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Nate Runningen	264	-	696
Ben Schultz	248	-	674
Jeff Haugen	-	-	673
John Runningen	247	-	664

Trivia Johnny Carson served on what ship during WWII?
Pennsylvania Wisconsin Ohio

Trivia The Minneapolis Lakers NBA team moved to Los Angeles in what year?
1959 1961 1963

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

By Bev Johnson, WOT Master Gardener

There are always a few people one finds that are nearly impossible to buy gifts for. Gardeners are not among them. One of the easiest gifts is a gift certificate from their favorite nursery. Yes, they are all closed now, but a note that a gift certificate is coming as soon as the place opens will do the trick. But, you say, I want to get a more personal gift. Here are a few tried and true suggestions.

A Smart Pot. This is a bag made of lightweight black fabric. It is a foot tall and 3 feet wide. It will hold 6 square feet of soil and gives you just over 7 square feet of growing space. It is sold for about \$30.00. It's perfect if your gardener has had problems with gophers and moles. At the end of the season, simply dump out the soil and fold it up for re-use next year.

If you are looking for a planter with a bit more substance, one that could sit on a deck, there is the EarthBox garden kit. This is perfect for beginning gardeners as it comes with fertilizer, dolomite to mix with your soilless mix, a mulch cover, and instructions. The self-watering reservoir holds 3 gallons of water and automatically gives your plants the proper amount of fertilizer and water. This is more expensive, about \$85.00. The EarthBox is made of UV stabilized plastic that won't fade or become brittle. It has casters on its legs and is reusable. It's 11 inches tall, 14 wide and 29 long. It holds 2 cubic feet of soil. It would work well for a tomato, eggplant pepper or cucumber. You could probably plant one melon or one squash in it.

The experienced gardener would probably appreciate a soil analyzer. One is described as a 4-way analyzer. This little beauty measures light, moisture, soil PH and soil fertility. The

directions include PH range, requirements for over 350 plants and easy to follow guidelines for soil correction based on USDA standards. The light level measures the light level where the plant is located. Moisture is measured at root level. This must run on fairy dust as no batteries are required. It does have a one-year warranty, however. The best part is that it's only \$18.00. All these are found in the Jung seed catalog.

Tools are always welcome, especially if the ones your gardener is using are junk. All gardeners need a good stainless steel hand trowel, and a trenching shovel. The long narrow blade is perfect for digging out deep rooted plants. Add a potato fork. This can dig up bulbs, loosen soil, or pry up plants. They need a garden rake and a leaf rake. If possible, tools should have fiberglass handles. That way, if they do forget and leave the tool out in the rain, they won't get splinters from the handle next time they use it. Fiberglass handles are usually bright colored, so they are easier to find than the wood handled types. If they grow roses, there are special gloves with a long sleeve that protects the arm from thorns. A good fitting leather glove helps prevent blisters. Short waterproof boots are easier to clean dirt and mud off than shoes are. If your gardener starts their own plants, get them a heat tape. The type for starting seeds has a thermostat that prevents the heat from getting too hot and cooking the roots of their new babies. Or you can go all out and get your favorite gardener a greenhouse. For a commercial one, prices range from \$3,000.00 to atmospheric. Ouch!

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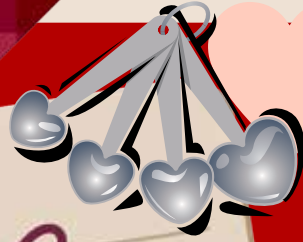
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Christmas Gumdrops Nougat

2 Tablespoons unsalted sweet cream butter
24 ounces white chocolate chips
20 ounces mini marshmallows
1 cup red dot candy, cut in half
1 cup green dot candy, cut in half

1. Line a 9x9 baking dish with parchment paper.
2. Using a double boiler, melt the butter, white chocolate chips, and marshmallows.
3. Gradually stir the mixture until fully melted and smooth.
4. Remove from heat and mix in the cut dots.
5. Pour mixture into the baking dish. Sprinkle a few dots on top.
6. Allow to cool and sit out to room temperature overnight.
7. Once set, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces. Store in an air-tight food storage container.

Christmas Peppermint Pie

1 Oreo pie crust
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
2 packages cream cheese, softened (8 oz packages)
10 drops red food coloring
2 teaspoons vanilla essence
1 teaspoon peppermint flavoring
1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy
1 tub cool whip
Crushed peppermint candies for garnish

1. Whip the heavy cream until stiff peaks form.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the powdered sugar and cream cheese until smooth. Add the food coloring, vanilla extract, and peppermint extract. Mix until the color is uniform and well combined. Finally, fold in the 1/2 cup of peppermint candy bits.
3. Gently add the cream cheese mixture to the bowl of whipped heavy cream. Using low speed on your mixer, blend the two mixtures together until they are thoroughly combined and smooth.
4. Pour mixture into an Oreo crust, spreading out evenly.
5. Top the pie with cool whip then sprinkle with crushed peppermint candies. Chill for 1 to 2 hours before serving.

A Seasonal Staple No Holiday Dinner Table Should Go Without

Certain foods are synonymous with particular times of year. Who can resist an ice cream cone in mid-summer? Or turn down a piece of apple pie on a fall afternoon?

