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Fourth-Generation Family-Owned Business Keeps Tradition Alive

A century after their great-grandfather Clarence "C.J." Nofzinger entered the automotive business in Archbold, Chad and Aaron Baus have continued the family's tradition of putting customers first.

CAR 1's history begins in 1926, when brothers C.J. and John "J.J." Nofzinger started Archbold Auto Wrecking, an automotive

salvage company, at 109 E. Mechanic Street in Archbold.

They began selling and servicing new Oakland and Pontiac automobiles in 1928, under the name Nofzinger Bros. Auto Sales.

The brothers continued selling and servicing Pontiacs until their deaths in the 1950's, at which time

sons-in-law Ed Baus and Dale Short purchased the company as partners, and named the newly-incorporated business Nofzinger Motor Sales.

Ed and Dale continued as partners until Dale's death in 1967, when Ed and his wife Leanna (C.J. Nofzinger's daughter) assumed sole-ownership.

The business passed to the third generation in 1986, when Ed's son, Larry Baus, and his wife, Eileen, purchased the company.

GMC trucks were added to the lineup in 1991, and the name "Nofzinger Pontiac-GMC" was born.

Soon after, Larry made

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Poor Will's Farmland News Almanack

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July 15 - 21

Poor Will's Almanack For the Third Week of Deep Summer

I walk down the pond edge, under the glare of the sun, noting the changes since my last visit. The mallard ducklings, that I saw so short a time ago darting about like water bugs, are now half grown. The pebble patches where the bream eggs hatched are silting over gain. The yellow flowers of the water iris have come and gone.... There is never a pause, on summer days, in the changing kaleidoscope of nature.

Edwin Way Teale

The Phases of the Moon July

June 29: The Firefly Moon is Full.

July 7: The Moon enters its final quarter.

July 14: The Katydid Moon is new.

July 21: The Moon enters its second quarter.

July 29: The Moon is full

The Sun

Throughout the month, the Sun drops steadily from its solstice declination of 23 degrees 26 minutes to a late-summer declination of 18 degrees 29 minutes. That distance is approximately a fourth of the way towards autumn equinox.

The Stars

The Corona Borealis, the horseshoe shaped configuration which moves overhead in early summer, finally shifts to the west, signaling also a shift toward autumn. Lanky Hercules replaces it; and the Milky Way, along with the constellations of August and September, Cygnus, Aquila and Lyra, approach from the east.

Weather Trends

The Corn Tassel Rains, which typically begin at the end of June, often continue through the period, and temperatures, which cooled somewhat during the first days of July, begin to grow warmer.

After the 7th, there is a full 90 percent chance that afternoon highs will reach 80 or above. July 7 through the 9th are some of the worst Dog Days of the year, all three bringing a ten percent chance of heat above 100 degrees.

Natural Calendar

Deep in July, the tide of summer reaches as far north as it can go then starts to slip away back toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The rate of the retreat varies with each year, but the balance has always shifted by the seventh month.

The day's length becomes one to two minutes shorter every twenty-four hours, and the coun-

tryside responds with changing color and sound.

At the start of summer ebb tide, the land is on the early side of cicada song and fireflies are still common.

The first katydids begin to chant after dark, and crickets intensify their calls. More woolly bear caterpillars and Japanese beetles appear. Thistle-down unravels more dramatically when summer's tide has turned. Seed pods form on trumpet creepers. Catalpa beans are fat and long.

Ohio peaches come to the markets now.

Late Summer's white snakeroot buds in the woods. Joe Pye weed heads turn pink, their buds fat, in the wetlands.

In many years, a slight turning of the leaves has begun on some of the redbuds, Virginia creepers, box elders and buckeyes.

Foliage of Japanese honeysuckle and multiflora roses is often yellowing. Spiderwort withers in the garden as phlox gathers momentum and day lilies start to decline.

Journal: Summer Mountain

In his book, Mountains of the Mind, Robert Macfarlane writes about the role of the imagination in a person's approach to space and place.

The mountains people climb, he writes, must first exist and be conquered in their minds.

Before it became fashionable to climb mountains, few people thought it worth the trouble.

