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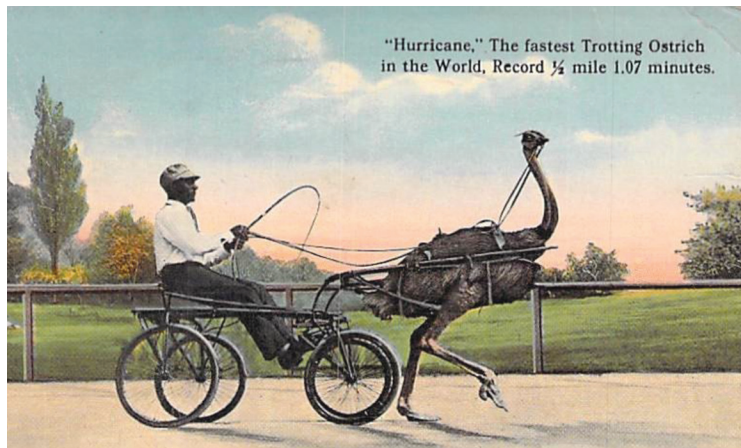
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Entrance to the Putnam County Fair Grounds 1908.



"Hurricane," The fastest Trotting Ostrich in the World, Record ¼ mile 1.07 minutes.

1908 - The famous "Hurricane"

Long before Putnam County was formed, the area was part of the Great Black Swamp in Northwest Ohio.

Once drained, it evolved into prime farmland, making the annual County Fair a crucial outlet for local farmers to showcase their crops and livestock.

The Putnam County Fair in Ottawa, Ohio's, roots trace back to the post-Civil War era dating back to 1855, when it was held on

the north edge of Gilboa, Ohio.

It featured 2 days of make-shift pens, which were built by area farmers who had bought their own supplies with them, to build the pens.

Goods such as, agricultural and household items were displayed on make-shift tables, as well as horse racing for all to enjoy.

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# Poor Will's Farmland News Almanack

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## June 10 - 16

### Poor Will's Almanack For the Third Week of Early Summer

*And what is so rare as a day in June?  
Then, if ever, come perfect days;  
Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,  
And over it softly her warm ear lays:*

James Russell Lowell

### The Phases of the Moon

- May 31:** The Fledgling Moon is Full.
- June 8:** The Moon enters its final quarter.
- June 14:** The Firefly Moon is new.
- June 21:** The Moon enters its second quarter.
- June 29:** The Moon is full.

### Sun Time:

By the end of the first week of June, the sun has reached a declination of 22 degrees 44 minutes. How close to solstice is that? Well, solstice declination is 23 degrees 26 minutes.

### The Stars

In the late evening, Arcturus in the constellation Bootes is the brightest light directly overhead.

Scorpius is centered in the southern sky and dominates it until early July.

Orion is high in the south at noon, promising the Dog Days.

### The Weather of the Week Ahead

The second week of June always brings an increase in the likelihood of highs in the 90s, and the average percentage of afternoons in the 80s rises above the average percentage of 70s for the first time in the year.

Highs in the cold 60s are rare, occurring just five percent of the days.

This week also brings more sunshine than almost any other week so far in the year: 85 percent of the days have at least partly cloudy skies.

And the week also contains the second-driest day of the month, June 10th, which brings a shower only ten percent of the years.

The 13th and 14th are also usually dry, both having just a 20 percent chance of rain.

The wettest days in the period are June 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th, each having a 40 percent chance of rain.

Between June 8th and 11th, the average temperature rise slows to one degree in four days instead of Late Spring's one degree in three.

Then, between the 15th to the 19th, it climbs just one degree in five days, reaching its summer zenith.

### In the Field and Garden

Now is the time for insect infestations to reach the economic threshold. Look for rose

chafers and two-spotted spider mites on your rose bushes. Cucumber beetles eat the vines of the cucumbers and melons.

Gather cherries, mulberries, and black raspberries in the mild June days. Fertilize asparagus and rhubarb as their seasons end. Sidedress the corn.

Plant root crops as the moon wanes this week. Harvest strawberries at full moon for maximum juice (unless rains have been heavy).

Harvest canola, commercial broccoli and squash. Consider putting in double-crop soybeans after the wheat is cut.

The second week of June often brings a heat wave. And that means extra attention to cleanliness in the barn and yard will pay off in fewer flies.

Plan ahead to supplement late fall and early winter grazing when quality and quantity of forage declines.

And plan to sell chicken, lamb and chevon for Father's Day cookouts.

If the ventilation system in your outbuildings is inadequate, put in a fan this summer.

It will give you improved air quality control throughout the year.

Mix medicinal herb seeds when you are seeding the pasture.

Some favorites are borage, chicory, horehound, marjoram, rosemary, sage, tansy and yarrow.

To help control insects, plant or purchase flowers to increase the bird population.

Flowers are also great in your roadside stand! And flowers in your yard announce prosperity.

When you shear or worm or clip hooves, keep your flock or herd together. One animal isolated in a pen can be hard to catch, may panic and hurt itself.

### For June Natural Calendar

Painted turtles and box turtles are laying eggs. On Lake Erie, walleye fishing is usually at its best.

Winter wheat in the Lower Midwest is almost all headed by this date, and about a third of the crop is turning from green to gold.

The first cut of alfalfa hay is almost complete in an average year along the 40th Parallel east of the Mississippi.

Most of the corn, soybeans and sunflowers have been planted.

In the fields, bottle grass and timothy are sweet.

Acorns have formed on the oaks.

Droopy lizard's tail flowers in ponds and streams.

### Journal

Orion is the easy gauge of winter, rising with the Milky Way on November evenings, filling the southern sky throughout the night all winter, finally disappearing late in April.

As Orion waxes, all of the pieces of summer recede; as that constellation wanes, each piece returns.

The Summer Triangle is the stellar gauge of summer.

It is a parallel marker to Orion that clocks the unfolding of the leaves and flowers.

Accompanied by the opposite end of the Milky Way, it appears on the evenings of May. Its triple constellations, Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila, contain three prominent capstone stars, Vega, Deneb and Altair, which form a giant triangle.

When all these stars come up after dark, the canopy of leaves is complete all along the 40<sup>th</sup> Parallel.

Mock orange and peonies and iris blossom in the gardens, morning birdsong swells, strawberries ripen, sweet clover is open by the roadsides, and goslings enter adolescence.

When Vega, Deneb and Altair are positioned overhead at midnight, then the birds are quiet, ragweed pollen is in the air, blackberries are sweet, hickory nuts and black walnuts are falling, katydids and cicadas and late crickets are singing, rose of Sharon colors the garden.

