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Drinking Evidence DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Written by Jayme L. Job

January 4, 2020 — An unusual case of missing evidence occurred in Cando on this day in 1904. The story begins a few weeks

earlier in Bisbee, North Dakota, when a blind pig, operated by a father and son by the name of Gilmer, was broken up by the

authorities there. The father and son were brought to the jail in Cando until their case could be heard in the courts. While

waiting for the pig case to come up on the court docket, Clerk of Court Peck, in charge of court records and evidence,

requested Professor Ladd of the North Dakota Agricultural College to perform an analysis on a quart of moonshine that had

been taken as evidence in the raid on the Gilmer's blind pig.

pig. Professor Ladd conducted his analysis on the bottle and traveled to Cando at the request of Clerk Peck. The professor was to give testimony

as to the alcoholic content of

the beverage, but, as the court was busy with other cases, the Gilmer pig case never came up for trial. Ladd

was forced to return home to take care of other business until court could be reconvened at the beginning of the new term on January 18.

Since the Gilmer case would not be heard until after the winter break, Peck was in charge of holding onto the court's evidence. He placed

the bottle into his office vault, and went into another room to enter the bottle and Ladd's analysis into the court's records as exhibit A.

While Peck was away, the court's janitor, Paul Gransaulky, came into his office to tidy up. Gransaulky saw the bottle sitting on a shelf in the

vault, and thought that "… he'd go in and take a look at it."

Moments later, Deputy Henderson walked by Peck's office and saw the janitor drinking the evidence, a tag reading "Exhibit A" still

dangling from the bottle. He

went into see Peck and "...asked him if he knew that the janitor was drinking that stuff in the vault." Peck,

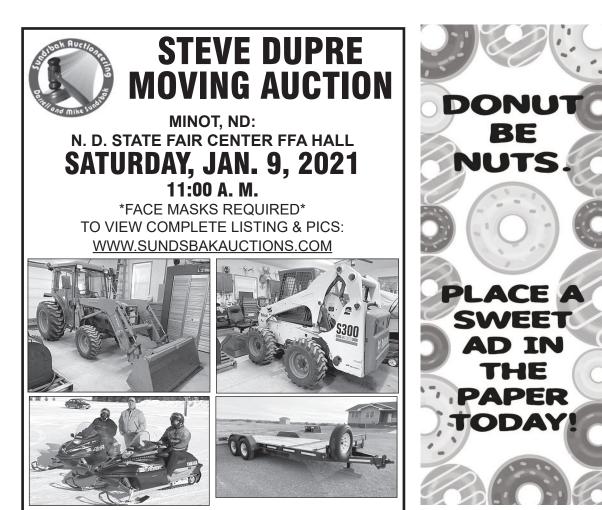
outraged, dashed to his office to find the bottle completely empty.

Ùpon questioning, Gransaulky denied drinking the entire quart of whiskey, but when confronted by the deputy, who had seen him drinking

from the bottle, he finally confessed to drinking the evidence. Fortunately for the Gilmers, since the evidence was destroyed, it could not be

used in the case against them when court reconvened on January 18.

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Using a food safe marker or pen, draw a clock face onto the frosting of the Oreo cookies. Place cookie clocks on top of frosted cupcakes.

Finish off the cupcakes with colorful sprinkles.

SPINACH DIP BITES

By Lil Luna

Ingredients 2 cups frozen spinach chopped and thawed

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- 6 oz artichoke hearts drained and chopped 1/2 tsp garlic minced
- 2 tbsp parmesan cheese grated
- 4 oz cream cheese softened
- 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese shredded and divided
- 1/2 tsp garlic salt
- pepper to taste
- 1 can seamless crescent dough

Directions

Preheat oven to 375.

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Lightly grease a mini muffin tin and place a square in each slot, gently pushing down to create an indent. (you don't need to mold to the cup.)