Then, thanks to Romanticism's fascination with the sublime, people began to fantasize about what Jean Jacques Rousseau called "a kind of supernatural beauty in these mountainous prospects which charms both the senses and the minds into a forgetfulness of oneself and of everything in the world."

When he actually climbed mountains, Macfarlane discovered "that the mountains one gazes at, reads about, dreams of and desires are not the mountains one climbs."

The real mountains are "matters of hard, steep rock and freezing snow...of vertigo...of hypertension, nausea and frostbite."

But is it true that in order to experience summer I have to imagine it first?

In the middle of July, the question seems absurd.

Why should I try to imagine what is right here all around me?

In the gray and cold of February, the question is less frivolous.

Then, anticipation creates a different, more welcome summer, in which the heat and humidity are not oppressive, in which the garden is always beautiful and productive, and all the good summers of the past join in memory.

Then, I climb the mountain, and July becomes not only all the things I perceive and feel in July days, but also my reaction to the way I had imagined things might be, and how I feel and how I thought I might feel or wanted to feel finally reaching the summit of the highest tide of the year.

If I am disappointed, no matter. Summer Mountain lies before me, just a few seasons away.

If I let my mind soar, I might imagine what

Rousseau called the "supernatural beauty" that waits for me next year.

ALMANACK LITERATURE

Feed Me

By Ellen Neilley, Fancetown, NH

Last spring, I became the owner of several Cotswolds (sheep).

I find them to be very friendly and curious, and endlessly entertaining.

Perhaps they are smarter than we think.

This winter I had a barn mystery.

My usual evening routine was to pull on the light over the sheep pen and then proceed to feed the sheep and the chickens.

I was getting cross with myself as the weeks went on, as I often found that the light had been left on when I came out to the barn in the morning.

I couldn't believe how forgetful I was getting!

Then one day I went out unusually early in the afternoon to do my chores.

The sheep came rushing in to the barn. Ed, a favorite wether (male, castrated sheep), immediately jumped up on his back legs and pulled the light cord on with his teeth.

I couldn't believe it! What a laugh I had! The mystery was solved.

Does Ed think that if the light comes on, more hay will magically appear?

Apparently Pavlov could have used sheep instead of dogs in his famous experiments.

I suppose I could shorten the pull, but I haven't done so yet – it always gives me a smile when I go out to the barn and the "feed me" light is on.

Follow the summer with Bill Felker's **A Daybook for July** in Yellow Springs, Ohio. These daybooks contain all the nature notes used to create Poor Will's Almanack. Order yours from Amazon.

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What A Day That Will Be!

Words of Inspiration

By Pastor Scott Kirsch

There is an old church hymn of celebration called "What a Day That Will Be" that rejoices in the commemoration of the people of God who finally come together in eternity after a long and tough life here on earth.

Perhaps there has never been a time in modern history when we have needed hope more than now.

Hope of a life filled with peace, joy, love and security.

We are living in turbulent times which include:

- Division
- Strife,
- Wars,
- Rumors of wars,
- Inflation,
- Poverty,
- Pandemics.

Sociologist claim that for the first time in modern history, the generations coming up are less hopeful than their predecessors are.

The good news is that there is a place waiting for us where there are no tears, death, war, poverty, sickness and oppression.

It is a place of peace, love and joy. It is a place with God full of love and light.

A literal paradise that will never end.

It is called heaven and the Bible describes it in detail in Revelation 21 and 22 as well as various other places in the scripture.

Jesus talked about it up to 120 times in the Bible and he opened it up to us and made it available through his atoning death on the cross.

He died for our sins and if we repent and turn to him, we can have the promise of heaven.

In fact, when we put our faith in Christ and become born again ac-

cording to John 3:5 *the Holy Spirit of God comes to live in us along with the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus said in John 14:3 that *all the tough things in this life should not trouble us, because he was going to prepare a place for us in heaven that where he was, we could be also.*

If you read that particular verse closely, you will notice that he said, "Where he was," not where he was going to be.

So where was Jesus when he said that?

He was here on earth.

He was not in heaven at the time.

We conclude from this that heaven comes to live in us when we come to Jesus.

However, it is just the beginning of more glorious things to come.

At the time of our departure from earth, either through death or when Jesus comes back to take us home, we will be in heaven fully.