When leaves are turning throughout the nation and the last wildflowers have completed their cycles, then Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila set in the west after sundown, leading the Milky Way through Cassiopeia and Perseus, dividing the heavens into equal halves, for an instant holding in balance summer and winter, linking the Summer Triangle with Orion rising again

### ALMANACK LITERATURE

#### *The Designing Rooster* By Mrs. D. L. Polly

When I was a little girl, we lived on a farm and my parents raised chickens. The chickens were confined to a large fenced-in area, which, by the way, included our outhouse.

Now maybe that (the outhouse in the chicken yard) doesn't seem like any major thing to most people. But to me, it was a disaster.

We had one ornery rooster in our flock of chickens. He paid no mind to the rest of the family, but he delighted in picking on me. Many was the day I had to run all the way to the outhouse and all the way back to the gate with the rooster in pursuit.

I did, however, usually make it back to the gate just a little ahead of him.

One day, though, it didn't happen quite that way. As I started back to the gate, I stuck my head out very carefully. Since the rooster was nowhere in sight, I stepped slowly out the door, carefully taking another glance around the yard.

Just then, there he came!

He had been hiding behind the outhouse just waiting for me.

I flew back through the door (into the outhouse), and had to wait for Mom - who finally rescued me.

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# The Power of Yes: How One Simple Word Can Change Your World

## Words of Inspiration

### By Pastor Chris Staup

*"I am the Lord's servant. May Your word to me be fulfilled."*  
(Luke 1:38)

Have you ever stopped to think about the weight of a single word?

Every day we are faced with the choices that shape our lives, our families, and our neighborhoods.

But there is one word in particular that holds a unique, quiet power to transform everything it touches: and that word is **"YES."**

In the Bible, in the Gospel of Luke tells the story of a young woman, a girl named Mary who received some earth shattering news.

An angel of the Lord appeared to her and told her that she would give birth to the Savior of the world.

It was a moment that had to be filled with questions, potential misunderstanding, and great responsibility.

And even then, in Luke 1:38, Mary offers this simple yet powerful response: *"I am the Lord's servant. May Your word to me be fulfilled."*

At that moment, Mary said "YES".

She did it without the detailed blueprint for her life or the guarantee of a smooth road ahead.

She simply trusted, and that one "YES" would soon change the course of human history.

Today, we have the same power found in that same word "YES" available to us.

When we say "YES" to God, to kindness, and to serving others, this beautiful ripple effect happens right where we live.

Now the greatest impact a lot of times starts in the smallest of places.

In our homes, saying "YES" looks like choosing patience when we're tired.

It means saying "YES" to putting down our phones and truly listening to our children or our spouses.

When we create this culture built on saying "YES" to grace and forgiveness, our homes change from stressful spaces into safe havens of peace.

In our church communities, a collective "YES" can move mountains.

It is easy for us to sit in our pews and figure someone else will step up.

But when we say "YES" to volunteering in the nursery, as a greeter, a reader, or joining a prayer group, the church comes ALIVE.

The things that YOU bring to the table are desperately needed.

By saying "YES" to serving, you are helping to build a faith community where no one will ever walk alone.

Imagine the shift in our small towns if we all looked for opportunities to say "YES" to our neighbors.

Things like saying "YES" to checking in on an elderly neighbor, saying "YES" to donating or helping in the local food pantry, or even saying "YES" to picking up trash in the local park.

A community that thrives isn't built on a few big projects; it is built

by hundreds of everyday people saying "YES" to a lot of small acts of local love.

Look, it's easy to watch the news of all that is happening around the world and feel completely helpless.

After all, the world's problems seem SO big, and our lives seem so small.

But history is formed through the threads of a multitude of individuals saying "YES."

When you say "YES" to compassion in your own backyard, you join in this global chorus of hope.

A culture of kindness is contagious.

Your local "YES" inspires someone else to say "YES", creating a chain reaction that breaks down borders and spans across oceans.

Mary's response in Luke 1:38 reminds us that we don't need to have all the answers before we step out.

We just need an open and willing heart.

This week, challenge yourself to look for your "YES."

Don't worry about changing the whole planet overnight.

Just start in your kitchen or your living room, step out into your neighborhood, look for opportunities in your workplace, and watch how a little bit of willingness can bring light to not just the room you're in, but to the whole world.

*Be a blessing and be blessed...*  
Chris FN



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# Blast From The Past...

**TRANQUILIZING GEMS**  
1975  
By Dennis Roth

Some say, "Where there's a will there's a way, but not always happy relatives."

One trait that rarely exists in men, women, or children is silence.

If you want to double your money don't deposit it in your rocking chair.

Troubles soon begin when we put false gods ahead of God.

A father should start his threshing machine when his son starts to sow wild oats.

When a woman wants something out of her purse, it's usually at the bottom. Why not make one with the zipper in the bottom.

Many storms begin after the bride reigns.

You have never heard of anyone striking because he wanted a raise in the wages of sin.

Before you get a promotion, there first must be plenty of motion.

You read much on what to do after retirement and little up to that time.

A complainer gets boring, but so do those who agree with everything you say.

**VINTAGE KIDS' KITCHEN 1996**

## Breakfast Party Pizza

- 1/2 lb ground pork
- 1 to 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 English muffins, split in half
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce

- Mixing bowl and spoon
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Knife
- Skillet
- Help from Mom and Dad

- Brown the pork in the skillet, drain.
- Add cheese, pizza sauce and oregano to pork.
- Spread butter, then pork mixture on muffin halves.
- Top with cheese.
- Broil or microwave until cheese melts.

## SHOP HINTS

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YOU MAY NEED to prevent hogs from rooting under the feed troughs and overturning them. If this is your problem, a few turns of barbed wire can be stapled along the under-side of the trough.

IF CATTLE continually push out sliding barn doors from their tracks, an old horse shoe nailed to the frame will help keep the door in position.

WHEN CUTTING GLASS or marking guide lines on it attach a strip of electrician's rubber tape to the bottom of the yardstick. The tape will keep the straight edge firm and prevent one of those costly slips.

WHEN A STEEL BRUSH becomes dull and the wire ends are rounded, grind it on an emery wheel. The brush works almost like new and can be made to last much longer.

HERE IS A WAY to start a nut in a hard-to-get-at spot where you can't afford to drop the nut. Run the nut down a piece of wire which has been pointed and shaped. Hold the wire steady against the end of the bolt until the nut is started on the thread.

SANDPAPER glued to the face of a miter gauge will prevent the stock from shifting and increase the accuracy of the cut.

NOW THAT BLEACH comes in plastic containers, take a used one clean it well, and cut off the top of the plastic bottle to make a funnel. Use the gallon-size container for the large jobs, and there are small sizes for other purposes.

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# Divine Intervention

## *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

by Ron Bliss

I once had the question posed to me, "Can you recall at any time in your life that you feel God intervened?"

Quickly I thought about it, and on the spur of the moment, I could not.

