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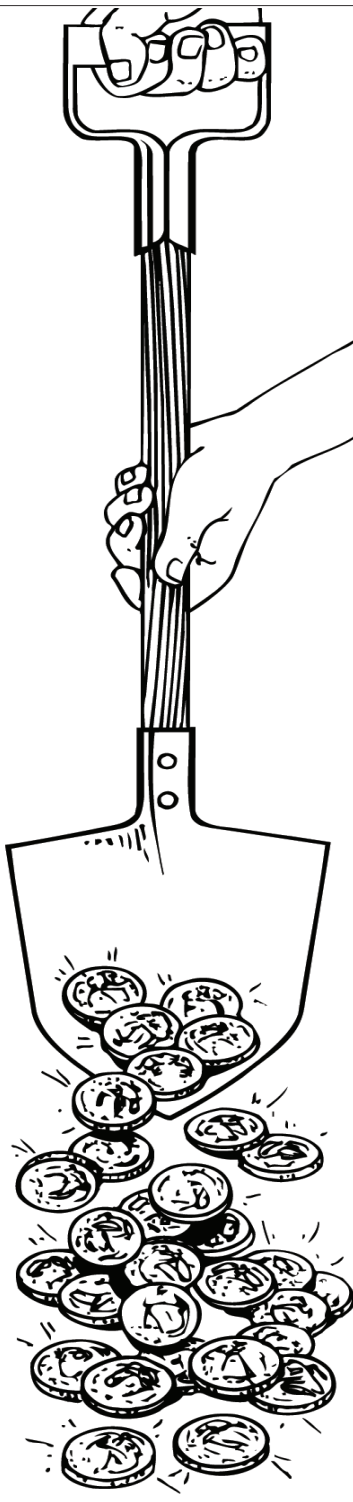
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# FROM THE FRONT PAGES

Stories you may have missed in last week's BHG newspapers

## 'I have all these stories in my head'

Local teacher and writer Hunter L. Andes has another addition to his CV: award-winning author.

Andes, who lives outside Makoti, was the recipient of the Nonfiction Book Awards' Silver Award, through the Nonfiction Authors Association, for his 2019 book *The Elders: Stories from Fort Berthold*.

His book catalogues the stories of four elders – Marilyn Hudson, Ed Hall, Almit Bruer and Jerry White – who told of how parts of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation were flooded in 1953 to make way for the Garrison Dam.

Communities such as Elbowoods, which was located south of Indian Hills Resort, and Nishu, which would be located at what is now the mouth of Nishu Bay, were forced to move to higher ground as the area around the Missouri River there was inundated with water, creating Lake Sakakawea in the process.

The book also catalogues the history and formation of the area, including Fort Stevenson and Garrison.

*McLean County Independent*

## City commissioners talk trash

The Turtle Lake city commissioners met Dec. 13. Following the normal routine of city meeting protocol, the commissioners ended the meeting talking trash, literally. Discussions revolved around looking into changing the way the city handles its garbage collection.

The subject was brought up by city auditor Darwin Saari in regard to changing from a city provided service collection to a contracted service, for both residential and business, garbage collection.

Saari conveyed that the financial advantage to the city providing the service is not as great as it used to be. Owning and maintaining an aging garbage truck along with the limited city manpower, the advantages of going with an outside contractor may be favorable going forward, he said.

*Central McLean News-Journal*

## Jill Wiese honored by colonial women's group

Local renaissance woman Jill Wiese was recently recognized by the Daughters of Colonial Wars as the recipient of the American Heroes Award given annually to law enforcement, first responders or medical personnel who demonstrate courage, compassion and leadership.

On hand to present the award to Wiese was North Dakota Daughters of Colonial Wars Chair Nancy Legerski, who also served as the chapter's incoming state president.

Wiese, who was recently featured as a Nextstar Media "Remarkable Woman" for her philanthropic work in Guatemala, is a registered nurse and volunteer EMT, who has also served as a combat medic for the North Dakota National Guard and a medical professional for Huff Hills Ski Resort.

