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L-R: Dawn Flohr and Rachel Rethmel ready to leave on the Grand Adventure.

**By Dawn Flohr and
Rachel Rethmel**

From the moment we left on June 5th, 2025, if you even made eye contact with my cousin Rachel, she would excitedly exclaim "I am on a grand adventure,

with my cousin Dawn, who just turned 50, and we are traveling thru all 50 states this year since she turned 50".

Usually this made people pause to be sure they heard her correctly, then the questions and suggestions would

begin.

I had this idea several years ago, but for a while it seemed more like a dream than a reality.

Rachel and I are not only cousins but we are best friends.

We both grew up in the

Defiance, OH area graduating from Defiance and Tinora High Schools.

After graduating from Otterbein University, Rachel worked for the last 20 years as a customer service

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August 5 - 11

For the Final Week of Deep Summer

It is August

The flocks are beginning to form

I will take with me the emptiness of my hands

What you do not have you find everywhere.

From "Provisions" by M. S. Merwin

The Phases of the Moon

July 29: The Katydid Moon is full.

August 5: The Moon enters its final quarter.

August 12: The Field Cricket Moon is new.

August 19: The Moon enters its second quarter.

August 26: The Field Cricket Moon is full.

The Stars

August is the month of the Milky Way in the early night sky. Cygnus the Swan can be found there, its formation a giant cross or like a goose in flight. Below it is Aquila, spreading from its keystone, Altair, like a great eagle. Almost directly overhead, Vega, of the constellation Lyra, is the brightest star in the heavens. Hercules stands beside it. June's Corona Borealis and the huge Arcturus have moved to the west. An hour or two before sunup, Orion rises, in the same position it holds after dark on Christmas Eve. The Pleiades and Taurus are almost overhead. Cygnus sets in the northwest.

The Weather in August

Between the last week of May through the first week of September, the fourteen major cool fronts of summer cross the United States. As these high-pressure systems approach, temperatures and humidity typically rise. After the passage of the fronts, slightly cooler weather occurs, suitable for outdoor work and recreation, followed by up to a week of heat and humid conditions. August fronts often reach the Mississippi around the following dates; they come through about two days earlier in the West, a day or two later in the East.

August 4: The weather in advance of this minor front is some of the hottest of the summer. Highs in the cool 70s and lows in the 50s are rare in most of the nation between August 1st and 3rd. Rain very often accompanies.

August 10: The August 10th cool front can bring frost to the higher elevations in the West. Its strength also frequently causes violent weather throughout the Great Plains and the South

August 17: This is the weather system that brings the chance of a killing frost to portions of the North; snow occurs at upper elevations in the Rocky Mountains.

August 24: This high erodes summer a little more, often bringing an end to the Dog Days.

August 29: Rain precedes this front two years in three, and when the August 29 high-pressure system arrives, the likelihood for chilly highs only the 60s or 70s becomes almost autumnal.

Natural Calendar

As Deep Summer comes to a close, ragweed pollen fills the humid afternoons, wood nettle goes to seed, honeysuckle berries and wild cherries ripen, and hickory nuts and black walnuts drop to the undergrowth.

Blackberries are ready to eat when ragweed blossoms. And the season's second-last wave of wildflowers – the Joe Pye weed, monkey flower, tall coneflower, clearweed, horseweed, white snakeroot, jumpseed, prickly mallow, virgin's bower, false boneset, field thistle and Japanese knotweed – bloom in the open fields and along the fence rows.

Golden and purple coneflowers, and red, pink and violet phlox still rule the gardens. Orange-and-gold-flowered trumpet vines still curl through trellises.

Ephemeral resurrection lilies briefly replace the day lilies, the Asiatic lilies and the Oriental lilies. Mums and stonecrop start to color the dooryards.

In the shade of the woods, leafcup is the dominant flower, touch-me-nots beginning to complement its bloom. Along the lakeshores, arrowhead blossoms as rusty dodder winds through tattered black raspberry bushes.

