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Illegal Alcohol DAKOTA DATEBOOK

by Jim Davis
December 7, 2020 — The illegal purveyance of alcohol played a significant part in the first forty-five years of North Dakota's history. The court dockets were filled with rum runners and moonshiners. Multitudes of ingenious stills, such as one cleverly hidden in a room dug under a pig sty, provided extra income for cash-strapped farmers during the dry years. Canadian whiskey slipped into the state hidden under the floorboards or in the trunks of powerful cars that were designed to out run the law. Lawmen such as Dana Wright carried Thompson machine guns, and running firefights took place on the back roads of North Dakota.

Among those opposing the sale of alcohol was the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which saturated the newspapers with items that read, "The saloon is a drunkery... where the tread of woman is her everlasting shame, where childhood to enter is everlasting wreck and ruin, where men gather only to shut themselves in from the outside world, ...where the designing villain sells his poison for greed, to bloated, blear-eyed wrecks of humanity... where no man goes in for an hour and comes out as good as he went in." The WCTU and the ministerial organizations were effective, not only in making prohibition a plank in the state constitution but in making sure that the laws were enforced.

So, it was not unusual that the newspapers were filled with articles on the illegal alcohol trafficking such as the

one that chronicled a series of arrests beginning on this date in 1918. An article appeared in the Williston Graphic stating simply, "Half of Mondak Moved to Williston." Mondak was a small town on the Montana/ North Dakota border that existed for the sole purpose of supplying legal Montana liquor to thirsty North Dakotans. Congress had just passed the Wartime Prohibition Act, which banned the sale of hard liquor, and it was fairly certain that National Prohibition was just around the corner, so all law enforcement eyes were carefully watching the highway and back roads in and out of Mondak.

Rum runners from across the state were trying to get what they could before the supplies dried up. Numerous arrests were made, including two Minot men carrying over two thousand dollars worth of whiskey. A little over a year later, the rest of the United States joined North Dakota when Prohibition was enacted. Rum running and moonshining continued in the state, but now with the federal lawmen and the Enforcement League with people like "Shoot-to Kill" Watkins on the trail, the stakes were a lot higher.

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PEPPERMINT HOT CHOCOLATE

(Dairy Free optional)

By Mary's Whole Life

Ingredients

- 1 13.5 oz can coconut milk
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- 1/3 cup raw cacao powder
- 2 tbsp pure maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp peppermint extract
- dairy free whipped cream , optional - for topping

Directions:

Combine all ingredients (except whipped cream) in a small sauce pan. Whisk constantly over medium heat until combined and heated through to the temperature of your liking. For me, it took about 5 minutes! Top with dairy free whipped cream and crushed candy, if desired. Enjoy!

BUTTERNUT SQUASH CHILI

By CleanFoodCrush

Ingredients

- 1.5 lbs. lean ground turkey or grass fed beef
- 2 Tbsps avocado oil, or olive oil
- 3 fresh garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large yellow or red onion, diced
- 2 large green bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 2 (15 ounce) kidney, chili, and/OR black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 ounces) diced tomatoes, with juices, jar or fresh
- 1 cup low sodium bone broth, or stock (vegetable, chicken, or beef)
- 1 small butternut squash, peeled and diced (or about 4 cups)
- 2 tsps pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tsps chili powder
- 2 tsps dried oregano
- 2 tsps ground cumin
- 1 tsp sea salt, or to taste

Directions

Heat oil in large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat.

Add in ground meat and cook, stirring while crumbling, until no longer pink, about 5-7 minutes.

Drain grease if it's excessive.

Stir in all spices, diced bell pepper, garlic, and onion; continue cooking until the meat has browned and the onion has softened.

Add in the beans, tomatoes, broth, and butternut squash. Cover with a lid and cook on LOW heat for an additional 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Garnish with your favorite toppings and enjoy!

Alternatively you can cook your meat as described above, then combine all ingredients in your crock pot, and then cook on LOW for 4-6 hours.

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Thursday, December 3

The Community Cupboard of Underwood will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. at 208 Lincoln Avenue. All in need are welcome to receive food. All food distributions are curbside to keep us all safe until further notice.