The Bismarck native is also well known around Washburn for her life-saving efforts in bringing noted cattle farmer Clark Price back to consciousness after flatlining for 37 minutes.

*The Leader-News*

# CALENDAR

The Community Clothing Share Exchange will be open each Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. at 221 Main St., Turtle Lake.

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

**Library Hours:**  
Washburn Public Library - Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
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- Jan. 3:** Italian spaghetti, Green beans, Side salad w/ dressing, Fruit crisp w/ topping.
- Jan. 4:** Fish, Rice pilaf, Green beans, Fruit Cocktail.
- Jan. 5:** Roast beef, Mashed potatoes w/ gravy, Carrots, Peaches.
- Jan. 6:** Parmesan chicken over spaghetti noodles, Mixed vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Bread stick.
- Jan. 7:** Stuffed pepper, Mashed potatoes w/ margarine, Garden mix vegetable, Mandarin oranges.

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# OUR OUTDOORS

## All Smiles



**BY NICK SIMONSON**  
DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

If you've ever watched the top of a tip-up spin after a pike has taken the offering below, be it frozen smelt, herring or perhaps even a hot dog, you often wonder when the metal circular blur is going to stop.

Sometimes the process takes well over 30 seconds before the whirring T slows down and the force of nature on the other end takes a break from its underwater jaunt. That's because pike are creatures of speed, sprinters capable of blasting across a short distance at an incredible pace to ambush

their prey and trap them in their toothy maw. After that initial attack, however, pike don't stop moving.

With the bait T-boned in their mouth, held tight by not only the jagged teeth along the edges of their jaw, but also those curled up in a wide row along the top of their bony beak, they swim on assuring that the morsel is held tight and not lost. After a bit, however, they stop to turn their lunch lengthwise and swallow it for the long process of digestion.

This pause is where we as ice anglers see the shift in our equipment and know when to set the hook. By watching that spinning component, we know when to get ready for the battle. At the call of "FLAG!" the sprint over to a triggered tip-up can set off a rush of adrenaline, especially on those waters where big pike are present.

Since one never knows whether it'll be a hammer-handle sized specimen or a true leviathan, a sense of mystery and excitement remains with

any deployment of fish traps on the ice. Setting that excitement aside however can be part of the challenge, like watching a bass blow up on a summer topwater and waiting a second or two to set the hook, not jerking the tip-up from the ice hole in a cold spray of water and slush is an acquired skill.

Instead, on approach, inspect the tip-up for motion. If the flag holder is still twirling when you arrive, let it stop. Then grab the tip-up from the ice, pull up the slack line and feel for the fish below. If there's weight, set the hook with a strong upward pull and get ready for the battle. When the fight gets going, keep things as neat and tidy along side the hole as possible, setting the tip up a couple feet away and gently laying any gained line on the ice between the unit and the hole, so that it can easily slide back up through your hands and down the hole when a pike makes another dash into the depths.

This also helps keep line from

tangling around the tip-up and other obstructions which might result in a lost fish, or just a mess. In all situations, keeping the line tight is key to landing the fish, but in those instances where circle hooks are being used to facilitate a release, it is of the utmost importance and is just one added element to consider in the heat of the moment.

The final challenge comes at the end of the fight when steering a pike's head into the ice hole. It's easier at early season when the cylinder isn't as deep. But later in winter, sometimes the hole can be as deep as the fish is long, even with bigger pike. It requires some finesse, and to have played the fish out a bit, to angle the head up toward the surface but the pointy nature of a pike's snout helps once the fish has been fatigued.

Yawing the auger a bit at the completion of the hole also creates a concave angle to the edges of its bottom which can

help bring fish up a bit easier. At the hole, I like to use an old glove to lip-land toothy pike. Their jaws instinctively lock around it, making it an easy pull onto the ice.

Other options include a landing tool like a Boga grip, or a tight grasp around the area behind the head, if you don't mind getting your hands or gloves cold and wet for a bit. If a release is being considered, avoid touching the gills or the eyes of the fish and those hooked too deeply, especially with a larger treble, should be kept as they are less likely to survive.