In the mornings, cardinals and doves still sing, starting half an hour before dawn, often continuing through the day, sometimes greeting the night with vespers.

Blue jays still care for their young, whining and flitting through the bushes, but starlings and warblers become more restless. In some years, the robins give long singsong performances. Crows and hawks spar in the high trees. Cicadas compete with the crickets at dusk.

Across the Midwest, almost all of the corn is silking by now, and a third of the crop could be in dough. Two-thirds of the soybeans are flowering or setting pods. Oats and the second cut of alfalfa, running neck and neck, are ordinarily three-fourths harvested.

Farmers are making corrective lime and fertilizer applications for August and September seeding.

Hummingbird moths still come to the impatiens. Touch-me-nots are in bloom, tall bell flowers strong and blue, burdock holds beside the oxeye, bouncing bets, and new six-petalled wild cucumbers, the yellow and the blue flowered wild lettuce, bull thistle, virgin's bower, tall nettle, prickly mallow, small woodland sunflower, soft velvet leaf, sundrops, and heal all.

Along the rivers, bur marigolds are budding, zig-zag goldenrod, and broad-leafed swamp goldenrod.

Water horehound, willow herb, and swamp milkweed are still open, still a little wood min, too. Late Summer's jumpseeds aren't ready to jump yet.

Damselflies still hunt by the water. Cabbage butterflies still mate.

In the Field and Garden

Sodding and seeding of the lawn is often done before the cooler days of fall.

Test soil in your fall and winter garden as well as in the fields where you intend to sow wheat, rye, alfalfa, canola, clover and timothy.

Cut corn for silage after completing the second and third cuts of hay.

Dig potatoes and pick commercial tomato plants clean.

Complete harvest of plums, pears, watermelons, blackberries and peaches.

The breeding season opens for your goats and sheep.

Consider supplements for the rams and bucks: carrots, oats, bran, iodized salt and good greens are popular additions to feed.

Journal

My nature notes remind me of experiences I have had on different days, and I can harvest those notes to fill in the blank spaces in my emotions, or to distract me from things about the day I would rather not remember.

If I collect days, then I can sort through them like a stamp collector or a hoarder of travel memorabilia.

I can revisit days as though they were living objects with which to shape the past.

The more notes I make, the deeper the collection and the more practical it can be.

It is good to know, for example, that days need not be completely lost and that, in fact, they grow in value, dependent on my intent and on my choice.

It is my cherishing that seems to matter, or the idea that I can gather up the times and the perceptions and save them, that I can use them to counter sadness or disappointment or loss.

Collecting days, I can prove to myself that what I look at that is what I see, even if I need to force myself past or beyond pain to edit the new life from the old.

ALMANACK LITERATURE

"A Little Bird Told Me"

by Susan Perkins,

Hardtimes Farm, Kentucky

While I was hanging clothes on the line, a black-capped chickadee flew down and landed just a few feet from where I was working. It jumped up and down, twittered and carried on like I was doing something wrong. I had never had a wild bird come this close before, so I knew a baby bird must be close to where I was working.

I started looking for the baby. Sure enough, a baby had fledged from the nest and ended up on the ground. But the baby was nowhere near where I was working. Something else was wrong.

I looked around and noticed a piece of tin lying up under some scrub brush. I knew there had to be a snake hiding there and it was after the baby chickadee.

It may have already got some of the fledging babies, as I only saw one.

I picked up the tin and jumped back. Just as I suspected, there was a four-foot black snake under the tin. One of my dogs jumped in and made quick work of him.

I put the baby bird up in a tree and mom and dad continued feeding it till it finally flew away. This has never happened again.

Guess there's something to the saying, "A little bird told me so."

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Face Your Fears Words of Inspiration By Rev. Stephen E. Smith

In 2 Timothy 1:6-7 we read; *"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

One of the greatest hazards to the Christian life is fear.

While not all fear is bad, everyone knows what it's like to be afraid.

