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# **SERVICE DIRECTORY CONT.**





**McLean County Organized Township Tour Meetings** 

McLean County will be holding the Annual Organized Township Tour Meetings Two (2) Meetings will be held on

January 12, 2022 at **1. 9:30 a.m.** - Turtle Lake Senior Center, 55 Main Street, Turtle

Lake, ND 2. 1:00 p.m. - Cubby Hole, 41 S

Main Street, Garrison, ND Please direct questions about

the meetings to the McLean County Auditor's Office by phone (701) 462-8541 or

email to baknutson@nd.gov.

# Gardening Resolutions for 2022

## **DAKOTA GARDENER**

### By Esther E. McGinnis. Horticulturist NDSU Extension

January is a great time to reflect on the previous year's gardening successes and failures. This can lead to resolutions to improve gardening practices or to just try something new. To help you in setting resolutions, consider adopting one or more of the following suggestions.

Try growing a different cultivar of vegetable or herb. If you have always grown 'Straight Eight' cucumber, experiment with a slender burpless cucumber called 'Summer Dance'. You won't be sorry. Personally, my resolution is to plant an Austrian heirloom lettuce called 'Flashy Trout Back'. I am enamored of the green leaves with maroon speckles. The plants are so ornamental that it is almost a shame to harvest the leaves.

Start an herbal tea garden. Teas can be made from herbs such as mint, lemon balm. lavender and chamomile. This is a fun project that can be planted in containers if space is limited. If your lawn is looking tough, raise the deck on your lawn mower to 3 inches. Maintaining a taller lawn height is beneficial for its

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health. A longer grass blade corresponds to a deeper root system which is more drought tolerant. In addition, taller grass can prevent the germination of certain weed seeds.

Save money by doing fewer lawn herbicide applications. Every year, I see my neighbors spraying their lawn weeds in mid-summer. This is really a waste. Summer lawn applications are the least effective because the weeds are growing vigorously. Spraying in September is the most effective because the weeds are at their most vulnerable.

Install a rain barrel. Last summer's drought reminded us how precious water is. Rain barrels are designed to catch rainwater falling on the roof as it exits the downspout. This water can be used to irrigate ornamental gardens and trees.

Incorporate a native flowering plant or two or three into your ornamental garden. Native plants are more likely to support pollinators such as butterflies and bees. Swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) and meadow blazing star (Liatris ligulistylis) are two beautiful flowering plants that will attract monarchs.

landscape. Most people's landscapes are quite boring in fall. However, if you add an aster, hardy mum or fall blooming anemone to your garden, your neighbors will notice your gardening prowess.

Teach a child how to garden. Of all the resolutions, this may be the most important. As society has transitioned from rural to urban and suburban life, our children and grandchildren have lost touch with how food is produced. Introduce them to the art and science of gardening. You will be rewarded with kids that are more likely to eat fresh vegetables and to put down their cell phones.

Keep a garden journal in 2022. How many times have you grown a new vegetable cultivar but forgotten the name by next year? To ensure gardening success in the future, a simple garden journal will allow you to keep track of what worked and what didn't work.

Happy New Year!

For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at https://www.ndsu. edu/agriculture/extension/ county-extension-offices.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGES

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

### McLean tallies 10 inches of snow'

McLean County residents found themselves buried under up to 10 inches of snow this weekend as a storm interrupted the Christmas holiday.

According to the National Weather Service's Bismarck office, cities throughout McLean County received between 9 and 10 inches of snow between Saturday and Monday, with more snowfall in the northern part of the county.

Max tallied 01 inches by 8 a.m. Monday, as did Underwood. Surrounding cities including Garrison, W ashburn and Turtle Lake reported between 8 and 9.5 inches of snow over the weekend.

### McLean County Independent

### Isaak gets four life sentences

Chad Isaak will spend the remainder of his life behind bars after a judge sentenced him Tuesday to our consecutive life terms in prison.

Tearful and scattered applause broke out at the Morton County Courthouse Tuesday as Judge David Reich sentenced 47-year-old Isaak to life in prison for each of his four AA murder charges. Isaak, a Washburn chiropractor, was found guilty in August of the April 1, 2019 murders of RJR owner Robert Fakler and employees Adam Fuehrer, William Cobb and Lois Cobb.

### Central McLean News-Journal

### Utility fee increase forthcoming in the new year

Washburn residents who exceed the usage of 2,000 gallons of city water will see a slight uptick in their monthly bill, as well as the addition of a "membrane maintenance fee" which will affect all city stakeholders.

During the Dec. 13 Washburn City Commission meeting, Water & Sewer Commissioner Kollin Syverson proposed raising water rates from .004 cents to .005 cents per additional gallon for community members who consume 2,000 gallons or more of city water.

The base rate of \$40.05 for the first 2,000 gallons, he said, would remain unchanged.