Remember that when a pike takes a bait under the ice, and flag pops the battle has not yet begun. Wait for that pause that signals the fish's grab and go run has stopped, and then get ready to set the hook. A little time and some practice on those lakes loaded with pike will condition you on what to watch for and how to convert more on ice excitement this season ... in our outdoors.

# Mercer County Land Auction

## Thursday, January 13th, 2022 @ 1:00 CT

Location: Mercer County Court House – 410 Van Slyck Ave., Stanton ND 58571  
Land Location: North of Zap, ND 58580 on County Road 13

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- Parcel # 4: 1.85 Acres located in the very SE corner of the SW4-Sec. 21-146-88**  
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2021 Taxes: \$2.88

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- Parcel # 5: NW4-Sec, 13-146-89**  
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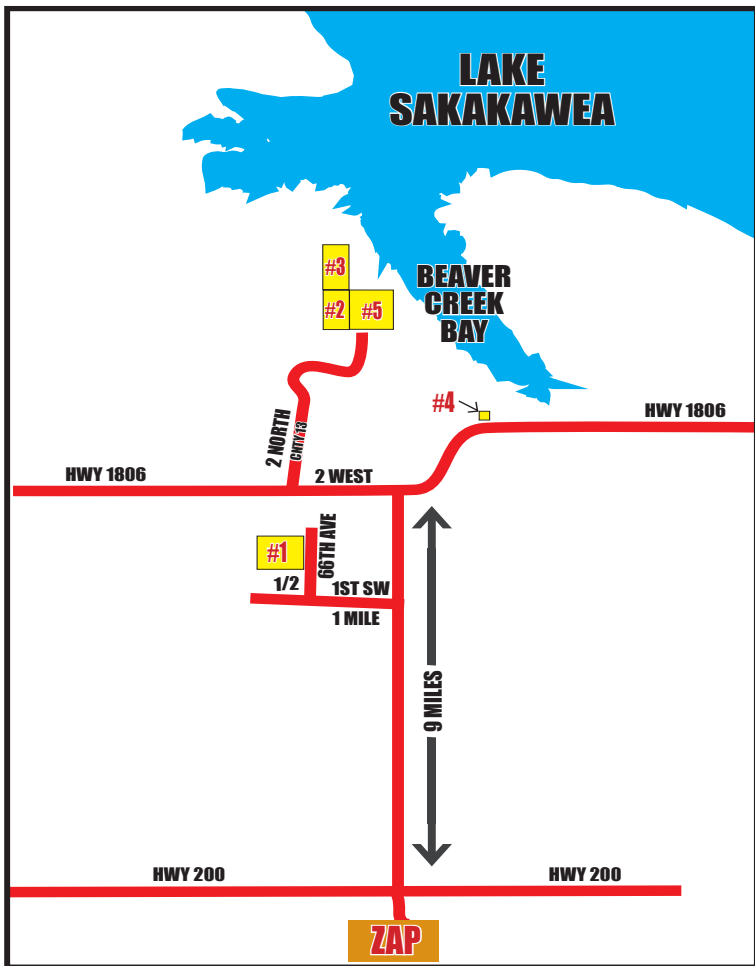
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# A Man and His Horse

## DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Dakota Datebook written by Merry Helm

December 23, 2021 — Some Christmases take on a completely different meaning than others. It was like that a year ago today outside a Mandan hospital.

Jim Tescher, one of the state's greatest rodeo champs, was from Sentinel Butte, the middle child of 15 kids. He grew up during the depression, began his rodeo career at age 16 and went on to capture some of the nation's highest honors, including the 1955 steer wrestling title at Madison Square Garden.

In August 2003, 74-year-old Tescher had a four-wheeler accident that put him in a Mandan hospital. A broken neck left him partially paralyzed — a tough break for a very tough cowboy.

Tescher's wife, Loretta, and their five children rallied around him. Jim and Loretta were prom dates in 1946 and had been married for 56 years. Jim's niece, Rebecca Tescher Robison, wrote that Loretta "wiped his tears and soothed his heart as her own was breaking. A lifetime of love and laughter, ranching, rodeoing, children, card playing and dancing was drawing down."