Scoop one teaspoon of your spinach mixture on top of each crescent square and gently push in, (bites will mold to your tin while baking). Spread the remaining mozzarella cheese over the tops of each cup.

Bake at 375 for 15 - 17 minutes, until golden brown. Let cool for 5-10 minutes before moving from tray. ENJOY!

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 5

Butte Seniors Tuesday Club meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. to get together with the crowd over 55, sing and play games.

Wednesday, January 6

Wilton City Commission meeting 7 p.m. Underwood Civic Club meeting, noon at city hall.

Thursday, January 7

The Community Cupboard of Underwood will be open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 208 Lincoln Avenue. All in need are welcome to receive food and household goods at no cost.

The Community Clothing Share Exchange will be open January 7, 14, 21 and 28 from noon to 6 p.m. at 221 Main St. Turtle Lake. They will be following the CDC and ND Smart Restart guidelines.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

Jan. 4: Cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable, tropical mixed fruit.

Jan. 5: BBQ ribs, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green beans, pears.

Jan. 6: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, peaches, biscuit, pudding.

Jan. 7: Beef tips in gravy over buttered egg noodles, Capri vegetable, orange.

Jan. 8: Oven baked chicken, sweet potato, mixed vegetables, fruit crisp with topping.

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Paddy and the biker

Нарру St. Patrick's Day to ya laddie! As I am

married to a Murphy, St. Pat's Day is one of the

holidays that one lest not forget. It ranks above a Murphy birthday or anniversary, and rivals the importance of Christmas.

When Grandpa Jack was spending his fi nal years at the Hilltop Home in Killdeer, on St. Patrick's Day, he called down to the Buckskin Bar and ordered a keg delivered. He ordered pitchers and green food coloring to color the beer a beautiful Irish green so all the residents could celebrate with him! I'm not sure if it is legal or not in most nursing homes, but in Killdeer, you didn't doubt Grandpa Jack. The keg was delivered and the home was fi lled with young Irish men and women once again. Even if only for a day! Which brings me to the tale of, you guessed it, Paddy.

Well Paddy was sitting in

a pub, with a pint of fine eligible for my pension. I was Guinness before him. The foam was still spilling over the edge of his cup, when a big, burly biker guy came in through the door. The biker guy looked around, spied wee little Paddy sitting there, and promptly went over, bumped him aside, and drained Paddy's beer in one tremendous gulp.

Now, Irish lads are brought up tough, and the biker guy expected that brouhaha would ensue. But Paddy just began moaning and crying uncontrollably!

The burly guy watched for a minute, and began to feel a spark of compassion rising from his inner being. As the sobbing continued, he began to apologize to the poor Irishman. "I didn't mean to upset you so deeply. I mean it was just a beer!"

Paddy wiped his eyes and began to explain. "It wasn't just the beer! I was feeling kind of sickly this morning and was late to work. Because I was tardy, I missed an important meeting. The boss found out, and promptly fi red me. And me, only two weeks from being

devastated. I walked out to the parking lot and found my car had been stolen! No one had seen a thing. And me with no insurance. So I hopped on the bus and caught a ride nearly home. And then discovered I had not the fare! And the bus driver, callous as he was, put me off two blocks from home! As I walked up my drive, my own dog, not expecting me, came charging down the drive and bit me on me leg! And I had saved that dog from the pound, the ungrateful bastard! I walked into the house and there it was, a note from me wife of thirty years, saying she had left with that worthless O'Brien with the big smile! Me heart was going to explode. I couldn't take it anymore. I decided to end it all. So I came down here and spent me last change on this pint. I put the poison in and was waiting for it to dissolve, and then you laddie, you bump me away and drink it! But enough about me. How are you feeling laddie?

Erin go Bragh! Dean









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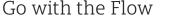
Here and there the frozen trickle of the creek bed shown through in the little draw. The last remnants of a dry summer and fall, it was fueled in places by tiny hillside seeps which were almost invisible, save for the change in density and variety of vegetation growing around them.