In that wonderful place with God forever.

I hope this article encourages you.

Especially in these perilous times to "set your affections on things above (heaven). Colossians 3:2

Jesus reminded us in Mark 8:36 that there is no profit in "gaining the whole world, and losing our soul in the process."

If Jesus is our Lord and our sins are forgiven, then our "reservation" to that wonderful place called heaven has been made.

In the meantime, let us "run the race" that has been set before us and complete our mission that God has for us Hebrews 12:1-3.

In addition, keep our "eyes on the prize that is set before us." Philippians 3:14.



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A young farm boy breezed into the recruiting station one day and announced he wanted to enlist.

"Do you want a commission?" asked the recruiting officer.

"No, thanks," was the cocky reply, "I'm such a lousy shot that I'd be better off working on straight salary."

"How is it your children are so well behaved compared with those Indians of mine?" a farm woman asked. "Why my kids are always running around with their shirt tails sticking out. Your kids always keep their shirts inside their pants. What do you do to keep them so tidy?" "Oh, its simple. On the end of each shirt I put a nice piece of lace edging."

Farm husband: "Are you ready to go, dear?"

Wife: "I wish you would stop nagging me, honey, I told you an hour ago I'd be ready in a few minutes."

Farmer: "My, you certainly are one for asking questions, son, I wonder what would have happened if I would have asked all those questions when I was young?"

Boy: "You probably would be able to answer mine today."

Did you hear the story about the 85 year old cowman who had been retired for almost 10 years. Someone asked him to describe his daily routine.

"Well," the old boy said, "first I have the morning paper brought to me in bed. Then I turn to the obituary section and, if my name isn't there, I get up."

A farmer, on his first visit to Chicago, stopped at a busy downtown soda fountain and ordered pop. When served, he asked, "How much pop do you sell in a week?"

"Oh, about 40 gallons," replied the tender.

"I'll tell you how you can sell 80," declared the farmer.

"Eighty gallons?" asked the amazed tender. "How?"

"Simple," answered the farmer, "Fill up the glasses."

A lady checking over her grocery bill, found this item: "One tom cat.. \$.15."

Indignant, she called up her grocer and demanded an explanation.

"Oh, that's all right, Mrs. Jones," explained the grocer, "that's an abbreviation for tomato catsup."

SHOP HINTS 1964

YOU CAN PROTECT a pipe from wrench marks by using a thick cloth, newspaper, or rubber wrapped around the pipe before applying the wrench.

STRIPPED END-THREADS often result when a bolt is cut down. If the nut is screwed on before you cut the bolt, it can be used as a die to reform the threads on the end.

CUT THE FINGER ends from an old glove and cut half the cuff. Turn the other half and stitch to make a belt loop. This makes a handy tool caddy which can be worn on a waist belt or tacked over the work bench.

REMOVE ACCUMULATED gum and pitch from circular saw blades by placing the blade in a newspaper, then use a stiff brush to apply a coating of full-strength household ammonia. Let it soak for 10 minutes then apply another coat of ammonia. Use the stiff brush again to remove the pitch and gum. Wipe the blade clean and give it a light oil coating.

TO MAKE A handy ear notcher for young pigs take a pair of old pliers and weld onto the lower jaw a piece of hacksaw blade bent into the shape of a V. Put a layer of solder on the upper jaw and file it level on the surface. When you have completed this, close the pliers so that the V blade makes a nest for itself in the solder. If they are done young the notch grows bigger as the pigs get older.

HERE IS A cheap but effective air compressor. Take an old washing machine engine and a discarded fuel pump. Strip the engine, take out the valves if they are in the way. Take the bottom part of the pump with the two valves, turn it upside down and bolt or clamp it down over the cylinder and the air compressor is complete. This one delivers up to 50 lbs. pressure. A larger motor would deliver more than this.



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The best things in life aren't free anymore.

These days we have to pay for both air and water.

We were spoiled!

Even caves can't be inhabited unless one owns the land...if you don't, people will usually tell you to "move on" instead of "move in."

Transportation by foot used to be a hot commodity, but with today's advanced technology, we do more sitting and finger punching than we've ever done.

By now, our index fingers should be muscled up to the same size as our wrists.

