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DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Dakota Datebook written by Merry Helm

December 14, 2020 — On this date in 1944, Senator Gerald Nye made news by marrying Arda Marguerite Johnson in Iowa Falls;

it had been less than a year since Nye's first wife had divorced him. Nye was a Cooperstown newspaper editor when he began

his 20-year U.S. Senate career in 1925. He was 33 and a Republican who was endorsed by the Non-Partisan League.

Nye quickly gained a high profile as chairman of The Special Committee on Investigation of the Munitions Industry, which boldly

examined the role played by wealthy corporations leading up to World War I. After probing the dealings and activities of

the country's most
powerful bankers and munitions makers, the committee supplied evidence that World War I was instigated by imperial ambitions in

and that the U.S. had been lured into the war by propaganda and corporate manipulation.

By spring 1937, seven out of ten Americans agreed that participating in WWI had been a serious and expensive mistake. Congress passed a

number of neutrality laws, which created arms embargoes, and prohibited loans or credit to any country - friend or foe that was waging

war. American ships were even prohibited from trading with, or traveling to, any warring nations.

Nye didn't forget what he learned from that investigation. As World War II heated up in Europe, Nye fought hard to retain America's

isolation; but, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, everything changed. By the time of Nye's second marriage, the country had moved

from political neutrality to fighting in wars all over the globe.

Five days after his wedding, the Republican senator stood up on the floor to give his farewell address. About his failure to win his latest bid

for reelection, he said, "Clever propaganda such as can cause intelligent men and women to be made blind to truth and reason has been used against me."

Nye told his fellow senators that upon their shoulders now rested the hopes of the "plain people" for "peace for our own" and called on

them to keep the U.S. out of World War Three by "minding our own business." He talked about the foolhardiness of WWI and how time

would tell whether the U.S. should have gotten involved in the present war in Europe. "I am sure..." he then said, "that within 20 years from

now – perhaps within 10 years – we will be told that we must go into another...war to keep Russia from seizing control of the world.

He repeated for his colleagues the four things he

had learned from the Senate Munitions Investigation: 1) that economic interests lay at the

bottom of modern wars; 2) that economic interests that stand to make money from wars 'cannot be trusted not to work" for war; 3) that the

private armaments industry topped the list of those that "cannot be trusted to work against" the coming of war; and 4) that any part of the

banking industry engaged in financing the armament industry is just as dangerous as the armament industry itself.

Stating what he believed until his death, he said, "...the demand to get out and stay out (of other nations' wars) will come as surely as

tomorrow's sunrise, and no president, no congress, no Europe-dazzled press or seaboard moneyed class will be able to deny it.

It was Nye's first prediction that come true, however... 20 years later, the U.S. was fighting in Vietnam to keep communism from "seizing

control of the world." "Dakota Datebook" is a radio

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PEPPERMINT MOCHA COOKIES

By Sally's Baking Addiction

Ingredients

1/2 cup (115g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature

1/2 cup (100g) granulated sugar

1/2 cup (100g) packed light or dark brown sugar

1 large egg, at room temperature

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

1 cup (125g) all-purpose flour (spoon & leveled)

1/2 cup + 2 Tablespoons (53g) unsweetened natural cocoa

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons espresso powder or 1 Tablespoon instant coffee granules

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 cup (180g) mini or regular size semi-sweet chocolate

8 ounces white chocolate, coarsely chopped

3 large candy canes, crushed

Directions:

In a large bowl using a hand-held mixer or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter for 1 minute on medium speed until completely smooth and creamy. Add the granulated sugar and brown sugar and beat on medium high speed until fluffy and light in color. Beat in egg, vanilla and peppermint extracts on high speed. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.

In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, espresso powder, and salt together until combined. On low speed, slowly mix into the wet ingredients until combined. The cookie dough will be quite thick. Switch to high speed and beat in the chocolate chips. The cookie dough will be sticky. Cover dough tightly with aluminum foil or plastic wrap and chill for at least 3 hours and up to 3 days. Chilling is mandatory for this cookie dough. I always chill mine overnight.