After five months in the hospital, Tescher was hoping to at least get into a wheelchair so he could go home to his

ranch. He wanted to see his horses,

In late December, Loretta got together with daughter Bonnie and Tescher's nurse to help their favorite cowboy realize one of his dreams. On December 23rd, Tescher was settled into a wheelchair, and Loretta rolled him down the hall and out the door. From behind a tree, Bonnie emerged with a quarter horse gelding named Bonner. He was Jim's favorite horse; he had raised him from a colt and over the next 20 or so years, he came to depend on Bonner for his hardest ranch jobs. Bonnie had brought the horse in from Sentinel Butte to see his master.

Tescher's sister, Dona Lowman, said that Bonner recognized Jim right away. "The bond was still there even after dad being gone for four or five months," said Jim's son, Troy.

Tescher clicked his tongue, and Bonner came to him and nuzzled his face and touched his nose to Tescher's. One of the toughest cowboys North Dakota has ever produced said, "This is the best Christmas present I've ever had," and started to cry.

Tescher passed away just four days later. After his funeral, Bonner trailed riderless behind the hearse as it climbed the rugged buttes to the Medora Cemetery. His

four white stockings matched the snow-blanketed hillsides, and he was wearing the saddle Tescher won at the Cheyenne Frontier Days in 1966.

The weather dipped below zero as Tescher's friends and fellow cowboys carried his casket to his final resting place. As the people moved away, bronco champion Brad Gjermundson led Bonner to Jim's grave-side to say goodbye. The cedar casket was branded with Tescher's brands, and on top was a spray of Badlands cedar, prairie trimmings, Jim's worn boots, his spurs and a rope.

Jim's brother-in-law, Jim Lowman, recalled a prayer that Tescher taught him 30 years earlier, when he first started working for the cowboy: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love, commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard and rule and guide."

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# Repurposing Your Christmas Tree

## DAKOTA GARDENER

By Carrie Knutson, Horticulture Agent  
NDSU Extension - Grand Forks County

If you were one of the millions of families that purchased a real Christmas tree, your tree might be headed out the door this week.

Before you put your tree out for garbage collection, let's look at some ways to repurpose your Christmas tree instead of putting it in the landfill.

First, check to see if your city has a Christmas tree recycling program. If not, here are some additional repurposing ideas.

If you are feeding birds over the winter you can set up your real Christmas tree near your bird feeder. The tree will provide extra cover for the birds as they visit your feeder and it also will provide shelter during winter weather.

You can also repurpose your real Christmas tree as a second bird feeding station. You can hang additional feeders, like suet feeders or make it a family activity and create your own bird feeders.

A couple of ideas for do-it-yourself feeders are to coat pinecones with peanut butter and bird seed or pop some popcorn to make a string of garland and hang it on the tree. The same can be done with dried cranberries. If fruit was not the most popular

item on your menu for holiday celebrations, you can slice apples and oranges and hang them on tree to help clean out fruit that is past its prime.

Remember to take the time to watch the birds that visit your new bird feeding station. It might be more entertaining that the TV, especially if Blue Jays or squirrels get involved!

If feeding birds isn't your thing, there are other ways to repurpose your real Christmas tree. The branches can be cut and used as mulch in your flower beds to protect perennials from soil temperature changes during the winter and early spring.

If you are crafty, let the trunk dry down and then cut it into slices or what I refer to as "tree cookies". No, you can't eat them, but they will be handy for all sorts of crafts. An example would be to make the tree cookies into a snowman ornament for your tree next year.

Another option is to save the trunk and use it as a trellis support to grow vines. In the fall, the trunk should be dry enough to be cut and used as firewood for roasting marshmallows.

As the holiday season is just about over and we turn the calendar over to 2022, I wish you a Happy New Gardening Year!

## A year in review...

# 'Another 40 years'

*Incoming owner of Coal Creek optimistic of future*

BY ALYSSA MEIER  
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When it comes to Rainbow Energy's plans for Coal Creek Station, the president of the corporation said he's looking at a long future for the plant.