When fear immobilizes us and keeps us from doing what we have been called to do, we are dominated by a "spirit of fear."

This kind of fear paralyzes us and keeps us from doing things we could or should do.

However, when we go to God's Word we learn to face our fears.

Sure, the Bible is full of "fear-nots", but I like this verse because it was written to a young man.

Timothy was a young pastor at the church of Ephesus, and the Apostle Paul was his mentor.

Paul encouraged Timothy in the first letter (1 Timothy) to not let others intimidate him because of his young age.

Timothy was afraid of being inadequate as a young pastor, he lacked self-confidence.

In this 2nd letter to Timothy, Paul reminds Timothy that any cowardice in his life did not come from God's Spirit, *"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

Remember this; the moment you trust Jesus as Savior, the Holy Spirit

of God takes up residence in your life and provides the continuous comfort that we need to eliminate our fears.

With God in control you can face your fears.

God gives you the ability to do what life demands.

God gives you the ability to be under control when others throw restraint to the winds.

Bible teacher Max Lucado says, *"Fear doesn't want you to make the journey to the mountain."*

If he can rattle you enough, fear will persuade you to take your eyes off the peaks and settle for a dull existence in the flatlands."

So many things in life can be fearful: changing jobs, being alone, a bad report from the Doctor, the loss of a loved one, and not having any friends who care about you can be devastating.

However, God has not given us

a "spirit of fear"... it is God's will to move us from fear to confidence.

We are called to live courageously and to trust the enablement of God's Spirit to work in and through us, though we may be young, inexperienced, and somewhat afraid.

God can and will use our lives, but we must be willing to face our fears.

Standing true to your faith in a secular world is a courageous thing while facing the fear of being stereotyped. Saying, "Yes" to a godly lifestyle in a difficult job is a courageous thing while facing the fear of ridicule.

Saying "No" to the drugs and the parties that you are invited to is a courageous thing and you face the fear of being alone.

Staying in a marriage that seems to have hit a dead-end is a courageous thing in facing the fear of life with unfulfilled expectations.

Saying "Yes" to honesty and in-

tegrity is a courageous thing among your peers who want you to do otherwise.

Let me say without hesitation that one of the biggest battles you'll face is the battle for honesty.

Dishonesty is rooted in fear.

Which reminds me of the rancher who asked a veterinarian for some free advice, *"I have a horse," he said, "that walks normally sometimes and limps sometimes, what shall I do?"*

The veterinarian replied, *"The next time he walks normally, sell him."*

Dishonesty seems to be the norm for many people today.

It takes courage to be honest on a resume, or to not cheat on an exam, or to be fair in a business.

Face your fear of not getting a job or of losing a profit if necessary, knowing that God has promised the necessary power, love and self-control to help you get the job done, even if you have to stand alone.

By the grace of God we must remember that we can face our fears head on with a firm confidence in God.

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Stand strong and true, and never, ever, take your cues from the crowd.

As Paul said to the Corinthians; *"... my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). FN



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Blast From The Past...

HOUSEHOLD HINTS 4/23/68 - Gardening Hints

DID YOU SAVE ANY GERANIUMS LAST FALL and store them in paper bags or by hanging in a dark cool spot in your basement?

Anytime now you can get them out, break off dead stems, and put them in water (keep roots covered) for about two weeks or until new growth appears.

After planting them outside, be sure to keep covered if there are frost warnings.

TO HAVE A ROVING FLOWER BOX which may be moved when mowing the lawn, fill a discarded wheelbarrow with soil and plant flowers in it.

TULIPS, HYACINTHS AND DAFFODILS grown in pots are hardy spring flowering bulbs which may be planted in your outdoor garden to live and flower for years and years.

The important thing - right now - is to keep the foliage growing as long as possible, since it furnishes food for the bulb and therefore the next season's flower.

The bulbs may be planted in the garden any time before next fall.

They may not bloom the first spring since forcing indoors sapped their vitality.