That was in the early days of what I refer to as my life journey as a Christian.

I think early on in most people's Christian journey, their life is a bit shallow in comparison to a time when they become deeply committed.

You go to church, you profess your belief, you try to live right and six out of the seven days of each week you live in the realm of this world as opposed to a devout follower of Jesus.

For years I worked five days a week, had Saturday plans and took my family to church on Sunday...I thought that was being a Christian.

I'm sure there are many who agree with this summation, in retrospect, I do not.

As a teen I wrote a lot of poetry.

My desire was to become a lyricist of popular music, so my poetry consisted of mostly love poems.

As I became involved in my work and supporting my family I ceased writing.

In the 1970s we became more involved in church, and I began to write a little bit again, and then I stopped once more.

After I retired and delved deeply into writing poetry, I became more convicted.

I realized that all the preceding years I had neglected God.

I was going to church on Sunday and living for self the rest of the week.

When I finally acknowledged this to myself, my writing improved.

For the first time in my life, I felt like I was being led by the Holy Spirit.

I believe now, this is what

God wanted me to be doing and He was leading me.

Now, it's mostly what I want to be doing – serving Him.

On several occasions that question came back to me.

"Can you recall at any time in your life that you feel God intervened?"

Immediately two times popped into my mind.

I'm certain there have been many, but two instances ring clear.

The first time was about six years after we were married.

We had a Volkswagen Beetle and as most people know, these cars are very light vehicles.

We were taking my wife's aunt to Kentucky to visit relatives.

My wife and I were in the front seats, and she was in the back seat with my oldest son.

It was nighttime, very cold and it had rained.

What I did not realize is that there were some icy spots here and there on the roads.

Her aunt was a Christian lady and for some time she had been singing hymns, but as the weather worsened, I heard her utter a prayer.

I was coming down a hill and about to cross a bridge that spanned a creek when we struck a patch of ice.

The car started to fishtail and immediately I thought I was going to lose control.

Fear struck me and I thought, uh oh, this is it.

Amazingly, the car straightened up, and all was well.

My next thought was – how did that happen?

It certainly was not of my own doing.

At the time I passed it off and on we went.

That night came back to me many times as I wondered how on earth we came out of a spin that I felt was going to be disastrous.

The second time I felt God intervene, my wife

and I were in Hong Kong, China.

We were crossing what was probably the busiest thoroughfare in the city with about twenty other individuals.

We waited, curbside, for the traffic signal permitting us to cross.

In the middle of this street was a concrete island.

We crossed and then had to wait in the middle of the street on the island for another signal.

I was not aware of the required wait on the island and as soon as we got there I started to step into the street for the remainder of the crossing.

Just as I did, the gentleman next to me swung his arm around with full force and struck me in the chest and abdomen.

I would be lying if I said it didn't hurt but instantaneously a huge bus passed by.

There can be no doubt I would have been killed instantly by this high-speed vehicle had this man not done what he did.

God was there with me that day.

I have chosen the two most obvious situations where I felt that God intervened in my life.

But I now feel that in all my years, He's done so hundreds – no thousands of times.

And I think He has done so in your life as well.

Perhaps not on the scale as those I mentioned here, but he has directed my life and your life numerous times.

One last story I will share when He intervened.

It was March of 1958. I was in the Navy and was home for the weekend.

I had a date that my brother had set up for me.

A high school friend asked me to take him to Bowling Green at 10 pm so he could catch a bus as he was leaving for the army.

I told him I couldn't since I had a date.

His reply, "I will get a date; we can double and you can take me to Bowling Green and then take the two of them home.

I agreed.

The girl he was dating is now my wife of 66 plus years.

Did God intervene? ... I think He did and I am so blessed.

**Ron was born in McClure, Ohio, raised in Napoleon and has lived in Wauseon for the past 64 years. A Navy veteran, he worked in Quality Control at Campbell Soup Company for almost 37 years. He's been writing poems since he was in school and has self-published 21 books of poetry.**

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An AI picture of my wife and I done by my son.

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# 2026 Putnam County Fair Schedule

## Friday, June 19

9:00 a.m. - Fair Office  
Opens  
6:00 p.m. - Fair Office  
Closes

## Saturday, June 20

7:00 -10:00 a.m. - Race  
Horse Entries - Speed Of-  
fice  
8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Equine may begin arriving  
9:00 a.m. -Fair Office  
Opens  
4:00 p.m. - Parade Forms  
by Arrowhead Park  
6:00 p.m. - Fair Parade  
- Junior Fair after parade  
Silent Auction Set-up  
8:00 p.m. - Fair Office  
Closes

## Sunday, June 21

6:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon:  
Junior Fair animals may ar-  
rive on Fairgrounds  
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Race  
Horse Entries - Speed Office  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
-Junior Fair Rabbit & Poul-  
try Weigh-in before pen-  
ning  
11:00 a.m. - Fair Office  
opens  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
- 4-H Club booth set-up -  
Advisors put up club plac-  
ing ribbons in booth - Event



Center;  
12:00 Noon. - Junior Fair  
all non-livestock entries must  
be in place - Event Center  
Equine, Poultry & Rab-  
bits must be in place on the  
fairgrounds.  
12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. -  
Culinary, Needlework, An-  
tiques, Art & Agriculture  
entries to Event Center  
1:00 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Hogs, Sheep, Goats & Cat-  
tle must be in place on the  
fairgrounds;  
Junior Fair office opens  
1:15 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Barn Meeting for all Live-  
stock (Main Show Arena)  
2:00 p.m. - Junior Fair

Swine Weigh-in - North &  
South Hog Barns);  
Junior Fair Goat & Lamb  
Weigh-in - Goat & Sheep  
Barn  
3:30 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Dairy & Crossbred Feeder  
Calf Weigh-in - South Hog  
Barn;  
Junior Fair Beef Feed-  
er Weigh-in, followed by  
Dairy Steers and Market  
beef Weigh-in - North Hog  
Barn  
5:00 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Office Closes  
6:00 p.m. - Fair Office  
Closes

## Monday, June 22 Veteran's Day

*All veterans admitted  
FREE all day*  
*Sponsor: Putnam Coun-  
ty Veterans Services*  
7:00 a.m. - Gates Open  
8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Office Opens;  
Junior Fair Goat Show -  
Main Show Arena  
9:00 a.m. - Fair Office  
Opens;  
Junior Fair Horse/Pony  
Showmanship & Perform-  
ance Classes - Horse Arena  
12:00 Noon - Opening  
Ceremony - East side of  
Event Center  
3:30 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
4:00 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Sheep Show - Main Show  
Arena  
5:00 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Office Closes;  
Baked Goods Auction  
-Event Center  
6:00 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
6:30 p.m. - **Veterans  
Tribute** - Grandstand  
7:00 p.m. - **King &  
Queen Coronation** -  
Grandstand