The Community Clothing Share Exchange will be open December 3, 10 and 17 from noon to 6 p.m. at 221 Main St., Turtle Lake. They will be following the CDC and ND Smart Restart guidelines.

Saturday, December 5

The Community Cupboard of Underwood clothing fundraiser is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 208 Lincoln Avenue to shop winter clothing, sizes infant-adult. Freewill donations accepted. Thank you for your support!

Tuesday, December 8

Lawrence Stephenson Post 133 of the American Legion to meet at 6:30 p.m. for supper with meeting to follow in Turtle Lake.

McLean County Commission meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Washburn.

WAIA meeting at noon at Dakota Farms, Washburn.

Wednesday, December 9

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

Thursday, December 10

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

There is a food pantry located outside the Mercer Baptist Church open 24 hours a day. Access to anyone.

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Dec. 10: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, garden mixed vegetable, ambrosia cup.

Dec. 11: BBQ ribs, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, corn, fruit.

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BY DEAN MEYER

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Or you may be having a drink with friends after the cow sale and someone offers to sell you a bull for two dollars. Not two dollars a pound. Not two dollars a hundred. But two dollars! Two dollars for an entire bull!

There was a little catch. The bull was in a relatively inaccessible area on the reservation. The bull was crippled. The bull was on the fight. It would be a challenge.

Shannon and I decided it would be an adventure. At our age, getting up at night to go to the bathroom is an adventure. Let alone going into the wilderness after a mad bull.

The next day, bright and

early, about eleven, we loaded up and headed north. Since we didn't know where the bull was, we decided to take 4-wheelers instead of horses. We could spot the bull, determine if he was worth two dollars, and get him the next trip. Just in case, we took a couple of panels, two catch ropes, a halter, and a dart gun with some medication to put him to sleep. Oh yes, and a bale of hay. I figured we could dart him, halter him, tie him to a tree, give him a bale of hay, and get him the next day.

We unloaded, went over a cliff with the 4-wheelers, through a gate, and the search began. I explained to Shannon that if one of us spotted him, to circle your outfit until the other guy saw you. That was an old time signal to come if you were horseback. Back before radios and cell phones.

By the time I saw Shannon, he said he had worn out the tires on one side of his outfit circling. I guess I should have explained to him that you have to get up on a hill.

He guided me to where he had found the bull. The bull was in bad shape. Not only was he crippled, but also he had gotten tangled up in some barbed wire. He was pretty much harnessed. And the wire had gotten wrapped up in a bulberry thicket. It looked like he had been there a few days. And he was mad!

Shannon was going to cut him loose, and I said, "Leave him! We'll get the pickup (Shannon's pickup) and trailer (Shannon's trailer). Back up

against the bull. And load him."

That sounded simple enough but Shannon was worried about getting the outfit in and out of there. No problem. "You get in the pickup and I will find you a trail. Just follow me." And he did. He's not real smart sometimes.

We took a thirty thousand dollar pickup and a fifteen thousand dollar trailer over rocks, hills, and trees. We slid down hills that you would have been nervous riding a horse down. But we got to the bull.

When I threw that mad bull a chunk of second cutting alfalfa, he decided the human race was good after all. While he was eating we backed up against him, set our panels up around him, threw a little hay in the trailer, cut the wire, and slapped him on the butt. He climbed into the trailer!

Shannon the Coward would not try to go out the same trail I had found him going in. But I found another way out. Oh, I'm not saying it was easy. But I blamed him and his cheap tires for that. We did take down a few small trees. And maybe smudged a little paint on his new trailer.

But, we got the bull.

We called the owner and wanted a brand release so we could sell this bull after he recovered from his ordeal. He informed us that was just bar talk. He couldn't give us the bull. But he would buy us a drink! Dang, another deal too good to be true.

Later, Dean

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BY NICK SIMONSON
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The first morning of muzzleloader season arrived clear, cold, and calm. With just the faintest bit of dawn edging over the eastern hills, I ventured down to the southernmost stretch of a favorite piece of public access land and followed the flags along the hillside break to the final mark on my GPS.