Remove cookie dough from the refrigerator and allow to sit at room temperature for 20 minutes – if the cookie dough chilled longer than 3 hours, let it sit at room temperature for about 30 minutes. This makes the cookie dough easier to scoop and roll.

Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. (Always recommended for cookies.) Set aside.

Scoop and roll balls of dough, about 1.5 Tablespoons of dough each, into balls and place on the baking sheets.

Bake the cookies for 10-12 minutes. My oven has hot spots and yours may too- so be sure to rotate the pan once during bake time. The baked cookies will look extremely soft in the centers when you remove them from the oven. Allow to cool for 5 minutes on the cookie sheet. They will slightly deflate as you let them cool. Transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.

Melt the chopped white chocolate in a double boiler or (carefully!) use the microwave. For the microwave, place the white chocolate in a medium heat-proof bowl. Melt in 15 second increments, stirring after each increment until completely melted and smooth. Dip each completely cooled cookie halfway into the white chocolate and place onto a parchment or silicone baking mat-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle crushed candy canes on top of the chocolate. Repeat with the rest of the cooled cookies. Place the baking sheet into the refrigerator to help the chocolate set. Once set, enjoy!

CALENDAR

Monday, December 14

Washburn School Board meeting at 7 p.m.
Washburn City Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Mercer Senior Citizens meeting 2 p.m.
Turtle Lake City Commission meeting 7:30 p.m.
Riverdale City meeting at 6 p.m.
Underwood City meeting at 6 p.m.
McClusky City meeting at 7 p.m.
Goodrich Fire Department meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

McClusky Park Board meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16

Wilton School board meeting at 6 p.m. Wilton City Commission meeting at 7 p.m. Underwood School Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 17

Mercer City meeting at 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at SACA Lodge at 11 Central Ave. NW, Garrison, one block west of auditorium.

Food Bank at Sheridan Courthouse from 1 to 4 p.m. Clothes Closet at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilton is open from 3 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

The Community Cupboard of Underwood will be open from 10 a.m. to noon 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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Dec. 15: Unbreaded cod, parslied potato, stewed tomato, apricots.

Dec. 16: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, seasoned carrots, peaches.

Dec. 17: Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes with margarine, broccoli, cherries.

Dec. 18: BBQ pork on a bun, augratin green beans, creamy coleslaw, banana, cake with frosting.

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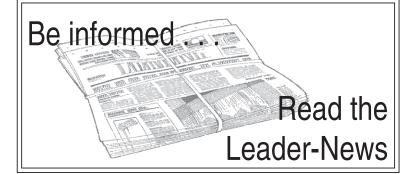
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Late Season Haunts



BY NICK SIMONSON DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

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While much of pheasant country remains free and clear of snow cover at the moment, it's likely that at some point in the back stretch of the season we'll be looking at a white Christmas and a frosty finish to the upland hunting calendar.

Even when there isn't snow on the ground, these chilly and often windy days of the final month force pheasants into the deepest cover. Finding them can produce some amazing shooting gallery style moments where dozens of birds get up at once. Knowing where to look for pheasants in this final stretch, especially after it snows, is key to putting a bow on a great hunting season.

Slough Search

When the nights get cold, pheasants will seek shelter in places that provide good thermal cover, and perhaps the best is the gnarled and matted expanse of a cattail slough. In this odd time, with little snow on the ground, those partially frozen swamps with good grass around the edges make ideal places for pheasants to hang out. They bunker down in the chilly evenings and often into morning until the sun begins to warm the landscape and trigger a movement toward food sources, such as cut soybean and corn fields.

Be prepared to stomp into these thick areas, particularly

early in the hunting day or in more inhospitable and windy conditions to send birds skyward. Better yet, let the dogs do the hard work and rumble through the thick cover, especially if the area isn't quite firm enough yet for human foot travel. Be ready on the windward end of a cattail walk, as birds are frequently holding just on the edge, or have been pushed there through the efforts of both dog and hunter.