7:15 p.m. - **March-  
ing Band Spectacular** -  
Grandstand  
8:30 p.m. - Family Circus  
Fun  
9:00 p.m. - Fair Office  
Closes  
11:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds  
Close

## Tuesday, June 23 Kid's Day

*All children 16 and un-  
der admitted FREE until  
4:00 p.m.*  
7:00 a.m. - Gates Open  
8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Office Opens;  
Junior Fair Dairy Feed-  
er, Crossbred Feeder and  
Dairy Steer Show - Main  
Show Arena  
8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Poultry/Fowl Show - Rab-  
bit/Poultry Show Arena  
9:00 a.m. - Fair Office  
Opens;  
Speed Office Opens  
10:00 a.m. - Open Class  
Flower Show Judging -  
Event Center  
11:00 a.m. Cloverbud  
Recognition -Entertainment  
Tent  
1:30 p.m. - **Kiddie Trac-  
tor Pull** - Grandstand  
2:00 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
3:00 p.m. - **Bicycle Give-  
A-Way** - Grandstand  
4:00 p.m.- Kid's Day Ad-  
mission Ends;  
Junior Fair Beef Feeder,  
Beef Breeding & Market  
Beef Show - Main Show  
Arena  
5:00 p.m. - Kid's Day  
Ride Special Ends  
Junior Fair Office Closes;  
**Harness Racing** - Grand-  
stand;  
Family Fun Circus  
6:00 p.m. - Little Mister  
& Miss Putnam County

Fair - Entertainment Tent  
7:00 p.m. - 4-H Style Re-  
view Show -Entertainment  
Tent;  
Delicious Desserts Chal-  
lenge - Event Center  
8:30 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
9:00 p.m. - Fair Office  
Closes  
11:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds  
Close

## Wednesday, June 24 Industrial Day

7:00 a.m. - Gates Open  
8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Office Opens  
- Junior Fair Swine Show  
- Main Show Arena  
8:30 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Rabbit Show - Rabbit &  
Poultry Show Arena  
9:00 a.m. - Fair Office  
Opens;  
Speed Office Opens; Ju-  
nior Fair Horse/Pony Per-  
formance Classes, Ground  
Roping & Contesting -  
Horse Arena  
3:30 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
5:00 p.m. - **Harness  
Racing** - Grandstand;  
Putnam Possibilities Bud-  
dy Show - Main Show Are-  
na; Junior Fair Office closes  
6:00 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
7:00 p.m. - Best of the  
Beef Challenge - Event  
Center; Junior Fair Feeder  
Calf Sale - Entertainment  
Tent;  
Decorated Animal Con-  
test - Main Event Arena  
8:00 p.m. - Junior Fair  
Barn Games - Main Show  
Arena  
8:30 p.m. - Family Fun  
Circus  
9:00 p.m. - Fair Office  
Closes  
11:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds  
Close

## Thursday, June 25 Senior Citizen's Day

*All Senior Citizens 62  
and older admitted FREE  
all day*  
7:00 a.m. - Gates Open  
8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair  
Office Opens;  
Bred and Fed Show  
-Main Show Arena  
9:00 a.m. - Fair Office Opens  
10:00 a.m. Open Class  
Flower Show Judging -  
Event Center; Junior Fair

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**FAIR SCHEDULE**

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Horse & Pony PAS Show - Horse Show Arena  
 3:30 p.m. - Family Fun Circus  
 4:00 p.m. - Kid's Dream Day- Racetrack  
 5:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Office Closes  
 6:00 p.m. - **Drag Races** - Grandstand;  
 Family Fun Circus  
 6:30 p.m. - Open Class Swine Show - Main Show Arena  
 7:00 p.m. - Heavenly Honey Challenge - Event Center  
 8:30 p.m. - Family Fun Circus  
 9:00 p.m. - Fair Office Closes  
 11:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds Close

**Friday, June 26**

**Ag Day**

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7:00 a.m. - Gates Open  
 8:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Office Opens; Junior Fair Premium Sale - Main Show Event  
 9:00 a.m. - Fair Office Opens  
 3:30 p.m. - Family Fun Circus  
 4:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Show of Showman Contest - Main Event Arena  
 5:00 p.m. - Junior Fair Office Closes

6:00 p.m. - Family Fun Circus; Junior Fair Versatility Horse Show - Horse Show Arena  
 7:00 p.m. - **Truck & Tractor Pulls** - Grandstand;

Perfectly Prepared Pork Challenge - Event Center  
 7:30 p.m. - T-102 Country Star Playoffs - Entertainment Tent;

Open Class Goat Show - Main Show Arena  
 8:30 p.m. - Family Fun Circus  
 9:00 p.m. - Fair Office Closes  
 12:00 Midnight - Fairgrounds Close

**Saturday, June 27**

**Family Day**

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7:00 a.m. - Gates Open  
 9:00 a.m. - Fair Office Opens  
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Election of Fair Directors -Area under Grandstand  
 11:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Horse Awards Program followed by Junior Fair Kids Fun Horse Show - Horse

# Land & Legacy

## Henry County Farm Bureau to Host "Ag Law After Hours" Event on June 16

**Henry County Farm Bureau**  
**Ag Law After Hours**  
 CONVERSATIONS WITH AG LAW LEGAL EXPERTS AND TAX PROFESSIONALS  
**June 16, 2026**  
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Napoleon, Ohio — The Henry County Farm Bureau invites area farmers and agricultural professionals to its upcoming "Ag Law After Hours" program on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**, at the **Ag Hall, Henry County Fairgrounds**.

This informative evening will feature conversations with agricultural law experts and tax professionals, offering practical guidance on today's most pressing farm business topics.

Doors will open at **6:00 p.m.**, with dinner served upon arrival.

Show Arena  
 12:00 Noon - Junior Fair Office Opens; Open Class Lamb Show - Main Show Arena  
 2:00 p.m. - Family Fun Circus  
 5:00 p.m. - Family Fun Circus;  
**Demolition Derby** - Grandstand;  
 Junior Fair Office Closes  
 6:00 p.m. - Line Dancing - Entertainment Tent  
 7:00 p.m. - Tasty Turkey Challenge - Event Center;  
 4-H Silent Auction Closes - Event Center;  
 Booth Cleanup  
 8:30 p.m. - Family Fun Circus

9:00 p.m. - Fair Office Closes  
 12:00 Midnight - Fair Ends  
**Sunday, June 28**  
 4:00 a.m. - Animal Load Out and Clean Pens  
 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. - 4-H Booth Tear down; Silent Auction Pick-up; Feeder calf Buyer Load-out  
 9:00 a.m. - Fair Office Opens  
 10:00 a.m. Junior Fair Board Fair Clean-up - Main Show Arena  
 12:00 Noon - Fair Office Closes

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The program will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with a "fireside chat"-style discussion designed to encourage engagement and direct interaction with experts.