"The legacy that (Great River Energy has) built for 40 years, it's up to me to continue that for another 40 years, Rainbow President Stacy Tschider said June 30 during the announcement of Rainbow Energy purchasing Coal Creek Station.

Tschider told members of the media during a conference call last week that Rainbow Energy is set to obtain the plant, which is currently operated by Great River Energy, sometime this year.

According to Tschider, Rainbow will operate Coal Creek Station near Underwood, while its affiliate Nexus Line will take over ownership and management of the high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission system.

Tschider said Rainbow plans to continue coal processing operations, while adding a new element to the plant.

"Carbon capture is vital for this project," Tschider said.

Tschider said Rainbow plans to add a carbon capture system to both units of Coal Creek Station within five years, a change that he said is greatly aided by the 45Q federal tax credit.

Tschider said implementing carbon capture will help make the plant both more environmentally sustainable and financially viable.

"I'm looking to take coal to the next level," Tschider said. "This is a win-win across the board. Nobody loses in this transaction."

Tschider said Rainbow plans to continue working with neighboring Blue Flint Ethanol, which uses water and steam produced at Coal Creek.

Alison Ritter of Odney, which is managing public relations in regard to the purchase, said Rainbow is working with Falkirk Mine to continue that relationship into the future.

"Rainbow plans to have the same relationship with Falkirk as GRE did while having the goal to extend the life of the Mine," Ritter said.

According to Tschider, Rainbow plans to hire all current employees of Coal Creek Station when the sale goes through, which is expected to take place by the end of the year.

Coal Creek Station has been producing electricity in 1979 and is the state's largest coal plant. A 2022 planned closure of the plant was announced by GRE last May and local representatives have been working since on finding a new owner for the facility.

District 8 legislators have been part of the push for Coal Creek to continue operations

and told BHG News this week that news of the sale is a win for the state and the immediate area.

"There are many reasons why this is tremendous news," Representative Dave Nehring said in an email Tuesday. "The obvious number 1 is the 650+ great jobs that are kept in the area."

Nehring said in a phone interview Tuesday that nation-wide pushes for carbon neutrality have erroneously pushed to downscale coal and that he believes coal can be and should be part of that picture.

"We're throwing hundreds of millions in subsidies to inexact generation sources instead of spending money on research to figure out a better way," Nehring said.

Nehring said power outages in 2019 and 2021 were an "eye opener" for many and paved the way for added support of fossil fuels like coal. Nehring said he believes Coal Creek's exploration into carbon capture may set a new standard for sustainable energy that doesn't rely on renewable energy that he said were "intermittent" sources of power.

"We have to find other ways to become carbon capture or carbon neutral and we have a way to do that with carbon capture," Nehring said.

# Earthquake

## DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Dakota Datebook written by Sarah Walker

January 6, 2022 — On December 28, 1908, 5:20 a.m. local time, an earthquake struck along the Straits of Messina, between the island of Sicily and mainland Italy. Magnitude of the earthquake was approximately 6.7 to 7.2, and the effects caused a tsunami, which struck within minutes. Unreinforced buildings collapsed, cities were destroyed, and the deaths were estimated at 60,000 to 120,000. The Messina Earthquake, also known as the Messina-Reggio Earthquake, continues to be examined as a case-study for disaster and risk in communities, and remains one of the top-deadliest natural events in Europe.

For those following the news in America, the disaster may have seemed far removed, but it struck a chord with many in the melting pot that is America—even in such a predominantly Scandinavian-German state as North Dakota. Italians have never been a large part of the population in the state, but in 1910, the federal census reported 1,262 Italians here. There was a small influx around those years as Italian immigrants came to the land of opportunity and even to the golden west, to work on the railroads. They

had left family and friends in all regions of Italy, and they waited anxiously to hear from their loved ones in the quake aftermath.