TO HAVE EARLY TOMATO PLANTS, fill a bowl with good rich soil, pour boiling water over and plant tomato seeds at once.

Cover seed with a thin layer of good soil.
Pat down firmly and watch them grow.

CALF SLOBBER CAKE

1 yellow cake mix
Vanilla
Powdered sugar
Jelly or jam

Make cake mix according to package directions.

Save back two egg whites.
Bake cake in 3 - 9 inch layer pans.

When cake is done, spread your favorite jelly or jam between layers.

Beat 2 egg whites until frothy, then add 4 - 6 tablespoons powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Continue to beat until sugar is dissolved and whites are stiff.

Spread over cake as you would any icing.

Put in a moderately hot oven until egg whites are lightly browned.

NOTE: Make sure you use an oven proof plate to put the cake on.

THE COUNTY FAIR

Soon we will go to the County Fair,

We will see all our friends and relatives there.

Take a picnic lunch with enough food to share.

There is nothing on earth like the County Fair.

We will stroll down the midway and thrill to the rides,

As they whirl us and lift us and swiftly glide.

Listen to the barkers selling their wares,

There is nothing on earth like the County Fair.

Buy cotton candy, drink pink lemonade,

Carry a colored balloon, eat a cone in the shade.

Try your skill as a marksman, you may win a prize,

Eat hot dogs and burgers and go on more rides.

Food, fresh baked and

canned will go on display, Arts, crafts and flowers will be there so gay.

The blue ribbon winners will be walking on air,

There is nothing on earth like the County Fair.

Boys and girls will have their turn,

4-H projects and trophies they earn.

Hours of work and a world of care

Go into their entries for the County Fair.

Tractor pulls, horse races are run,

Bands will play and join in the fun.

Dancing and singing and a queen to crown,

Why not go to the Fair in your home town?

Vintage Poem 1975
written by:
Lucille Hessler
Payne, Ohio

1984 Helpful Kitchen Hints:

If you have an automatic dishwasher and find spots and heavy film on our glasses and flatware, just add 1/2 cup vinegar to your second rinse. Your dishes will sparkle.

To remove rust from the corners of cake tins that have been in use for a long time, dip a raw potato in cleaning powder and scour.

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8:00 a.m.: Gates open;
Saturday thru Thursday
11:00 a.m.: Gates open
Friday
11:00 p.m.: Midway
closes daily

Friday, August 21
 9:00 a.m.: 4-H Club
 Booths must be in place
 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.: Ag
 Hall Exhibits Move in
 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.: Ju-
 nior Fair Livestock Move-
 In and Weigh-In
 12:00 Noon: Ag Hall
 Judging and Fine Arts
 Judging
 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Junior
 Fair Livestock Move-In and
 Weigh-In

Saturday, August 22
 7:30 -10:30 am.:Floral
 Entries Move-In
 9:00 a.m.: Fair Open-
 ing Ceremony (Main Show
 Arena)
 9:00 a.m.: Crowning of
 Junior Fair Royalty (Main
 Show Arena)
 9:00 a.m.: Horseshoe
 Pitching Contest
 10:00 a.m.: Junior Fair
 Rabbit Show - Strausbaugh
 Arena
 10:00 a.m.: Horse Barn
 Q&A Meeting -Horse
 Bleachers
 12:00 Noon: First Floral
 Judging



1:00 p.m.: 4-H Horse
 Practice Show-Schooling
 for Shakes
 3:00 p.m.: Junior Fair
 Horse Barn Meeting -
 Horse Bleachers
 3:00 p.m.: Baked Goods
 Auction @ Pavillion
 3:00-4:00 p.m.- Sunny
 Sips of Summer (Wine
 Tasting @ Pavillion)
 5:00 p.m.: Junior Fair
 Beef Cattle Show - Show
 Arena
 5:00 p.m.: **KOI ATV
 & Truck Drags** - FREE
 Grandstand/\$10 Infield
 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.:
 Rides Open
 7:00 p.m.: Catholic Mass-