This year's event will feature knowledgeable legal and tax professionals addressing key issues such as farm corporate structure, land and asset transfers, farm leases, and other critical topics impacting today's agricultural operations. Attendees are encouraged to actively participate and bring their questions for discussion.

A highlight of the evening is the opportunity for participants to **submit questions in advance** by scanning the QR code on event materials or by calling the Farm Bureau office at **419-445-0723**, ensuring that specific concerns can be addressed during the session.

The event is free for Farm Bureau members and available to non-members for a **\$20 registration fee**.

While RSVPs are requested, they are not required.

The Henry County Farm Bureau is building on the success of last year's program, which drew strong attendance and high praise from participants and industry observers alike.

Following the 2025 event, Ohio Ag Net shared the following feedback:

"A 'hats off' to the Henry County Farm Bureau, who hosted their 'Ag Law After Hours' program last evening.

About 70 farmers gathered from Henry, Fulton, Defiance, and Williams Counties to hear a panel of statewide ag law experts discuss and answer questions from the group.

I would rate it as one of the best ag programs I have attended in a while.

Very timely and practical information was shared and a lot of good discussion followed."

With continued support from partners including Ohio State University Extension and Farm Credit Mid-America, this year's program aims to once again deliver valuable, real-world insights to the farming community.

For more information or to submit questions in advance, contact the Henry County Farm Bureau at **419-445-0723**.

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Commemorative photo in 1915 of some individuals who attended the first fair in 1855.

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cal agricultural societies, the event has over the years evolved from a small 2 day gathering of local produce and livestock into a premier annual celebration of rural heritage, youth, and community, and has grown immensely since its early agricultural roots to become a cornerstone event spanning into a massive five-day summer event featuring 4-H competitions, carnival rides and local food, just to name a few things featured at the gathering.

**KEY MILESTONES AND HISTORY**

• **1855:** The first Putnam County Fair was established.

• **The “Pioneer” Roots:**

Early community agricultural and pioneer gatherings were initially held in Kalida (the original county seat), or Gilboa and neighboring towns.

The Putnam County Pioneer Association was formed in 1873 and eventually evolved into the Putnam County Historical Society.

• **Agricultural Roots:**

The fair’s earliest iteration focused on bringing local farmers and soldiers together to showcase livestock, fine wagons, and household goods.

• **Mid-Century Shift:**

The county fair eventually settled permanently in Ottawa, Ohio, where it has continued to expand as a major regional gathering.

• **Era of Growth:**

The fairgrounds on South Jefferson Avenue have been

the heart of the community for generations, serving as a hub for both livestock showcasing and still projects.

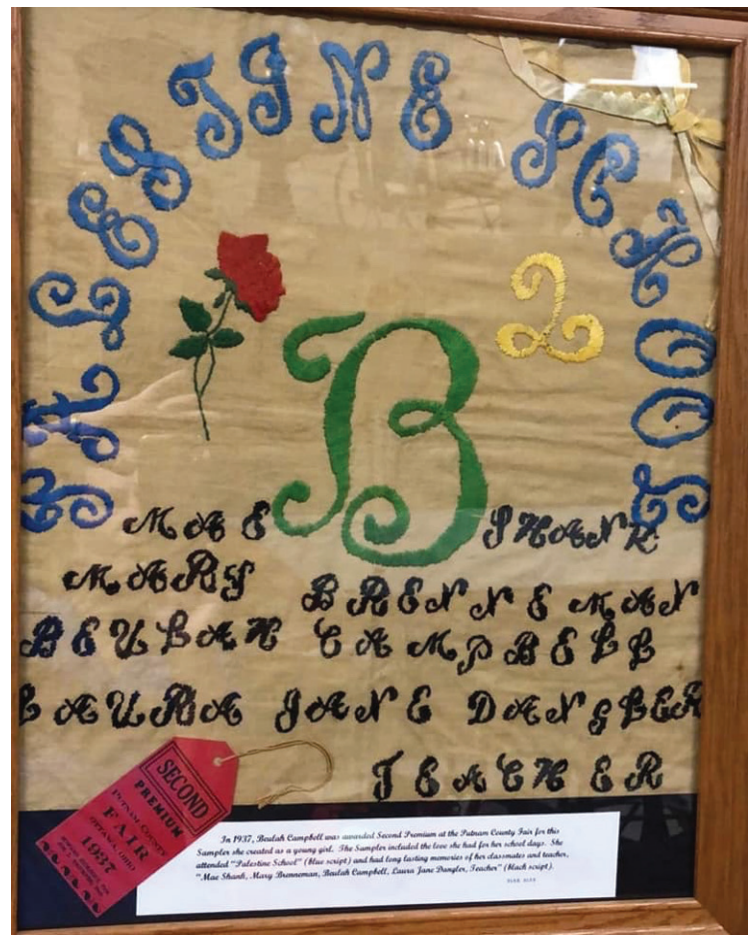
• **The Pandemic Interruption:** In 2020, the full fair was canceled for the first time since 1855, though modified junior fair events (and a King and Queen coronation) were held.

**MODERN FAIRGROUNDS**

• Today, the fair is held at the Putnam County Fairgrounds in Ottawa.

The event runs over several days in late June or early July, featuring bell-ringing ceremonies, carnival midways, and extensive agricultural showcases.

The local Putnam County Fair Agricultural Society works alongside the Putnam County OSU Extension to coordinate and adminis-



In 1937 Sampler made by Beulah Campbell which took 2nd place premium.

ter the Junior Fair and 4-H leadership activities.

• The Putnam County Fair is a deeply historic summer event that has celebrated local agriculture and community traditions for well over a century.

• Governed by the Putnam County Fair Board, it traditionally features junior fair animal exhibitions, harness racing, and entertainment at the Ottawa fairgrounds.

**MODERN UPGRADES (2009–2024)**

The fairgrounds received significant modern enhancements, including the addition of an Ag Village in 2009.

In 2015, the Fairgrounds Expo Hall was renovated, and a major \$5.5 million Event Center opened in time for the fair’s 169th edition in 2024 providing

a modernized venue to host fair exhibits, large-scale community meetings, and weddings, ensuring the fair remains a year-round asset for the county.

• **Agricultural Roots:** Putnam County is highly agricultural (over 93% of the county land is used for farming), so 4-H and FFA projects, livestock exhibitions, and animal shows are the backbone of the event.

• **Entertainment:** The fairgrounds host traditional grandstand events, a buzzing midway, and staples like “Kids Day” where younger attendees receive free admission.

