sought after by those sportsmen lucky enough to draw one of the 240 tags combined over the three reopened units. It's a prospect that will have many hunters considering their options, as 11,721 people applied for the 881 lottery tags which remained after the 449 gratis tags were deducted from last year's total number.

"When there are some units that have not been opened up for a while there's the potential of an opportunity to have certainly a handful or more

Williams commented, "at that five to six years of growth, you're talking about a pretty mature pronghorn in North Dakota and so there's no doubt there's some opportunities there," he added, cautioning that hunters should be realistic in their expectations, and that not all bucks they see or have an opportunity to tag will be monsters.

Tags awarded in the 2020 pronghorn lottery are good for both an archery season running from Sept. 4 through Sept. 27 and a firearms season which is open from Oct. 2 until Oct. 18. The application deadline for the residentonly online lottery is Aug. for the awarding of tags is approximately one to two weeks, allowing sportsmen the back half of the month and a few days in September before the archery season for scouting and making contact with landowners to set up their adventures. More information on the 2020 North Dakota pronghorn hunting season can be found at gf.nd.gov/hunting/ pronghorn.

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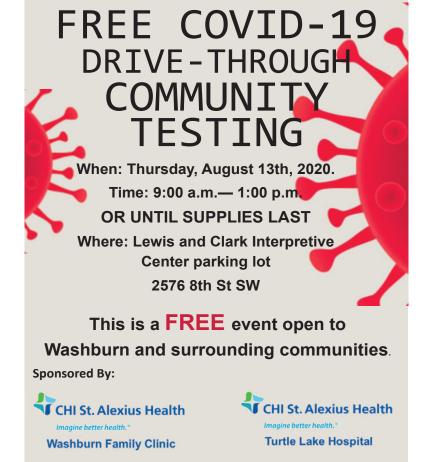
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