Senior Pavillion
 Time TBA: All Ameri-
 can Petting Zoo-Pig Races

Sunday, August 23
 8:30 a.m.: Devotion Main
 Show Arena
 9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair
 Poultry Show - Strausbaugh
 Arena
 9:00 a.m.: Antique Trac-
 tor Pulls - Infield
 9:00 a.m.: Old School
 Garden Tractor Pulls - In-
 field
 9:00 a.m.: Horseshoe
 Pitching Contest
 10:00 a.m.: Cloverbud
 Show-n-Tell-Show Arena
 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.:
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 Tent by Jr. Fair Flagpole,
 Scavenger Hunt, Kid Ac-
 tivities, Horticulture Ques-
 tions.

12:00 Noon: Krazy Ka-
 hoot! Activities - Show Arena
 12:00 Noon: Michigan
 Mini Horse Pulls-Jr. Fair
 Horse arena

1:00 p.m.: Straw Load-
 ing Contest - Infield - Spon-
 sored by Ayersville FFA

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Rides
 Open

2:00 p.m.: Junior Fair
 Kid's Pedal Pull - Show Arena
 - \$2 Entry - Sponsored by
 Tinora Young Farmers

5:00 p.m.: Junior Fair
 Swine Show - Show Arena
 6:00 p.m.: Rough E Ro-
 deo - Bucking Bulls and
 Barrel Racing

6:00 -10:00 p.m.: Rides
 Open

Time TBA: The Steam-
 ers Thrill Show

Time TBA: All-Ameri-
 can Petting Zoo-Pig Races

Monday, August 24
 8:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Goat
 Show: Strausbaugh Arena
 2:00 p.m.: Swine Show-
 down - Show Arena (entries
 due by 8:00 p.m. Sunday)
 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.: Rides
 Open

6:00 p.m.: **Presentation
 of Colors** - Grandstand
 6:10 p.m.: Parade of Ju-
 nior Fair Youth Organiza-
 tions

6:10 p.m.: Introduction of
 2026 Junior Fair Royalty

6:10 p.m.: Cloverbud
 Graduation - Grandstand

6:10 p.m.: Antique Trac-
 tor Parade

7:00 p.m.: **Show of
 Bands** - High School Pa-
 rade of Bands followed by
 Fairview Young Farmers
 Pig Catch

Time TBA: All Ameri-
 can Petting Zoo-Pig Races

Time TBA: The Steam-
 ers Thrill Show

Tuesday, August 25

9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair
 Sheep Show - Show Arena

9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair
 Horse Show Pleasure/Riding

5:00 p.m.: Junior Fair
 Horse Show-Contesting

6:00 -10:00 p.m.: Rides
 Open

6:00 p.m.: NW Show
 Down Pull-In Beef Show

- Show Arena (weigh-in
 2:00-5:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m.: Decorated An-
 imal Contest - Strausbaugh
 Arena

6:00 p.m.: **Live Local
 Christian Music** - Grand-
 stand (FREE)

6:00-8:00 p.m. - Horse
 Photos-by Announcer Stand

Time TBA-All American

Petting Zoo-Pig Races
 Time TBA -The Steam-
 ers Thrill Show

Wednesday, August 26
**Veterans Day & Senior
 Citizens Day**

7:30 - 10:30 a.m.: Floral
 Entries Move In

9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair
 Dairy Show - Show Arena

9:00 - 9:40 a.m.: Senior
 Citizens Registration - Do-
 nuts/Coffee with a Cop -
 Pavillion

9:40 a.m.: Postmena Insur-
 ance Discussion - Pavillion

10:00 a.m.: Defiance
 County FFA Chapters Ag
 Olympics

10:00 a.m.: Horseshoe
 Pitching contest

10:00 a.m.: Property Tax
 Issues and Discussion- Pa-
 villion

10:30- 11:00 a.m.: Senior
 Chore Exercise Program -
 Pavillion

11:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Dog
 Show-Main Show Arena