The grass coming up from the cottonwood stand on the riverbank was well-traveled and along the way I noted sign and scat in the beam of my headlamp that suggested heavy doe traffic, perfect for the antlerless whitetail tag I had and for buoying the hopes of harvesting my first deer with my inline. The prospects of the early morning conditions excited me as I crossed the pinch point and entered the open meadow.

I burrowed in against a

small stand of buck brush on the hillside. The position gave me shots at trails running at 20, 50 and 100 yards along the narrows formed by the half-iced river. I tucked my hunting pack into the base of the cluster of wrist-thick trunks at my right. The bush's angling branches provided a nice screen to break up my outline, and another stand down and to my left did the same, creating a 10-to-2 shooting lane with ample cover to conceal my nervous energy. Along with the start of the hunting day, the slightest hint of the gusts to come rolled down from the hills to my southwest.

As I turned my face to the gentle breeze, I caught motion on the far side of the field. My heart jumped as I confirmed through my binoculars that it was indeed a doe and she was tracking directly toward my position on the middle trail.

I felt the flux of energy often reserved only for an antlered deer shoot through my body and I began to tremble from head to toe as her shadowy form flowed in and out of the rising and falling grasses, moving like an apparition as the white of her flicking tail appeared from time to time. Lowering my optics, I braced the bottom of the muzzleloader on the steady stick and began to shake violently from the endorphins that were coursing full force

through my body. I could hear the thunder of my pulse in my ears and tried in vain to slow my breathing. I kept telling myself "it's just a doe...it's just a doe..." to no avail as the distance between us narrowed and she cleared the screen of branches, approaching the open area directly in front of me.

Fully broadside, I pulled the hammer back on the inline and readied for the shot. The green front bead and red back dots on my open sights swirled in and out of focus as they lined up and I inhaled as she walked behind them. BOOM!

The smoke of a muzzleloader is the most memorable part of the shot. In fact, in that moment it seemed as if four times the smoke was generated than in the bench session on the range leading up to the season. The delay was excruciating as my body shook with a deep exhale. Over my heartbeats, I could hear the doe running after the echo faded from the valley. As the smokescreen cleared, I scanned the field with my shaking binoculars, but found no signs of the deer. I waited a few minutes for things to calm down — including my own body — and went straight out to the trail — despite what I had heard — half expecting to find her laying near the impact site like the buck I had taken at the

end of rifle season. She wasn't there.

In the growing morning light, I started the nautilus pattern, spiraling out from the area on the trail which I reckoned with my position on the hillside, again and again returning to the middle, guessing from what I figured was the point of impact in the grass that I had shot just under the deer.

There was no blood or any other sign of a hit, save for that of the doe's feet against the ground and the hard hoof prints kicking up dirt and grass at the base of the trail when she fled. Going 200 yards in both directions beyond the natural funnel and inspecting the banks of the river for over an hour, I found nothing and presumed a clean miss brought on by the excitement of my first opportunity to convert with my muzzleloader.

I thought back to the three neon holes in a tight group on the black target to check my aim leading up to the season. They seemed to come so easy in the controlled situation. I tried to replay the far-off appearance of the deer and my panicked placement of the primitive weapon on my brace as she

approached. It was all a blur.

I saw the shaking green and red dots and her dark body behind them followed by the choking gray smoke, and like any good — but missed — opportunity in the outdoors. I had to laugh in order to start compartmentalizing it. With a forced, frustrated chuckle, I packed up and headed out.

As I returned home and unloaded my gear, I grew curious about the rush which had simply owned me in the field and I checked my watch, which I use to monitor my heart rate and record my workouts during the week.

There, in the moment of truth etched on my electronic record, was the evidence that doe fever indeed does exist: a spiked heart rate of 152 beats per minute. By comparison, I'm usually only at or above that level when I'm running.

It was proof positive that even antlerless deer can bring just as much of a rush as a buck, and its effects can override the steadiest stick and most secure positioning, leaving nothing but a befuddled laugh with the consolation prize of an opportunity to try it all again somewhere down the trail...in our outdoors.