Come the holiday season, many dishes reappear to excite the palates of people celebrating with family and friends. Perhaps no dish is more of a holiday season staple than stuffing. As families prepare to gather around the dinner table this holiday season, celebrants can find a place for this "Bread Stuffing With Vegetables" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Bread Stuffing With Vegetables

Makes 8 servings

Non-stick cooking spray, for the pan
3 tablespoons cooking oil
4 stalks celery, washed, trimmed and chopped
2 medium onions, peeled and chopped
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and finely chopped
4 cups dried whole grain bread cubes
1 tablespoon dried sage leaves, crushed
1 teaspoon marjoram
1/2 cup low-sodium turkey or chicken broth
Salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Coat a 9 x 13-inch pan or casserole dish with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Heat cooking oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add celery, onions and carrots. Sauté until tender crisp, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute longer.
3. Place cubed bread in a large bowl. Sprinkle with dried sage and marjoram, tossing to distribute spices. Add sautéed vegetables to the bread mixture and drizzle mixture with broth, stirring to distribute.
4. Transfer stuffing to prepared pan, season with salt and pepper and cover with aluminum foil. Bake for about 30 minutes or until heated through. Serve.



SWEDISH MEATBALLS



FOR SAUCE

3 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup flour
2 cups beef broth (or equivalent water + beef bouillon)
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon cardamom
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS

Using your hands, mix all meatball ingredients except for olive oil in a large mixing bowl. Take a heaping tablespoon full of the mixture and form into a ball. Repeat until all mixture has been used.

Pour enough olive oil to lightly coat the bottom of a large frying pan. Fry meatballs in batches over medium-high heat. Turn meatballs to ensure even browning. Fry to 7 to 8 minutes, until center is cooked.

Set cooked meatballs on a paper towel-lined plate. Cover with tin foil to retain heat.

Once all meatballs have been cooked, make the sauce. Don't clean out the frying pan. Turn heat down to medium. Add butter and flour and whisk until the mixture browns. Add beef broth, cream, milk, soy sauce, sugar, and seasonings. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens.

Once sauce is thick, add meatballs. Stir to evenly coat. Cook for a few minutes, until meatballs are hot again. Garnish with chopped chives or parsley.

FOR MEATBALLS

2 pounds ground beef (85 or 90 percent lean)
1/3 cup saltine cracker crumbs
1 egg
1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
2 beef bouillon cubes, broken up
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1 teaspoon pepper
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Curtis "Curt" F. Bergerson



Curtis Franklin Bergerson, 87, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, passed away on November 24, 2024 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls. He was born in Dalton, Minnesota on September 17, 1937, to parents Clinton and Florence, and graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1955. Curt met Sharon Mauer at the bowling alley in Fergus Falls and they were married on April 8, 1961. They lived and raised their family in Fergus Falls for over 56 years until Sharon's death in 2017.

As a young man Curt participated in 4-H, Boy Scouts, tinkering on cars, working at the Skelly gas station in Dalton all while developing life-long friends. Curt joined the National

Guard as a senior in high school and went on to proudly serve in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958 while stationed in Washington, DC. The majority of his working days were with Sherwin Williams and the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Curt took great joy in participating and working at the annual Dalton Threshing Bee. Curt was a long-time member and officer of the Elks Club. In his retirement, Curt was honored to serve as President of the Walk of Flags in Fergus Falls, a role he held with pride for over 11 years.

Curt cherished his family and friends, and they cherished him. This included weekly coffee with the guys, annual camping trips to Itasca and summers at the lake. Throughout the years he enjoyed woodworking, golfing, fishing, hunting, doing puzzles, playing bean bags and watching the MN Twins. Of course, we can't forget two of his favorites: going to the casino and playing 31. He'll be remembered most for his helpfulness, patience, sense of humor and friendly personality. Most of all for being an amazing Dad and Grandpa!

Curt was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon, his parents and brother, Arvid (Bud) Bergerson.

Curt is survived by his children, Pam (Mike) Medvec, Carmen Kilde, Candace (Mike) Mielke, Staci (Pete) LaPlante, Kevin (Becky) Bergerson; grandchildren, Matt (Dana) Kilde, Lance Kilde, Tyler Mielke, Gabrielle Mielke, Bridget Mielke, Cody (Enya) Abbott, Chelsey Abbott, Jake Bergerson, and Max Bergerson; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Lexi, Caleb, Lucas, Jackson, Marcus, Luke and Liam; sister, Lorna Kennedy; and lots of extended family.

Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association or charity of your choice.

Visitation: 3-5 p.m., Sunday, December 1, 2024, at Olson Funeral and Cremation in Fergus Falls with visitation resuming one-hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial Service: 11:30 a.m., Monday, December 2, 2024, at Olson Funeral and Cremation Chapel in Fergus Falls. Military Rites by Fergus Falls VFW Post 612 and Fergus Falls American Legion Post 30

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 From: Detroit Lakes, MN, formerly of Silver Bay, MN
 Passed Away: Mon., Nov. 25
 Where: Ecumen Nursing Home, Detroit Lakes, MN
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 Memorial Service: Sat., Dec. 7, 2pm
 Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN
 Burial to follow at Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN
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Robbie L. Cummings

Age: 40
 From: Perham, MN
 Passed Away: Thurs., Nov. 28
 Where: At his home
 Celebration of Life Open House: Thurs., Dec. 5, 12-2pm
 Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, New York Mills, MN
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4:00pm	Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at Zion Sarpsborg Church followed by a Soup & Sandwich Supper	<i>Saturday, December 21</i>	
6-8:00pm	Horse-Drawn Wagon and Dalton Express Train Rides at the Community Center along with Hot Chocolate and Cider while visiting with Santa in the Memorial Building	6-8:00pm	One last chance to tell Santa what you want for Christmas! See him in the Memorial Bldg while you sip on hot chocolate and cider. Horse-drawn wagon and Dalton Express Train rides at the Community Center.

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