11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon:
 Tonya Brunner and Honor

Flight Speaker-Pavillion

11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.: OSU
 Extension Office Hours

12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.: Se-
 nior Citizen Lunch - Pavillion

12:00 Noon: Second Flo-
 ral Judging

1:00 p.m.: **Harness Rac-
 ing** (Matinee; FREE Grand-
 stand)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Singo
 Bingo - Pavillion

2:00-3:00 p.m.: Magi-
 cian-Pavillion

3:00-4:00 p.m.: Live Mu-
 sic by the G-Men - Pavillion

4:00 p.m.: Veterans Bean
 Soup Dinner

4:30 p.m.: Blue Rib-
 bon Classic-Animal & Me

Show-Main Show Arena

6:00-10:00 p.m.: Rides Open

7:00 p.m.: Mutton Bustin
 - Show Arena

7:30 p.m.: NW Ohio Pre-
 mier Market Lamb/Goat

Pull-In Show - Strausbaugh
 Arena (weigh-in 5-7:00 p.m.)

Goat Barn)

Time TBA: All Ameri-
 can Petting Zoo-Pig Races

Time TBA: The Steam-
 ers Thrill Show

Thursday, August 27
Kids Day

8:00 a.m.: 4-H Fun Goat
 Classes - Strausbaugh Arena

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10:00 a.m.: Open Class
Fun Goat Show - Straus-
baugh Arena
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.:
Coloring with the Royal
Court - Multi Purpose Bldg.
10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon:
4-H STEM Cool Science
Activities - Multipurpose
Building (see kids day flyer
for details)
10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon:
Defiance County SWCD
Water Table Activity
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:
Clowns and Face Painting
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.- OSU
Extension Office Hours
12:00 Noon - Kids Craft
to Go - Multi Purpose Bldg.
(Sponsored by Defiance
County Public Library)
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.:
Rides Open
1:00-3:00 p.m.: Horsin'
Around- Stick Horse Races,
Lassoing, Lots of Horse
Fun -Draft Horse Barn
4:45 p.m.: **Kids Raffle
Drawing** - Under Grand-
stand
5:00 p.m.: Feeder Calf
Auction/Support Price -
Show Arena
6:00 p.m.: Junior Fair
Sweepstakes Showmanship
Contest - Starts at Horse
Arena
6:00 p.m.: D.A.R.E. Scav-
enger Hunt - Sheriff's Office
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.:
Rides Open
6:30 p.m.: **Harness Rac-
ing** - FREE Grandstand
7:00 p.m.: Snow Cones at
the Sheriff's Office

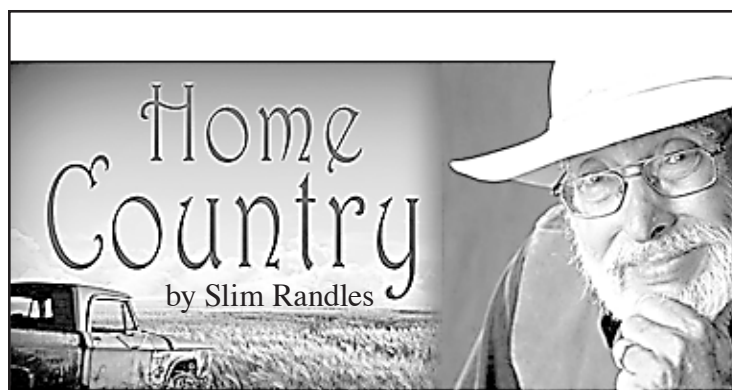
7:00 p.m.: 4-H Horse Fun
Show-Horse Arena
9:00 p.m.: Tent Dance -
Strausbaugh Arena
Time TBA: All Ameri-
can Petting Zoo-Pig Races
Time TBA: The Steam-
ers Thrill Show

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Saturday, August 29

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had a place in our hearts
and on our tables.