The golden grasses with just the slightest trim of white from the dusting of snow the night before created small pathways winding up the valley. In those spaces the trails of four-toed tracks would weave and merge in a central stretch, and then scatter back out.

Instead of water flowing down the natural funnel it was scent, and my lab, Ole, was overcome by the onrushing odors on the northwest breezes to the point. He became unruly and my late-season whistle checks turned to reluctant voice commands at times to slow him down.

He was birdy as soon as we crossed the fence, and when the first rooster broke cover two hundred yards up a small side rill and zoomed off over the horizon, my brother-in-law and I knew we were in for a good hunt even if the pheasants would be spooky, as is expected in late December.

The dog was bonkers from the start, as the scent consumed him. In past walks, where we struggled to pick up the trail of



a few birds, there was no doubt about the flow of information coming to his nose on the gusts and eddying in the brush and brambles along the edges of the gully.

Our pursuit produced rangy shots to start, as only a few birds held tight and provided points in the tight pockets of buffaloberry bushes. The crunching and snapping of branches preceded the thundering wingbeats of the unfortunate hen or rooster that decided to hang around and be rousted by the dog's pursuit.

As we closed the distance to the final fence line in the first half of the walk, a group of hens took flight and spread out across the rising hill of the harvested bean field. I opened my gun to clear the barbed wire quickly in hopes of catching up to what I was sure were the remaining birds in the pocket slough.

By the time I swung my second leg over the top strand and reloaded my over-under, ten more pheasants – half roosters – were up and out, and only a pair of straggling hens remained as we finished surveying the area. Ole spent the time chasing the ghosts that lingered as pockets of scent drew him back along the far side of the cattails on the grassy hill where the dozens of birds had likely been sitting for much of the afternoon, warming themselves in the partly sunny conditions, and sending their smell down the valley.

Over the hills and back up the draw of another creek arm we went, to recapture the flow of air and the scent lines it carried. The valley was completely dry, save for the low pools along the two small stock dams, and the connecting rills between the two were ice-free walks but still loaded with the

trails of pheasants.

As I made the turn around a large bush, a rooster rocketed out in front of Ole and I made the close left-to-right shot on the long-spurred bird. Twenty yards up, Ole locked on the side of the drain and a rooster rose between us and my brotherin-law closed the deal. As he fired, a bunch of pheasants took flight 100 yards ahead, but we were both comfortable, each having a bird in the hand, knowing such close flushes were premium moments on the hike.

A few stalwart hens remained on the bends and the rise of the stock dam, but the scent of the long-gone roosters kept Ole on task until the final steps of the walk.

With the sun approaching the horizon, we made the turn along the cut beanfield and I spied an unusual three-arch formation sticking in the dirt of the field edge. It was a nice fourpoint antler from a whitetailed deer, and after brushing it off, I hooked it on my vest and we headed for the truck, winding along the hilltops with the wind at our backs.

A few of the birds we had busted had relocated along the edge of the high ground. But now they benefited from the breeze as it carried our footsteps and slight end-of-day conversation, giving them the information they needed to make a far-off escape as we exited the field. While I hoped the walk wouldn't be the final one of this year's pheasant season, I was okay if it was.

The extra weight in our vest pouches was a good reward, the curling antler a great bonus find, and all the birds we saw made it memorable once again to be following a hard-charging dog chasing the flow of scent on the winter wind ... in our outdoors



FROM THE FRONT PAGES

TruNorth Theater brings Santa to town

Last weekend, the TruNorth Theatre based out of Bismarck brought Santa to Beulah. The non-profit community theater organization held the event at Beulah's Energy Wellness Center to allow families to take their pictures with Santa in a safe way. - The Beacon

School leaders train to rapid screen

When it comes to figuring out a person's status related to COVID-19, the process can be lengthy. People who don't show symptoms aren't guaranteed to be COVID-free. Because many people with the virus might be asymptomatic, it's hard to know if and when the right time for testing should take place. - Center Republican