In the Thick of It

Willow thickets are commonly associated with the edge of large, swampy areas and provide agood combination of thin, branchy frames that hold up reeds, grasses and other low vegetation, forming a near perfect overnight home for pheasants.

It's common to wander up to a stand of these brushy areas and watch their yellow branches explode with a series of beating wings in all directions

Pheasants will use willow thickets as nighttime cover and as daytime loafing areas in winter. These areas are often a transition point between grass and swamp and because they provide just the right amount of visibility and escape screen for the birds to feel safe.

Check the ground for trails leading into the willows, as a light snow will give away important clues as to usage, as will the hidey-holes under their bases where feathers, scat and other signs accumulate from where the birds bunker in.

Row Together

Shelterbelts still provide one of the best late season opportunities for pheasants, however not all tree lines are created equal.

A well-maintained single row of mature elms or other

tall species probably isn't going to hold as many birds as that beaten-down stretch of trees that have branches, deadfalls, volunteer saplings and small bushes growing in and around it.

Those belts with more of this naturally occurring junk are a treasure for walking upland hunters, as pheasants will tuck themselves into the created hiding spots and take off running down the line.

Find a wider belt system consisting of pine and spruce trees with low base branches, or those with caragana and buffalo berry bushes in them for even better hunting. The birds feel safer in the denser and lower cover. They're more likely to be there during this late season stretch.

Send the dog down the middle and put a hunter on each side to cover all the exits and watch for the multi-bird flush at the end of the line. Oftentimes, if there's one shelterbelt going out on a farm property, it's likely there's another one that provides a return trip to the truck. Walk the one that looks best into the wind.

While there may not be snow on the ground just yet, it's coming; and when things get chilly, it matters little to the birds, as they return to their favorite cold weather places.

Look to find pheasants tucked up in and against these classic late-season haunts for the one of the best holiday gifts of all: heavy game pouches for you and your hunting buddies...in our outdoors.

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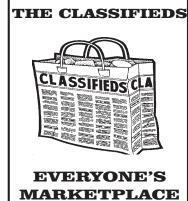
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City of Riverdale PO Box 507 Riverdale, ND 58565

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Toxic and Not-so-toxic Holiday Plants

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Tis the season to be decorating for the holidays.

Colorful poinsettias, holly plants with spine-tipped leaves and fast-growing amaryllis bulbs brighten our

homes.

Anytime that I mention poinsettias, the question arises as to their toxicity to people and pets. People

widely assume that this popular holiday plant is incredibly poisonous.

Poinsettia's reputation as a fatal beauty stems from the unconfirmed 1919 death of a 2-year-old in

Hawaii. The unlucky toddler was widely believed to have nibbled on a single leaf. Thus, a longstanding

old wives' tale was born.

In 1971, Ohio State University researchers sought to determine the plant's toxicity level by feeding rats

a highly concentrated solution made from ground-up poinsettia parts. The solution was the equivalent

of feeding 500 leaves to a 50-pound child. Despite the highly potent solution, not a single rat died. In

fact, the rats did not get sick at all and continued to have normal appetites.

highly toxic, consuming leaves can cause mild digestive upset in children and

pets. In addition, the milky sap can cause skin irritation for those individuals allergic to latex. Poinsettia

is related to the para rubber tree, a natural source of latex rubber.

Fortunately, the awful taste and the sticky sap of poinsettia leaves deter most individuals

consuming large quantities. However, if you are concerned about your overly curious toddler or pet,

your best course of action is to put the plant out of reach.

Of more concern is the plant called Jerusalem cherry. This member of the nightshade family is

deceptive because the attractive orange to red fruits look like cherry tomatoes. Even small amounts

can be dangerous, particularly to children and

What about holly and mistletoe? Statements about these plants are complicated because more than

one species of holly and mistletoe is sold in the nursery trade. In general, holly and mistletoe are toxic

and the risk is commensurate with the amount consumed and the individual's size.