Another result of all this

inaction is many of us are gaining weight.

Seemingly long time ago, families used to grow their own food, preserve it, chop wood to heat and to cook with, "set" the table, then sit down (all at the same time) and eat the meal together and discuss the day's happenings.

Families were closer.

Today they stop at the local fast food joint for food that's guaranteed to put both fat and preservatives

into their bodies.

(Often while still punching the buttons on old faithful) they then take it home and eat in their own little world...all alone...except for that trusty "can do everything" attachment that has almost become a part of the hand.

Statistics from the TV yesterday said 40 percent of today's adults are obese, and 20 percent are morbidly obese.

According to my thesaurus, "morbid" means "deadly," in other words, extremely dangerous.

What's the answer?

We're always looking for someone else to solve our difficulties.

What would happen if we had an electricity blackout and couldn't recharge our phones?

We couldn't call anywhere to see if their place was in the same condition.

NOPE!

We'd have to walk (the gas stations would be without electricity, too), and if we walked long enough, we'd begin to lose some flab without dieting.

Thoughts Remembered...

by Faye Harris

(hopefully).

I'll just repeat an old saying here: "The life you save may be your own."

That goes both for watching the traffic on the road AND traffic on your body.

"The life you save may be your own."

Luck to you and yours.

Having written for newspapers since I was in school in the 50's, in my retirement I am now writing for posterity... and enjoy getting and sharing news about the "olden days." FN

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John and Clarence with a 1953 2-door hardtop

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the decision to build a new facility and move the business.

The effort was completed in 1995.

In 1998, after three years at the new location, most as-

sets of the company, along with the name "Nofzinger Pontiac-GMC" were sold.

The family retained ownership of the corporation, Nofzinger Motor Sales, Inc.

The Pontiac store continued in Archbold for several years, changed hands several times, and was closed

Dale Short and Ed Baus purchased the business as partners and changed the name to Nofzinger Motor Sales.

several years before the last Pontiac was produced.

Meanwhile, after taking some time off, Larry and son Aaron Baus reopened the company, doing business as "CAR 1", in early 1999, with a focus on selling quality pre-owned vehicles.

The business was once again located at 109 E. Mechanic Street, the same location where C. J. and J. J. had started the company 73 years before.

In 2001, Larry's other son, Chad, moved his family to the Archbold area, and joined CAR 1, newly relocated at its present location on St. Rt. 66 in Archbold.

"When we opened CAR 1, we responded to what we saw as a gap in the vehicles which were being offered for sale," Aaron said.

"People quickly caught on to our philosophy of buying a clean, low mileage vehicle at a significant discount."

Chad & Aaron took over the now-4th generation business in 2012.

Even after retirement, Ed

continued to come to the dealership every day - right up until two days before his passing in 2015.

Farewell, Grandpa Ed

Grandpa was the first generation of our Baus family to be born in America.

He was the son of German Lutheran immigrants who had been living in Donhof, near Saratov, in the Volga River region of Russia.

They emigrated to the United States one month

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before the Titanic disaster to escape religious persecution by the government. Grandpa first learned English when he went to public school in Wauseon, OH.

When Grandpa was 14, he began working on a farm ten miles away from his home – a farm in Burlington, just north of Archbold.

He began attending school in Archbold his junior year and met his future wife, Leanna Nofzinger.

The couple were married on March 4, 1939. Grandma preceded him in death by 21 years.

It was Leanna's father, C. J., and his brother J. J., who founded our family business, originally called Archbold Auto Wrecking, and then Nofzinger Bros. Grandpa went to work for the Nofzingers in 1939, and eventually took over the business with his brother-in-law when the founders passed away.



The current Car 1 business located on State Route 66 in Archbold, Ohio.

The company was incorporated in the 1950's as Nofzinger Motor Sales Inc., a name we still hold today, even though we do business as CAR 1.

He became the sole owner of the business in 1967 after the death of his partner.

He was an extremely hard worker. Grandpa said that in the early days of the family business, they worked six full days per week, taking off only on Sunday to attend worship services and enjoy some much needed rest.



The East Mechanic Street location of the business.



Baus family - 4 Generations

The business operated as both an auto dealership and a salvage yard.