### The Leader-News

# **CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, January 11** WAIA (Washburn Life) meeting next week at 12 pm (noon) at Washburn City Hall

The Washburn American Legion Victor B. Wallin Post #12 and Auxiliary will be meeting at the Memorial Building. There will be a 6:30 social with meetings at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Friday, January 14 Senior Potluck. Lewis and Clark Senior Center will hold its' monthly potluck, Friday, January 14, 2022. at noon. Mary Ann Beeks and Jeneen Loe will be our hosts. Come visit us and see what we are all about. New members are always welcome. Questions call Carol at 701-462-8106.

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

The Community Cupboard of Underwood will be open Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. All in need are welcome to recieve. 208 Lincoln Ave, 701-595-0320.

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

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Washburn Public Library - Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Underwood Public Library - Monday, Wednesday and Friday -10 a.m. to 3 p.m. -Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m

Turtle Lake Public Library - Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have a calendar submission please send to leadernews@ westriv.com and label "Calendar Event" in the subject line. Thanks!

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Jan. 10: Sausage & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes with margarine, pickled beets, strawberry apple sauce.

Jan. 11: Steak smothered in mushroom & onion sauce, mashed potato with gravy, creamed mixed vegetables, peaches.

Jan. 12: Lasagna, Italian veg. blend, side salad with dressing, bread stick, mixed fruit.

Jan. 13: Roast turkey, mashed potato with gravy, corn, pumpkin crunch.

Jan. 14: Chicken salad on a bun, soup, coleslaw, mixed fruit, pudding cup.

# Bringing the Grassroots Effort Together DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOOR

### 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 learnto-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.

Renee Tomala is a Dakota Edge Outdoors contributing writer and Pheasants Forever's North Dakota Sr. Regional Representative.



# William Guymer and the Mazama DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Dakota Datebook by Scott vessels steered cleared of them, Nelson

January 13, 2022 -William Guymer was born at Jamestown, North Dakota, in 1925. After graduating from Jamestown High, Bill entered the US Navy in March of 1943 during World War II. After basic training, Guymer became a Gunnery Mate and was assigned to the USS Mazama.

The Mazama was a large Navy ammunition ship that served in the Pacific. Navy ammunition ships were named after volcanoes mountains that could explode. Ammunition ships could do the same. The Mazama was named after Mount Mazama, a collapsed volcano in the Cascade Range in Oregon.

Duty on ammunition ships was not very desirable. Because of the ordinance they carried, they were known for spectacular explosions that would also wipe out anything in the vicinity. As a result, unless they were loading munitions on other ships, most and they often anchored off by themselves.

The Mazama participated in the battle of the Philippines and Leyte Gulf. While anchored at Ulithi Atoll, Guymer witnessed the first successful attack of a Kaiten, a Japanese manned suicide torpedo, which sank a fleet oiler on November 20, 1944. By December 1 the Mazama headed to Espirito Santo to replenish her munition stores. Fully loaded, she returned to Ulithi on January 5, 1945.

While at anchor on January 12, another Kaiten got by the submarine nets and was sighted off the Mazama's starboard quarter. Minutes later the Mazama was rocked by a terrific blast that blew her bow out of the water. By some miracle, the ammunition in her hold did not detonate.

overboard.

On this date in 1945, Guymer, along with his crewmates, were desperately trying to save their ship, caulking and plugging burst hull seams. The Mazama was eventually able to limp back to San Francisco for major repairs. By June, Bill and the Mazama were headed back to the war with 5000 tons of ammunition, remaining in the battle zone 'til the war ended.

Bill Guymer left the Navy in 1946, came back to North Dakota, got an associate degree in mechanics and business in Wahpeton, married Carol Jett and had two children. He passed away in 2014.

"Dakota Datebook" is a radio series from Prairie Public in partnership with the State Historical Society of North Dakota and with funding from the North Dakota Humanities Council. See all the Dakota Datebooks at prairiepublic. org, subscribe to the "Dakota" Datebook" podcast, or buy the Dakota Datebook book at shopprairiepublic.org.

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The Mazama was severely damaged and started taking on water. Pumps were engaged to counteract flooding and munitions were transferred to other ships. Tons of damaged munitions were dumped







BY NICK SIMONSON DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

The whir of wings on the far side of the stand of pines caught my attention as my hardworking lab sniffed out the row's only resident. From the sound and the urgency, I guessed it was a pheasant as we had put three hens up on the walk down the valley, before turning our backs to the wind and wandering up the hillside.

While I never saw it, my mind was comfortable on this final walk of the year in presuming it was of the fairer sex that seemed to exclusively inhabit the near side of the wildlife management area. At the end

# **OUR OUTDOORS** Trail's End

nothing in particular. They curled around the stalks of the brushy cluster of berry plants, now bare from winter's winds stripping their graygreen leaves and the small white beads of fruit had been long lost to the frost.

Like the trail of a bumblebee in a child's drawing, the path looped over and around itself, showing the haphazard walk the upland creature had made in the drifted snow now covering the vegetation. I shrugged as I traced it into the drift, where it disappeared, without wing or tail marks to signify a takeoff or landing. They simply vanished into the white of the crest rising out of the frozen plants.