And then there were the other residents, who were visiting Italy at the time. Such was the case of Mrs. F.A. McCanna of McCanna, a small town in Grand Forks County, and Miss Agnes Feeney of Rochester, MN. The two had left New York to travel through Italy on December 5, and the last letter sent from them had been dated December 16. However, on this date in 1909, the two women sent a cablegram from Naples to Mrs. McCanna's nephew, D.W. McCanna, expressing that they were safe. Until that point, they had been in Taorina, on the east coast of Sicily in the province of Messina, where they stayed through the earthquake and tsunami in relative safety. They were carried to Naples in a relief ship, and had even saved all of their belongings.

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By Mike Peluso, Dakota Edge Outdoors

The cold snap has finally hit the north portion of North Dakota and it has allowed us to finally start venturing around. While it's still not safe thickness for truck traffic yet, ATVs are starting to get around many of the lakes in the upper half of the state.

I still tell everyone to be careful and proceed with extreme caution. When you get these hard cold snaps like we are finally getting, you can expect cracks and pressure ridges that can create some major issues and headaches. So just because you were good

the day before, please still take it easy.

As far as the fishing goes, I'd say overall it's been pretty darn good! It's no secret I'm fishing mostly up on Devils Lake. We are just starting to venture around the main and eastern portions of Devils Lake, again, using extreme caution.

The walleyes are biting best at early morning and late evening. Don't be afraid to fish up shallow along the shorelines and on the structure. Spoons, such as the Northland Buck-Shot Rattle Spoon and PK Lures Rattling Spoons are doing well for walleyes and are best tipped with a minnow head or full minnow hooked in the back.

The perch are biting on smaller Buck-Shot spoons with minnow heads and wax worms. They are roaming around, but it seems like they are liking 20 to 28 feet of water off the old shorelines. Like always, be ready to drill lots of holes to track them down.

I have only a few dates left available for this winter yet. If you are interested, get ahold of me ASAP!

*Mike Peluso is a Dakota Edge Outdoors contributing writer and a licensed ND fishing guide specializing in walleyes on the state's premier waters.*

**Black Hand  
DAKOTA DATEBOOK**

Dakota Datebook written by Merry Helm

December 21, 2021 — On December 8, 1913, a Fargo Forum story read, "The secrets of the terrible (Camorrista) clan, the black hand of Italy whose power is feared in every corner of the globe, may be bared at Bismarck ... when Francesco Coccimiglio faces trial for the murder of Antoine Rigori."

Actually, the reporter had his Italian groups mixed up. The Camorristas were from Naples and the Black Hand was part of the Mafia down

in Sicily; the two groups were competitors. The Mafia segment got its name for drawings of threatening black hands they added to extortion letters.

Our Italians in Bismarck didn't belong to either group, and the victim was not Antoine Rigori; it was Felice Yannazzo. It took many days for the press to drop its sensational speculation of vendettas, secret letters and assassination, and instead report the actual facts of the murder trial, which ended on this date in 1913.

The victim, the accused,

and at least six other Italians were part of a Northern Pacific railroad crew working southeast of Bismarck that year. The Italians all came from the same town, Sambiase. Yannazzo joined the crew in July and appears to have been Coccimiglio's cousin.

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## DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

By Renee Tomala, Dakota Edge Outdoors

Unbeknownst to many, Pheasants Forever (PF) operates under a unique local model that allows for an even bigger impact to be made for our wildlife and lands. That model puts our grassroots efforts on a pedestal, and by “grassroots” I am referring to our local chapters in small and large towns alike across the country, and not all in prime pheasant or quail territory, either.

North Dakota is home to 25 chapters on the national roster that retain complete control over the funds they work hard to raise, with only the membership dollars garnered going “back” to keep the organizational lights on. This local model is unique in the non-profit conservation world. So, the question is: does it work?

My answer is this: in leaps and bounds, it sure does! Our volunteers are not only strongholds within their local chapter, but also within their local communities, meaning they add boots-on-the-ground opportunities that bolster our organization’s efforts. They add more quality habitat and folks in the field while strengthening our collective conservation voice.

Chapters can deploy the programs and grants created by PF staff at an incredible scale. They are ordering Milkweed in the Classroom for their elementary schools, utilizing the Pollinator Habitat Outreach Program to engage kids and teachers (and the adults back at home) firsthand in pollinator awareness and conservation, and they’re taking advantage of grants for Women on the Wing and learn-to-shoot and hunt events.