As owner, Ed sold cars and continued to work in the shop as a mechanic.

Even after his son Larry purchased the business in the 1980's, Ed continued to come to work every day.

That pattern of hard work continued as my brother and I – his grandsons – took over the business in 2012.

In fact, Grandpa worked at the business until two days before his death, and when he went home from work that day he trimmed shrubs around his famously-tidy lawn.

We are thankful for the work ethic this man instilled in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

(This summer Grandpa got to work alongside the 5th generation – my son Daniel, who is working part-time.)

We're even more thankful for his leadership to our family as a follower of Christ.

God gave our family 98 years, 3 months and 21 days to spend with Grandpa, and we are thankful for each and every one.



1920 Building

at the business until 2020, away in 2022, and Eileen when Eileen became ill and needed his help. He passed (Continued on Page 8)



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passed in 2024.

2026 marks twenty-seven years since the family started doing business as CAR 1, and 100 years since Chad & Aaron's great-grandfather C.J. and his brother started the business.

The family is still continuing to serve customers in Northwest Ohio, Northeast Indiana and Southwest Michigan.

Although so many years have passed, the brothers say their legacy as a Pontiac-Oakland dealer, and their great-grandfather's commitment to putting customers first, will never be forgotten.

"For the past century, our family has enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the people of northwest Ohio," Aaron observed.

"We're honored to be earning the business of people whose parents and grandparents once shopped with our dad or grandpa."

To mark the occasion, the Bauses are hosting a car show at their dealership on August 1.

"We figured there's no better way to celebrate a century in the automotive business than by celebrating the cars themselves.

We're looking forward to sharing this day with collectors, customers and car lovers," Chad said.

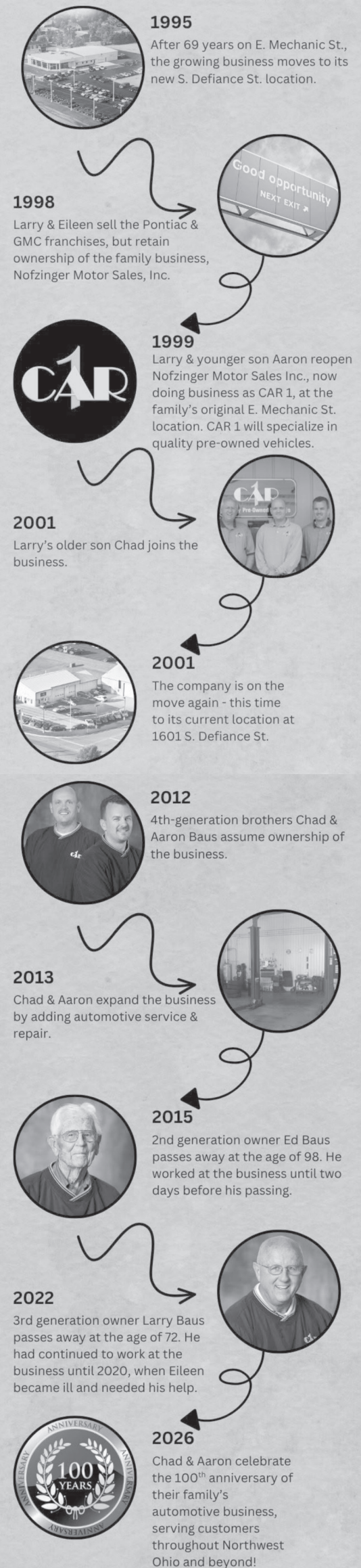
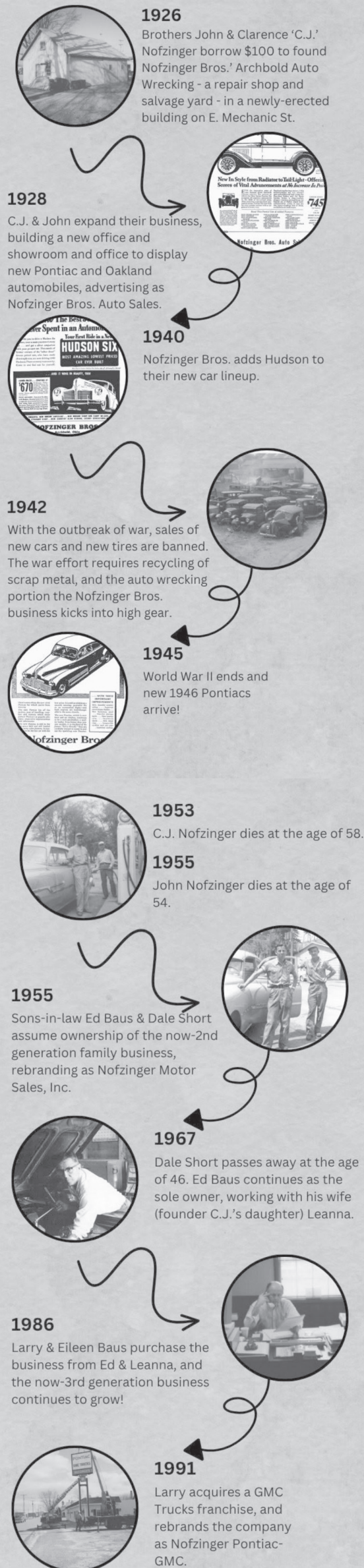
"Tap Culture Coffee, which currently occupies the E. Mechanic street location where our business began, will be onsite with their coffee trailer, and Outlaw Smokehouse will be offering their mouth-watering BBQ and smokehouse cuisine."