Studies show that consuming as few as a handful of holly berries can cause severe vomiting in

children. Deaths have been While poinsettias are not reported due to mistletoe consumption, but these reports are primarily

linked to the brewing of "herbal teas" from the leaves and berries.

Finally, flowering bulbs such as amaryllis may present a risk. Children may be attracted to the

enormous bulbs because they resemble an onion. Dogs and cats also should be kept away from

amaryllis.

If you are looking for holiday plants that are not toxic to humans and pets, consider Christmas cactus or

Norfolk pine.

This article is not meant to scare you from purchasing holiday plants. Instead, use common sense.

Know what plants you have and do a little research. Supervise children and teach them not to eat

houseplants. Be aware that even nontoxic plants can be

choking hazards. For more information on toxic plants, see the following

websites: National Capital Poison Center: https://www.poison.

org/articles/plant American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals list of toxic and

nontoxic plants for dogs, cats and horses: https:// www.aspca.org/pet-care/ animal-poison-control/toxicand-non-toxic-plants

Happy holidays!

For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSUExtension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ extension/directory/counties.

Cowboy Up



BY DEAN MEYER

Hello.

Well, my fair run is over for the summer. Or should it be my Fair run. Anyway, I'm through with county fairs for another year.

Yesterday I attended the Slope County Fair at Amidon. Now if you've never been to Amidon, it is one of, if not the smallest county seat in the nation. I'm not sure how many actual residents live there, maybe twenty, but they are in the midst of a boom.

A new courthouse is under construction. A bar opened up. And, well, that's about it. The biggest business in town is probably the rural fire department. They are a bunch of men and ladies that sleep with one eye and one ear open during a fire season. When fires can be started by a lightning strike, a bad bearing on a baler, a cigarette tossed out the window, a power line downed by wind, or numerous other things.

I am going to report that yesterday, the fire danger was at zero. So the fire fighters were busy serving bloody Marys at the tent at the fair

grounds. And I heard tell that the spicy ones were as near fire as you could get.

The fire danger was down because our minute slice of the universe has been setting records for daily, weekly, and monthly rain fall. Records that have stood for well over a hundred years. And yesterday it was windy, cold, and rainy!

But the fair and rodeo went on. It was time to "cowboy up". And "cowboy up" they did. 4-H kids were at their best. And that's what a county fair is about. Dang I like those kids.

Two of my favorites came up to me while I was sitting in the only warm spot on the fair grounds. The beer garden. Now mind you, it was early and they weren't serving.

But this little cowboy and cowgirl came running up to me all excited. "We found a snake hole!'

Now, if you are four or five years old a snake hole is a pretty exciting find. And as I was the closest observer, they naturally came to me for aid. And I knew a little bit about snakes. So I took them over and had them show me the snake hole. Now, it may have been a gopher hole, I'm not sure. But sometimes gopher holes can have snakes in them too. So you have to be very, very careful.

I got down on my hands and knees and tried to call that snake out. I had the kids try it. No snake. I got a straw and

tried to suck that snake out of the hole. The little cowboy wasn't going for that. No way. Neither was the cowgirl.

Then I had a great idea! Dig the hole out a little so you could stick your hand down in the hole, reach in and grab the snake and pull him out of the hole! So I took my pocketknife and went to widening the mouth of this snake den out. All the while telling these kids how we were going to get that snake.

When I got the hole big enough for my snaky crew to reach in they became a little apprehensive. And I suppose that is because they were smart country kids that knew better than reach into a possible snake den with a bare hand.

So, I reached in. I let out a scream as that snake, or possible a bear, grabbed my arm and began pulling me in. I screamed in pain and pleaded with those kids to help me pull my arm out! Finally, as this fiend was consuming me, the little cowboy got aholt of my arm and saved me! He was my hero!

By then the rain was falling harder, the beer garden was opening, and I had other demons to conquer.

You want to see cowboys, farmers, ranchers, and friends "cowboy up"? Go to Amidon someday. But be careful! There's a monster out there!

Later, Dean

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