PF staff have the training and resources to help chapters accomplish their goals, whether that be habitat, outreach, or advocacy; and then those chapters create habitat programs that work for them or to host annual outreach events on their own, so staff can then place their focus on bringing that goodness to another community.

This grassroots model exists, and thrives, solely because of two things: volunteers that put their shoulders behind it and membership dollars that keep this conservation machine running. PF chapters are dynamic because of this model and their impact can be broken down into three levels: local, state, and national.

Locally, they are supporting their towns by patronizing local businesses for banquet merchandise, firearms, catering, and much more. They are engaging their community in conservation, shooting, and hunting. They are sponsoring hunters safety courses, trap shooting teams, and creating quality habitat and public access attracting more hunters, and hunter dollars, to the area.

At the state level they are supporting North Dakota’s PF field team financially and promoting their work by word-of-mouth, mailing flyers, partnering to host outreach and landowner events, and by providing referrals. On the national scale, they are strengthening the advocacy work that PF does all the way from Capitol Hill to individual state capitols through the Legislative Action Fund, and enabling more outreach programs to be created, along with grants, for use by chapters across the country through the No Child Left

Indoors program. That is three times the impact!

It is a strong team, PF staff and volunteers. Together we leverage dollars for the greatest mileage in mission delivery. Together we get more people’s hands in the soil to plant habitat they can watch grow and become home to many wildlife species. Together we give more people a chance to learn the safe and ethical ways of hunting, highlighting all the reasons why we hunt, and all the ways to fall in love with the sport.

Together we connect with more farmers, ranchers and landowners willing to install conservation practices and habitat on their land, all while helping to improve their bottom line and support rural North Dakota. Together we show even more folks they have a home within PF, adding more diversity in the field, more caring voices for conservation, and more license buyers to help fund wildlife conservation. Together we safely introduce new audiences to target leagues and hunting, building their confidence and knowledge.

Together we bring awareness of conservation needs, wildlife, and pollinators to more communities with the goal of instilling our passion, love, and need for a healthy sustainable outdoor lifestyle in more people.

Together is a beautiful thing that delivers a lot of our mission. My blaze orange hat is tipped to all our chapter volunteers and every member of PF for making it possible.

Interested in being a part of our together? Join PF today.

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September 10th.

That day, the crew’s timekeeper, Percy Cardieux, and four of the Italians took a hand-railcar into Bismarck to pick up groceries and supplies. They also brought back two 10-gallon kegs of whiskey, and that night every man drank his share.

During the party, Yannazzo pulled out his guitar, and the Italians sang some of their native folk songs. The men had to work the next morning, and some decided to go to bed, but Yannazzo was having a good time and kept playing. Through an interpreter, witness Tony Delucci said Yannazzo was a bully who kept several knives on him, plus a dagger and two revolvers by his pillow. When Yannazzo continued partying, Coccimiglio yelled at his cousin to go to sleep, and the

two got into an argument.

“It was difficult for (Mr. Delucci) to explain,” a news story read, “in his native language...to the jury just how the murder occurred, and using States Attorney Berndt as a subject, he illustrated how Yannazzo had first attacked Coccimiglio and threw him to the floor of the car, and struck him several times while he was on top of Coccimiglio with his fists.”

Delucci also said Yannazzo threatened to kill Coccimiglio, who threw him off and stabbed him, killing him. What appeared to be a case of self-defense turned out to be a bit more complicated. Doctors stated Yannazzo’s body had thirteen deep stab wounds “about his trunk and head, any one of which might have caused his death.”

In the end, the jury found Coccimiglio guilty of second

degree murder. The 25-year-old appealed to Judge Nuessle for clemency, saying he had never been in trouble before and that he had served honorably in the Italian army. He was in America to support his wife and baby daughter back in Italy; they had no other relatives or means of support. The judge gave Coccimiglio 16 years and told him he might get out earlier for good behavior.

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