There is no cost to register a car for the show, but space is limited, and pre-registration by calling 419-445-5050 is requested. Commemorative dash plaques and a special gift will be provided for all entries.

The public is invited to the show at no cost.

CAR 1's neighbors - Miller Bros. Construction, Archbold Animal Hospital and Archbold Furniture, have graciously agreed to provide public parking for the event, and CAR 1's inventory of quality pre-owned vehicles will be re-

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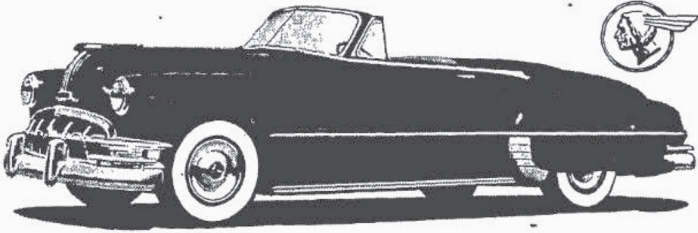


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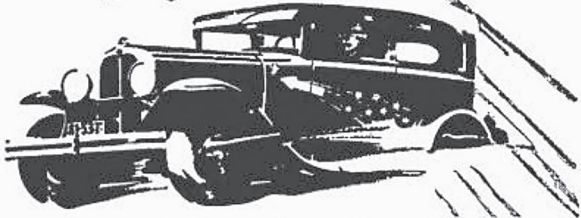
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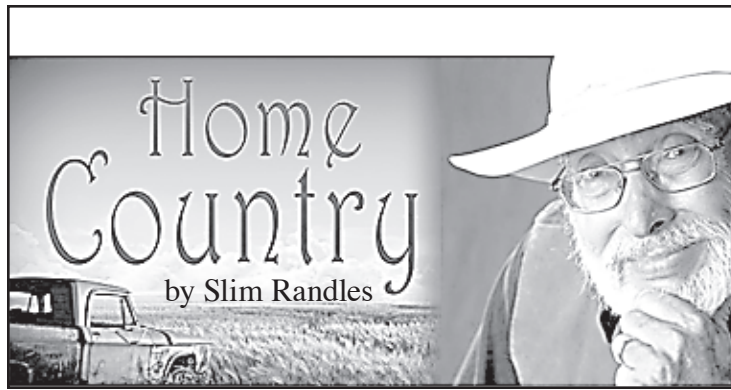
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“Hot?

Did you say hot?”

“Sure did, Windy, have a seat and join us,” said Doc.

We were huddled up in the coolth of the air conditioner blast in that certain part of the dining room at the Mule Barn truck stop.

Yes. It was hot.

“Ain’t like Death Valley, howsomever,” Windy said.

“Now boys, that there’s HOT!”

“You been to Death Valley, Windy?”

“Shore did, Steve.