Then it hit me. Snow from the drift exploded all around me as if I had triggered some sort of bomb buried within the depths of the white wind-forged wall. It continued to rise and swirl as wingbeats pounded and threw a sparkling smokescreen up while a chuckling covey of sharptailed grouse took flight so close I could have hit two of them with the barrels of my over-under.

In the second it took to figure out what was going on and mount the little scattergun, I replayed those stories relayed from mentors in outings long past, about how late in the season, they had experienced the same moment: exploding snowbanks, beating wings, laughing birds, and a feeling of bewilderment that sometimes stunned them to the point they were unable to shoot. Had it not been for the fact it was late in a season filled with many successful hunts and once again warm enough to walk in my light jacket over my sweatshirt, both factors played to my advantage and allowed the butt of my small shotgun to find its home between my chest and shoulder.

Overriding the adrenaline and excitement, the shot I could muster rang true and my dog was quickly on the downed sharptail at the far side of the drifted brushy stretch. Stunned, I cautiously wandered through the area, seeing the grouses' tracks now amidst the deep holes in the snowbank and my lab's bounding footprints, expecting yet another covey to rise.

Receiving the sharpie from my dog, I looked it over. In late season splendor, its plumes of black, brown, gray and white were full and thick and for its sacrifice I promised to honor it as the last bird of the season and craft from its coat a series of flies for spring crappie and trout fishing on the small lake down at the end of the brushy drain which led to the impoundment.

I congratulated my dog as the last of the rush wore off and we turned back toward the truck as the late afternoon sun of the final day of the hunting season guided us through the quiet snow and an exciting end to another memorable season ... in our outdoors.

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drag of whitetail deer through

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them as the markings of the just-

escaped hen as I waited for my

dog to finish up his double-back

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# The year ahead **DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS**

### BY NICK SIMONSON, DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

The new year brings with it countless resolutions by those looking to improve their lives through the achievement of mindfulness, the loss of a few pounds, or to educate themselves in some new area. The same can be said for those in the outdoors.

Whether it's fishing or hunting or a skill related to either, the turn of the calendar provides an opportunity to reflect on past accomplishments, set new goals for the next 12 months, and push the boundaries of what we know and want to know. Getting from where we were to where we are to where we want to be comes with a plan, and there are many tools to help hunters and anglers along that learning curve.

### Where You Been?

From the first splashdown of a red-and-white bobber over a school of bluegills as a kid, to last summer's personal best walleye, the history of where you've been as an angler helps set the stage for where you will go. Taking stock of all the great catches, the amazing memories, the waters big and small, the stories and the people who were there with you will prepare vou for wherever vou want to end up. Make a list of every species you've caught in a life list and identify, if you can recall, the biggest of each. With that, your fishing life list is complete. But the adventure is far from over. From there, you can plan next year's journeys. Are there opportunities to catch a bigger largemouth bass? Is there a lake you've been looking at as a prime place to hook your first muskie? Is there a blank space you'd like to fill with a species you haven't connected with?

Make it a point to set those opportunities up and put plans in motion to accomplish those experiences in 2022. Through scouting, online and field research, and maybe a little bit of luck, adding to that list or upping the standard is possible in the next few months.

### Write That Down

Whether in pursuit of those objectives for the coming year, or just enjoying time on the water or in the field, keeping track of it all provides a great way to catalog the memories. Better yet, beginning an outdoors journal helps record those successful trips and put the conditions, locations, presentations and approaches in perspective to build better plans for the future.

When things come together, note what worked and theories as to why. What was the moon phase when the fishing was good? What way was the wind coming from when walking that favorite stretch of pheasant grass? What spring food plot planting paid off for a successful deer hunt in the fall? Answering those questions and more, and keeping tabs on the seasonal changes, adjustments in techniques and the failures and the successes that result will add up in each season's journal and in those compiled in the years to come. Whether they are just an anthology of adventure or end up detailing those secret lures on the water and successful spots tucked away on a favorite stretch of land, they'll be a bit like that adage about planting a tree — the best time to start one was 20 years ago, the secondbest time is now.

many ways to catch fish, hunt birds, chase game and sharpen the skills that make all those things happen, and to do so with greater success. Whether it's making the leap from a standard spinning reel to the fly rod, abandoning the tree stand for spot-and-stalk deer hunting, target shooting with the shotgun, rifle or bow, or taking aim at coyote hunting, there are many means to successful ends for those fish and game you're familiar with, and those that you might not be as knowledgeable about.

Take the things you've learned in your other pursuits and apply them to new methods of hunting and angling. Talk to experienced outdoors enthusiasts in these new niches via social media or face to face to learn more and then apply their wisdom on the water or in the field. Learn from every experience, and as discussed above, write down those things that worked, those that didn't and what happened

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### **Push Your Boundaries**

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Don't miss out on the opportunities all 12 collections of blank boxes provide to stretch and explore, to push on and put down on paper those things that change your perceptions of nature and the quarries you pursue and the way you pursue them. Make this year the one where you take stock of all the wonder you've experienced and that you'd like to see.

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