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Riverdale, ND 58565
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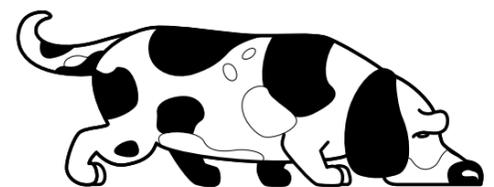
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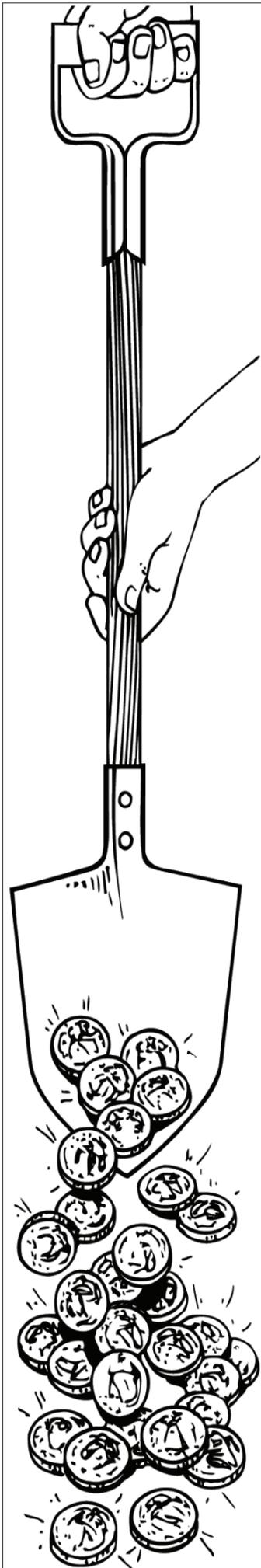
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When I started in Extension many years ago, I took a cutting from a co-worker's Christmas cactus.

The plant grew extremely well. In fact, it has taken over the top of my file cabinet and frequently gets pinched when I shut drawers.

The plant loves to be left alone and it has rewarded me with spectacular magenta pink blooms late November or early December.

How can you tell what type of holiday cactus you have?

We have three main groups of holiday cacti. They are Easter,

Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti. These cacti have many hybrids and cultivars. They frequently are grouped together and are confused easily unless you know what to look for.

The secret lies in the stems. Thanksgiving cacti have pointed, claw-shaped stem edges. The Christmas cacti have scalloped stem edges and the Easter cacti have rounded, smooth stems.

If you are like me and need more of a visual guide to identify what type of cactus you have, check out the video by Calla Edwards, a North Dakota State University Extension agent in McLean County, on our Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/NDSUExtLGT>

Another key identification characteristic is the season in which the plants naturally bloom. The plants require

different spans of long nights to bloom. The plants will bloom naturally around the holiday for which they are named.

Thanksgiving cacti are the most common. They easily re-bloom without any extra effort on your part. They frequently are labeled and sold as Christmas cacti around the holiday season.

Christmas cacti might require a little more care to bloom. The plant will need complete darkness for at least 12 hours and cooler night time temperatures of 60 to 65 F to bloom.

Easter cacti will bloom later in the winter as daylight increases and temperatures warm. The Easter cactus requires the longest span of long nights to bloom.

Regardless of what type, holiday cacti are excellent houseplants. These plants can live a very long time under proper care. Holiday cacti are not native to the desert. They come from the rainforests. The plants prefer moist, well-drained soil and bright indirect light, and benefit from fertilizer during the summer. The plants don't like to be moved, especially when they are blooming.

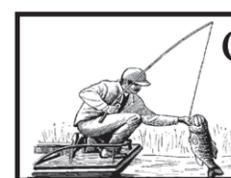
So what type do I have? Well, mine is indeed a Christmas cactus. It really must like my office because it blooms reliably ever year with no extra effort from me. Happy gardening!

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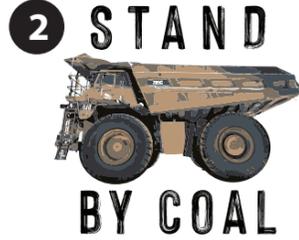


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