Well sir, it was a long time back, ‘bout the time of when I ferget who was president.

One of them guys who ain’t president any more.

But I was jest percolatin’ ‘round and got me this here wranglin’ job over there at Furnace Crick.

Hot?

Say, it was so hot it melted your whiskers!

But they needed these dudes wrangled and I

packed mules for ‘em ... until the accident ...” “Accident?”

“Oh Doc, it was terrible.

One day I was packin’ pic-a-nic supplies for ‘em, and I had me eight mule loads of that Jiffy Pop popcorn, you know ... ‘cuz they liked popcorn, ya see.

Well sir, it were so danged hot that popcorn started a poppin’ inside them cans, and it flat blew the lids off them cans.

Right out there in the dang desert ...”

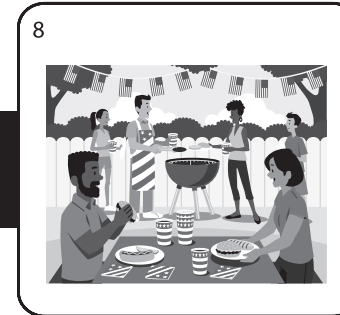
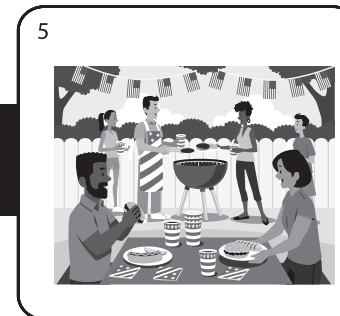
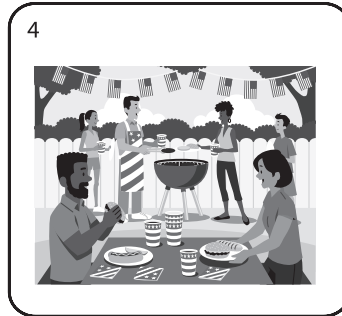
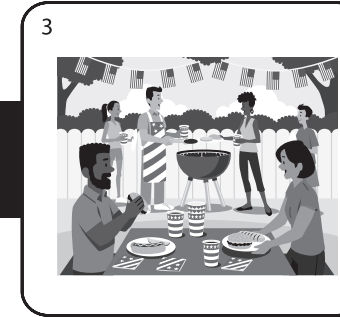
Windy paused a moment to wipe away a tear.

“And that there popcorn went all over the ground ... and ... and them mules saw it and thought it was snow ... and froze to death!”

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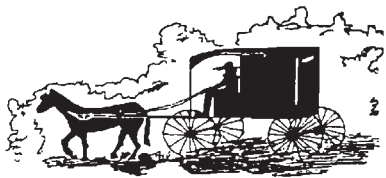
Three of these nine pictures are different. Can you find the differences?



Answers:
1. Image #1: Stars are missing on cup
2. Image #5: Person to the right of the grill has a burger on the bun
3. Image #6: Person front right has eyeglasses

The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



What's Normal?

Our last letters have revolved around more events and activities than I was counting on this summer.

That's okay, but today we'll slow down and take a normal day.

Normal — is there anything like it, though?

I'm not sure, so we'll just take today.

It was a cooker, or whatever you call those hot days where you get warm just going out before breakfast to plant a row of green beans in hopes of a fall crop.

When I returned to the kitchen after sticking those seeds in the ground and covering them, most of the children were still sleeping.

Nice.
I debated.

I could finish tidying the house that had been neglected the night before when Joshua had a fever, or I could mop up the kitchen floor from that watermelon juice, also from the night before.

Soon was I glancing over the kitchen floor with satisfaction, it wasn't perfect, but it was cleaner than it had been.

I turned a fan on it, knowing it would hardly dry in the high humidity.

For the sake of interest, we do have air conditioners during the day when the sun is shining on our solar system, but at night we opt for fans or the basement, which provides a bit better sleeping temperatures.

Breakfast consisted of strawberry smoothie, homemade cookies I had stuck in the freezer, and cereal a friend had given us.

Everyone ate their fill — it was refreshing to have something cool.

If you like smoothies or shakes, hang on and I'll grab that recipe for you when we're done here, it can also be used as ice cream.