Carrying on a legacy of coordinating care

For more than a decade, one man has led the charge to change the way we think about local health care in Mercer, Oliver and Dunn counties. As CEO of both Sakakawea Medical Center and Coal Country Community Health Center, Darrold Bertsch worked with the boards of those two organizations to create a health care model based on coordination, both between the hospital and clinic and with other entities in the region and state. - Hazen Star

A joyous time recalled

50 years ago, Garrison's well-known Kyle Giffey, owner of Giffey's Yard & Garden Center and Kyle's Katering, took part in an adventure that he would remember for a lifetime. -**McLean** County Independent

Bringing joy in younger packages

Joy in a younger version, was represented and performed by the kindergarten through sixth grade students on Thursday morning and afternoon, the day following the split performances of grades seven through twelve band and choir. -The McClusky Gazette

Board meeting is cat's meow

The Underwood School Board had a 'purrfectly' quick meeting Dec.16, with board members and school patrons attending in person as well as via Zoom, including a cat that seemed content to sit quietly and listen as the board members conducted December's regular meeting in less than an hour. -Central McLean News-Journal





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BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON.

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As I rose from my office chair after a day filled with Zoom meetings, I felt like the Tin Man with stiff joints in the "Wizard of Oz."

Fortunately, my joints didn't creak and squeak audibly. A can of oil was not necessary. I walked slowly to ease the stiffness from too much sitting.

Most of the time, I have little time between meetings to walk the hallways a few minutes to refresh my body and mind. Yes, I could stand during online meetings. I will have to start turning off my camera and standing.

Have you ever added up the time you spend sitting? Let's try an activity. You might want to use a calculator to add the minutes and hours spent sitting.

Think about yesterday. After getting up in the morning. did you sit down while eating breakfast or watching or reading the morning news? If you commute to work, how many minutes did you spend in your vehicle?

How many hours did you spend sitting at a computer during work or leisure time? How many hours did you spend watching TV or playing video games? You probably ate a couple more times during the day while seated, too.

How many hours were you sedentary yesterday?

Some researchers say that reaching a level of 10 hours of sitting per day can increase your risk for heart disease and other medical conditions.

For many people, the pandemic situation has not helped our level of activity, especially for people who have been quarantined.

We have had many technological advances that have made being sedentary quite easy.

When I was young, remote controls on TVs did not exist. You had to get off the couch to change the channel. As the youngest family member, I was the remote control.

We didn't have voiceactivated devices to turn lights on and off. Our phones were not in our pockets but often were on the wall in another room.

The number of sedentary jobs has increased 83% since the 1950s, according to the American Heart Association. With changes in technology, many people have moved to "desk jobs."

In 2017, researchers published a study about sitting in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The researchers noted that one in four adults sits for more than eight hours a day. Four in 10 adults did not exercise to any degree weekly.

Why are fitness experts concerned about sitting and other sedentary behavior, such as lying on a couch while watching TV?

Experts sometimes call this sedentary behavior the "sitting disease." Too much sitting affects us at the cellular level, according to researchers. Being sedentary puts us at greater risk for weight gain, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, joint pains and others. Too much sitting also is not good for our mental health.

Most of us cannot stop going to work and sitting at a computer, but we need to use some tricks and tools to keep us moving.

Here is some good news: 60 to 75 minutes of moderately intense physical activity per day can counter the effect of too much sitting. To reach that recommendation, researchers analyzed data from a million participants in various studies.

As we move into a new year, perhaps with a resolution or two, consider these tips:

Track your daily activity with a fitness tracker. Many cellphones have trackers, and many trackers are available to wear like a watch. See where you are with your activity level. If you get 3,000 steps per day, set a goal to increase a little each day.

If you are watching TV, get up and walk during the commercial breaks every 30 minutes. Or pause your favorite commercial-free show and move a few minutes. Put your home exercise equipment near your TV.

While talking on the phone, walk around your home or other space.