• **Community Spirit:** The event is hosted by the Putnam County Fair Board and supported by local volunteers, offering an air-con-

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**1900's back side of Grand Stand**

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ditioned retreat in the Event Center to combat the June heat.

• **The Junior Fair:** As 4-H and FFA programs expanded heavily in the 1930's and 1940's, the fair has evolved into a showcase for the county's youth, highlighting agricultural and creative arts projects.

• **Tradition Meets Fun:** Alongside traditional livestock showings, home-baked goods, and band shows, the fair remains known for its classic midway rides, carnival games, and classic fair food.

**FASCINATING HISTORICAL FACTS**

• **Agricultural Roots:** The fair was established out of the county's farming heritage to showcase local livestock, 4-H and FFA achievements, and rural domestic life.

• **The Grandstand & Racing:** The half-mile dirt oval at the Ottawa fairgrounds has long hosted harness racing, which has been an anchor event for

decades.

• **Tragic Milestone:** The fairgrounds made national news on the closing day of the 1966 Putnam County Fair when an out-of-control midget race car crashed into a spectator area, resulting in two fatalities.

• **Early Entertainment:** In the early 1900s, the fair featured unique displays and contests.

For example, in 1908, organizers considered bringing an ostrich named Hurricane to attract crowds.

"Hurricane" was a famous historical ostrich from the early 20th century, known as the "Fastest Trotting Ostrich in the World".

He was based at the Florida Ostrich Farm in Jacksonville, Florida and had become a popular tourist attraction.

Hurricane set records by trotting a quarter of a mile in exactly 1 minute and 7 seconds and unlike natural ostrich running, which looked like a loose gallop, he was trained to trot perfectly in harness, pulling a lightweight two-wheeled sulky or speedway cart.

The Ingram Brothers of Jacksonville, offered to bring the ostrich named Hurricane to the Putnam County Fair in 1908 for \$300.

They had described Hurricane as one of the largest and fastest birds in the world, but it is unknown whether Hurricane actually came to the fair that year to which local historians have debated over the years.

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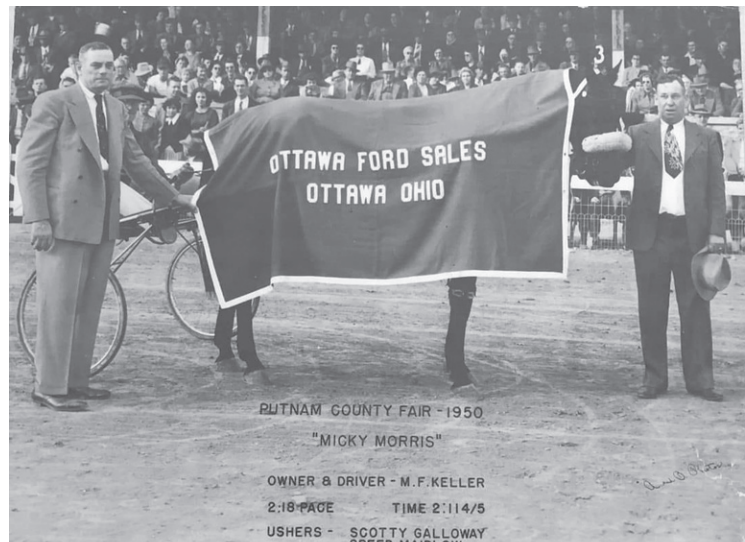
• **Some highlights of the 1971 Fair which was held from July 20 thru July 26 are below:**

• During that week of the Fair the 4H and FFA members practiced evaluating livestock.

Each club could enter a team of 3 members.

Other members could judge as individuals.

Each youth could place a ring of 4 steers, breeding heifer, market pigs, gilts, market lambs and ewes, with trophies presented to each member of the high team.



PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR - 1950  
"MICKY MORRIS"  
OWNER & DRIVER - M. F. KELLER  
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USHERS - SCOTTY GALLOWAY

**Micky Morris**

• At that time, the largest livestock show at the Putnam County Fair was the Swine Show.

• The 4 H Horse and Pony Achievement Contest was judged, and the special award was presented by the Joyriders and Golden Horseshoes and was judged 35 points on written essay, 35 points on Showmanship, 25 points on knowledge of project and 5 points on condition of the animal.

• The Breeding Beef were shown with a new wrinkle that year.

To encourage youth to start a beef herd, the Putnam County Agricultural Society announced it would present \$25.00 to the Champion Hereford, Angus, and Short-horn females and \$50.00 to the Champion Breeding Beef Female.

• On Sunday the popular Greased Pig contest was held after the Parade of Champions with members trying to catch 51 greased pigs weighing 40 lbs. each and anyone who caught

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Fair decorated school wagons, 1912

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a pig fed it out to market weight and could show it at a special show in November of that year.

• The youth also that day between the ages of 9 and 19 were invited to participate in contest activities consisting of a balloon toss, egg toss, watermelon eating contest, and car stuffing planned.

• On Sunday the Crowning of the Junior Fair King and Queen was held and a bicycle race was held on the track afterwards.

• The Junior Fair Livestock Sale was held on Monday in 1971 with Harold Gratz and Charlie Nash serving as auctioneers and everyone was invited to come and bid on an animal for their freezer or as advertisement, as there were approximately 100 steers, 230 market hogs, and 105 lambs offered to be sold at the Junior Fair Sale that year.

• In time for the 2004 Putnam County Fair, the Klemman Bros. (Don and Andy) for their Eagle Scout projects, had pre-planned to reassemble the playground equipment

that was salvaged from the old Fort Jennings School and as part of their 4-H work, they set up the equipment near a shelter house at the east end of the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Their other brothers.

Ben, Adam and Todd also had 4-H projects at the Fair.

• In 1999 the Fair began on the day AFTER the summer solstice, in 1998 it started on the very first day of Summer, and in 2001 the 146th edition of the Fair also known as "The Biggest Little Fair in NW Ohio" started on 6/19 the last day of Spring.

• In 2001, the theme for



Midway 1950 Grand Stand.

the Fair was "Don't be a Bear! Come to the Fair!"

• The first day of the Fair was 7/3/75, and the Putnam Co. Fair was the first Fair in Ohio that year, as the opening date was moved up 2 weeks earlier from when it usually was.

One of the new features was the Fair Marching Band Spectacular, featuring high school bands from around the County and another new event was the 2 wheel and 4 wheel drive truck pull.

Bicycle races were held on July 5 with over 100 entries expected that year and a giant Fireworks display was held on 7/4.

The new 4-H feature that year was the first annual All 4-H Horse Show.

This was the 120th year

of the Fair.

• In the very early years, one late subscriber in 1999 recalled that the Fair was held in October in Ottawa in the late 1920's. She remembered taking a Surrey ride with her parents and siblings from their farm by Miller City, to the Fair which was held for 2 days - star that time.