Once the morning jobs were all in session, I sat at the kitchen table with my sewing machine.

Nice — it felt good to see stitches going into my second-to-youngest son's pants.

He would need them for school this fall.

Yes, I think school will be starting before we know it.

Don't ask me if I'm ready for that, because I don't know.

Perhaps once the time comes... we'll see; in reality, we'll take it as it comes.

I just really treasure the time with my children this summer.

Thank you, Father!
By mid-morning I told Austin to go fetch the new horse.

(Lack of space won't allow me to tell you about that today — it is one of those stories that seems downright too good to be true.)

I told the children we were all going to go to the store, then fetch milk at my brother Javin's house, and pop in at my parents' with an anniversary gift.

By the way, they are celebrating 40 years — wow.

The children helped hitch up and we were off.

The store was nice and cool, and Grandpa was there.

Since Daniel's parents moved from Ohio, we enjoy seeing Grandpa at the store.

Who ever thought he'd be a store owner?

I sure didn't!

Soon we were on our way again.

"Mom, did you get eggs?"

"No."
"I was going to use eggs to see if I can catch those skunks in our live trap."

"You are right, let's turn around and go back."

A skunk family has been helping themselves in our barn, garage, or anywhere

Recipe Of The Week

Brown Sugar Cookies

1-1/4 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) real butter, room temperature

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
1 large egg, room temperature
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/3 cup almond brickle chips
(Heath O' Brickle)

Very lightly grease two cookie sheets.

In a small bowl whisk together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.

In a larger bowl beat together butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla.

Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients in thirds; mixing well after each addition.

Stir in the brickle bits.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoons onto prepared cookie sheets.

Bake one pan at a time in 350 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes, until edges are brown but the centers are still soft.

Let cool on the cookies sheet for no longer than 2 minutes.

Remove cookies to a cooling rack.

Makes about 24 cookies.

This recipe is from Vickie S. Wagner, Delta, Ohio

they can find something that suits them.

So in the heat of the day we just turned around and slowly went back to the store, so as not to overheat the new horse, who is not accustomed to pulling a load.

Grandpa and Grandma's came next.

They met us as we tied the horse; we tried out the new pillows on the wicker furniture and sat under a shade tree.

"I know what!"

It was Mom in all her grandmotherly charm.

"I'll go get my rice and chicken with green beans and a handful of forks!"

We cheered — why not?

Are not the best memories homemade?

And so we gathered in a circle around Mom's cooking, filled our tummies, and brainstormed about planting chestnut trees on their property.

She handed out glasses of cold orange juice to go with it.

Thanks, Mom!

Stopping in at Javin's, we surveyed the work

they are doing digging a pond, picked up milk, and were on our way.

When we got back home, the horse was put away and fed by eager hands.

I'll be back next week to tell you a bit more of this miracle story of how she came to be in our home.

Hi, I'm back several days later.

In the meanwhile we got to meet at least a good part of the skunk family.

Ugh.

Upon our return home on Saturday evening I rounded the corner of the barn to discover three half grown skunks in Austin's trap.

So they like to do things as a family, too?!

The smell was really something.

We had taken our showers and were ready for bed, but there was little option.

I took an old blanket and slowly placed it over the cage.

Cautiously, carefully we carried the cage and a gun back in the pasture with several little boys trailing at a safe distance.

Twenty minutes later when we returned to the house my legs were a bit shaky from the entire ordeal, we were greeted with, "Phew, you stink!"

Thank God for showers.
And what did you say a

normal day is?

Homemade Ice Cream

2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin

1/4 cup water
3/4 cup cane sugar, or any sweetener of your choice

2 eggs, beaten (optional)
2 teaspoons vanilla
1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

2 cups milk
Stir gelatin into water; dissolve by bringing to a boil, stirring constantly.

Note: Any flavorings can be added.

Strawberry is a favorite around our house.

Right now I smell peppermint coming from the kitchen — I have a feeling Julia is making mint chip, a favorite of mine, for our supper tonight.

Note: If you don't have an ice cream freezer, simply freeze the cream (ice cube trays work best), place in a blender, and add the remaining ingredients.

You may adjust the amount of frozen cream or milk until you reach the desired consistency.

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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