At work, use a restroom on another floor.

While at work, consider participating in online meetings using a phone with the app downloaded. That way, you could walk and talk at the same time.

Consider getting a standing desk (or use a high counter) that allows you to stand while doing computer work. Or read while on a treadmill.

Make "breaks" active breaks. Take a walk instead of checking out Facebook or YouTube.

See https://cdc.gov/ physicalactivity/index.html for details about physical activity.

Make your snacks count toward your overall healthful diet. Have some fiber-rich fruit with nut butter as a pick-me-up such as this easy snack you can eat while walking.

Apple Sandwiches

1 medium apple 3 Tbsp. nut butter (such as peanut butter, sunflower butter) 3 Tbsp. granola

Slice the apple into half-inch rounds. Using a knife or apple corer, remove the apple's core. Spread 1 tablespoon of nut butter onto each apple round. Top with granola and enjoy.

Makes three servings. Each serving has 150 calories, 8 grams (g) fat, 5 g protein, 16 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber and 75 milligrams sodium.

(Julie Garden-Robinson, Ph.D., R.D., L.R.D., is a North Dakota State University Extension food and nutrition specialist and professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Follow her on Twitter @ jgardenrobinson)



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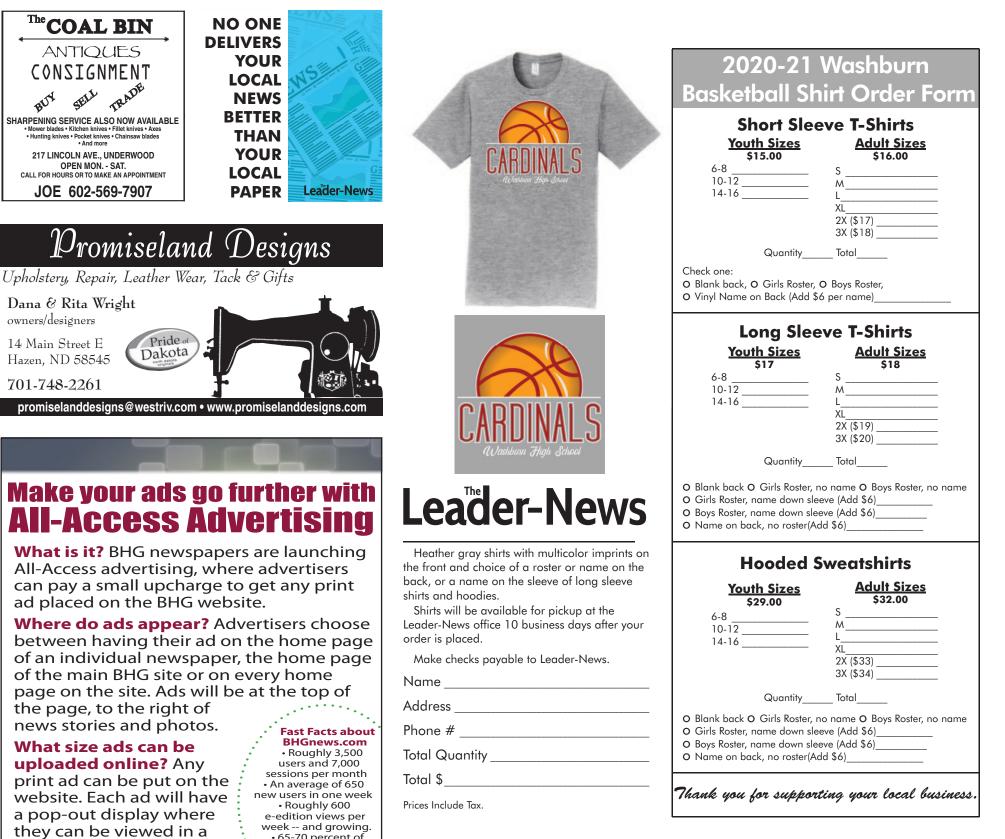
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