Her mom would pack a picnic lunch with fried chicken as the main course and she recalled the carnival rides, the harness racing, and the farm animals to see as a young girl.

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**Tug of War in 1920**

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4H Council has featured a Paver Brick/Memory Walk at the Fairgrounds over the years to present day.

- The Fair is always started with an annual parade beginning in downtown Ottawa and ending at the Fairgrounds.

This year in 2026, will be unique as various Fire Departments from all over NW Ohio, attending the

NW Ohio Vol. Fireman's Association Convention, which is being held in Ottawa this year at the same time as the parade weekend, will join in the parade down main street for a combined joint parade.

- This year will be the 171st Putnam County Fair - and the theme this year for the fair is "Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights".

- New events scheduled for 2026's Fair will be:

- Drag Racing on Thurs-

day Night

- Putnam Possibilities on Wednesday night that offers youth with disabilities the opportunity to show a goat at the Fair.

- Style Review for 4-H Exhibitors

- Bred & Fed - Exhibitors showcase animals that they purchased from breeders within Putnam County

- Saturday night offer the Demo Derby

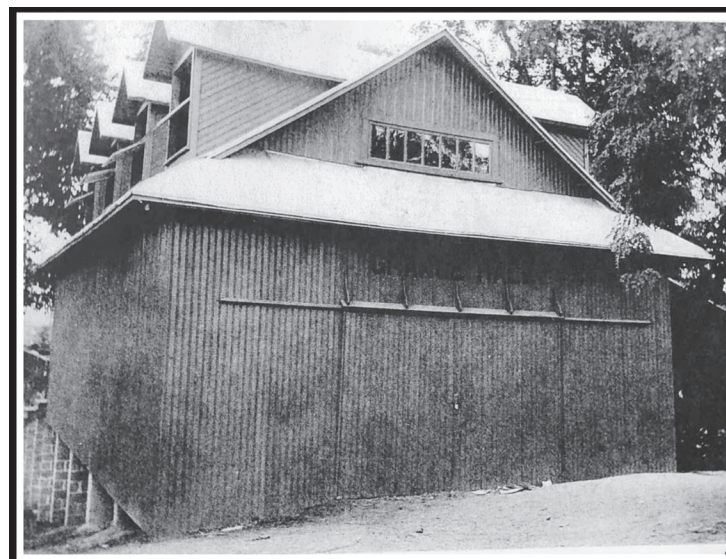
- Harness Racing on Tuesday and Wednesday

- Junior Livestock shows Monday through Thursday

- Open Shows on Thursday through Saturday

- Food Challenges every day of the week in the Event Center

- Country Star Playoffs in the Entertainment Tent



**Top picture: Grange Hall dedicated in 1910  
Bottom picture: 1940's Grange display.**

*So, come one, come all to enjoy the fun at the* (Continued on Page 8)



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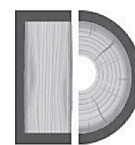
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*"Putnam County Fair"!*

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Excitedness
- 16. Armed Forces branch
- 17. Actor Harris
- 18. Middle Eastern capital
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to "Pa"
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Reduce light
- 28. Asian mountain range
- 29. Every one of two or more
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- 33. Whittles

- 34. Impact
- 38. Serviceman
- 39. A French river
- 40. Prehistoric people
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Singer Hansard
- 51. A way to disentangle
- 53. Atomic #93
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Indigo bush
- 58. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer

- (pl.)
  - 64. Relating to passerine birds
  - 65. Arrange systematically
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Colorless fluid
  - 2. Of a main artery
  - 3. Photographer's tool
  - 4. Blues Traveler hit "But \_\_\_"
  - 5. Grew older
  - 6. Not the leader
  - 7. \_\_\_ Lang (country singer)
  - 8. A driver's license is one
  - 9. Nests of pheasants
  - 10. Wildebeests
  - 13. Equal to one quintillion bytes
  - 14. Japanese three-stringed lute

- 15. Type of cat
- 20. It cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches
- 23. German trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian
- 29. Measurement unit
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Snack food
- 35. Front part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. \_\_\_, myself and I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. They play in the

- trenches
- 42. "Can't Touch This" rapper \_\_\_ Hammer
- 44. Type of tree
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for mistake
- 47. More open
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Needles
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Atomic #11
- 54. Large fish of the mackerel family
- 55. Not any
- 57. \_\_\_ and behold
- 61. Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
- 62. "The Great Lakes State"

# The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



## Saying Good Bye

Some of you have followed along as our family's story has unfolded over the years, so you may already know about Birth Dad — the biological father of two children Daniel and I adopted.

Ours was not a complicated relationship, but it was a real one, built slowly over time on a foundation of love for the children who bound our lives together.

When I recently received word that he was failing and had been taken to the hospital in Vincennes, my heart knew what we needed to do.

We were on our way to the Vincennes hospital.

I was wiping tears.

Birth Dad had a special place in our lives, especially since Daniel had gone home to heaven.

I'll never forget that first summer when Daniel's birthday rolled around on August 28th, how I made an apricot pie for him.

There was no way other than making one for him, and no one that I wanted to give it to.

That is when I thought of Birth Dad.

He is who ate that pie after my weary body rested from making Daniel's routine birthday dishes of underground ham casserole and apricot pie.

There was joy in my heart, yet I was maxed.

My physical condition mirrored the mental stress of spending my first summer as a single mother with more needs than I could meet on my own.

There was a sense of relief as I watched Birth Dad dig into that pie with a spoon his wife had brought to him.

Not everything was simple in his life; details of his younger years were rich with intensity as he told of being held at gunpoint in the middle of nowhere, and a call from his mom that saved his life.

From a back seat, one of the children who was aware that God sometimes

uses birds to encourage me exclaimed, "Mom, a bird swooped down right next to our van."

I thanked him for telling me.

As we neared the more busy part of town, memories of coming close to the hospital to see Daniel flooded back.

We made our way to the third floor.

I told the children to stay with Grandma in the waiting room while I went in to see if he was ready for guests.

How my heart was touched as I met with several of his children whom I had never seen before.

After greeting them, I shuffled my way to Birth Dad's side.

I spoke to him, telling him who I was.

A tear came to his eye, which was the only sign of him hearing me.

How deep it went — how memories flooded back of the time I was at Daniel's side during his last hours in that great big hospital: painful, but oh so precious!

I spoke to him of how close he is to heaven and how much he has meant to us.

I knew today would likely be the last chance for me to see him.

It was too precious for words; God was in the midst, and it was evident that he could hear us when we spoke.

The family granted permission for me to bring the children in to see him.

In a few minutes we were gathered by his bedside where we sang songs, prayed, wiped tears, and took turns talking to him.

After some time, his other children offered that we could have some time alone with him, which we accepted.

At one point the children headed down to the cafeteria with Josh, who had also come with us.

I looked at this dear old man, ready to bid this world goodbye.

At 67 years old he had



## Recipe Of The Week

# Rhubarb Impossible Pie

3 cups chopped rhubarb  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup Bisquick  
3 tablespoons butter, melted  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1-1/4 cups sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup milk  
**Streusel Topping:**  
2 tablespoons cold butter  
1/2 cup Bisquick  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Grease a 10-inch pie plate.

Place rhubarb into the pie plate.

In a blender, blend eggs, Bisquick, melted butter, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, sugar, vanilla and milk for 3 minutes until smooth.

Pour the custard over the rhubarb.

In a small bowl, mix the streusel ingredients together until crumbly; then fold in the walnuts.

Sprinkle topping over the pie.

Bake at 375 degrees for 45-55 minutes or until set in the center.

If the top browns too quickly, cover with foil.

This recipe is from Mary Schroll, McComb, Ohio

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faced much in his time, and I knew how burdened he was over the children he had adopted out to us, especially since Daniel was gone and he could not be there for them.

I took the opportunity to tell him how God is caring for us and how Hosanna heard an audible voice some time ago as God promised His provision to her.

At this, a tear came to his eye.

As I spoke there was an obvious effort to respond; I assured him that I know he can hear, and it's okay.

I was amazed as I saw him relax, his breathing becoming more spaced out.

A song came to my mind which has become precious to me over the past several years: *"Exceeding, abundantly above all ye ask or think, that's what He'll do for you..."*

When the last notes faded, I sang another favorite which we had sung as Daniel drew his last breaths.

God seemed so close as I sang the words, *"And when death within you lies, you must cross the great divide, if you have Jesus on your side, there'll be a deep settled peace in your soul."*

Instead of singing the chorus after the verse like I always have, I stopped, sensing that song to be finished.

ished.

I turned to the nurse and asked, "Is he still with us?"

Using her stethoscope, she checked for a heartbeat. "I think he's gone."

Floodgates opened.

I wept in awe to the great God of heaven who allowed me to be by the side of my children's father when he drew his last breath.

The kind nurses were a blessing and let me cry it out.

One said she had known him for quite some time.

After five or ten minutes the other siblings came into the room, shocked to see he was gone.

Together we wept.

Soon I told them I'd give them some space, before I made my way down to the main floor where I simply explained to the children what had just happened.

It was an intense day for all of us, yet the hand of God was in it all.

This morning — though I had forgotten about it until tonight — my dad had told me God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Then as Birth Dad was in the last minutes of his life, that song came to my mind.

Surely God has done exceeding abundantly above all that we asked or thought, and He it is who will always

keep those who trust in Him!

We'll finish up here with a recipe he liked when I'd make it for him: banana cream pie.

## Banana Cream Pie

1 baked pie shell  
1-2 bananas, sliced  
2 cups whipped topping  
**Filling:**  
3-2/3 cups milk, divided  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 cup white sugar or sweetener of your choice  
3 eggs yolks  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 cup cornstarch or clear-jell  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat 3 cups milk til scalded.

Whip remaining ingredients together, then stir into hot milk, bring to a boil. Cool.

Place banana slices into the bottom of baked pie shell.

Spread filling over the slices then top with whipped topping.

Of desired, place remaining banana slices on top just before serving.

Readers may write Gloria with culinary or cultural questions at: Gloria Yoder, 10510 E. 350th Avenue, Flat Rock, IL 62427. FN

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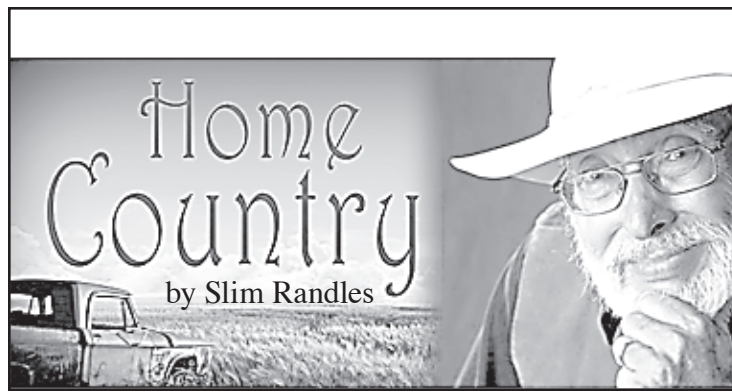
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- 65. SORT

SOLUTIONS DOWN

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“Wonder what the count is today,” said Herb. “Sure is hot.”

We sipped simultaneously, as is our wont, and stared at our friend.

“What count would that be?” asked Steve.

“The btu count, of course,” said Herb.

“Those are British thermal units, you know.

It’s how heat is measured.”

Leave it to Herb.

There doesn’t appear to be any coffee-drinking topic that Herb can’t make completely obscure.

“I was just getting used to the difference between Fahrenheit and Celsius,” our cowboy, Steve, said.

“I always eat my Celsius

with peanut butter on it,” said Doc.

“Doc made a joke!” came the coffee-counter chorus.

That was unusual because Doc was considered by most of us as the chief justice of the supreme court of darn near everything because of all the initials after his name.

Windy Wilson got up slowly and stiffly, walked over to the phone sitting on the cashier’s counter, and dialed a number.

He nodded and came back to the other members of the world dilemma think tank.

“97,” he said, taking a sip, “97 what?”

“Degrees.

Right now. Outside.

According to that girl’s voice on the hotline number I called.”

“Fahrenheit?”

“Don’t know,” Windy said.

“Kelvin?”

“Kelvin who?”

“Rankine?”

“She didn’t say.

Just a recordin’ on the phone, you know...”

“Number of British thermal units?”

“I don’t care how they do it in Britain,” Windy said.

“Hotter right here, anyway.”

“Might be Celsius,” said Herb.

Doc looked up from the depths of his coffee, “Not without peanut butter it isn’t.”

Some onlookers just enjoy a short stack and try to figure out what we’re talking about.

It could become a passion or trend or something.

Looking at the thermometer? When ignorance is bliss, ‘tis folly to be wise.

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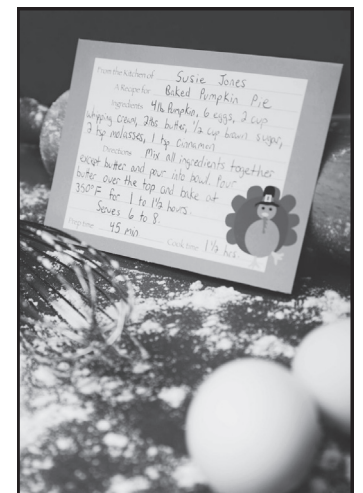
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