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Well ... why not?

And so I'd like you to
come with me back to the
summer of 1970, 'way up
north of Fairbanks, Alaska,
to what was once the thriv-
ing gold mining village of
Chicken, Alaska.

I was on my way, hitch-
hiking with a canoe, to pad-
dle down a 500-mile stretch
of the Yukon River and to
see the cabin where Jack
London spent the winter
once upon a time.

Just as an aside here,
hitchhiking with a canoe,
or with a sled and 10 dogs,
would make a lengthy how-

to book all by themselves.

It doesn't sound easy,
does it? - It isn't.

So what I would do on these
"adventures" of mine, (my
boss, Larry Fanning, referred
to them as Slim's tin-cup trips
because of all the scrounging
I did) is go neat places and
interview great people, and
write stuff. My column in the
Anchorage Daily News ...
brace yourself ... was called
"Slim's Column."

Truth in advertising.

So I arrived in Chicken,
Alaska, only to find I'd
nearly doubled the local
population.

In the far-distant past,
Chicken was an actual
town.

When the gold gave out,

so did Chicken.

So what was left was
"the business" consisting
of a gas pump, a coffee pot,
some postage stamps and a
couple of nice folks.

But there was something
else, too.

There was not only an
outhouse there, but it was
electrically lighted.

So where should I write
my column?

In an electrically lighted
outhouse in Chicken, Alaska.

Naturally.

The raising of poultry
this far north is uncommon,
too many local varmints,
including any resident sled
dogs, eat them.

So how did this gold
camp get its name?

Ahh ... the reason for
that column on the wooden
"desk" beneath that 20-watt
bulb.

Chicken, Alaska, got its
name because none of the
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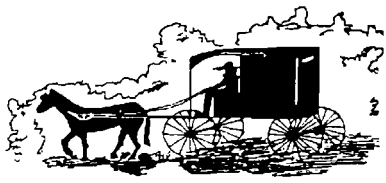
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The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



Welcome Home

"Mom, do you think Julia will tell us we grew when she comes back home?"

"We'll see."

"Do you think she grew while she was gone?"

At 14 years old she's only been a quarter inch shorter than myself the last year or so.

I'm just a tad over five feet so I expected her to pass me up.

We were all happy for Julia when the opportunity came up for her to go spend time at my brother Jeriah's, along with his wife and three little children, as they settle into their new home in Arkansas.

Eight days seemed like a long time for her to be 400 miles away even if it was really not that long.

When we spoke with her on the phone there were many eager voices to tell her about the latest details of life at home.

Sunday night was the mark we were waiting for.

She would be coming a bit after our regular bedtime.

Who wouldn't stay up to welcome her back?

We were all thankful to have guests for supper that night.

Thanks to the Matthew Shetler family who came to have supper with us and spend the evening.

My heart was warmed as we sat around the table.

It brought back more memories of the times we'd have with guests before Daniel went to heaven.

Not only that, there was a lot we had in common.

Our oldest daughters were about the same age and both our families have traveled the road of foster and adoption.

It was good; yes, we have our own lives to live, yet there's a strength that goes with connecting with others on similar journeys.

While we chatted, the children hitched up Tizza and took pony rides with the cart.

As dusk was gathering we headed out to take a look at the chestnut grove and look at the new horse.

Matthew set a few of the children on the mare's back as we led her around in circles and simply enjoyed being together.

Our children were deeply touched by observing their little daughter with a handicap.

What would it be like to grow up, not running and jumping?

She was as brilliant as could be, I loved watching her face light up, depending what we'd talk about, may God continue to meet her where she is at, with the difficulties He has trusted her and her family with.

By 10:00 the Shetlers had all left besides the oldest daughter who agreed to stay for the night to meet Julia and spend some time with her before their family would leave for the train station the next morning to head back home to Michigan.

When big sister stepped in the entrance door any remaining company manners melted away as there were hugs and 'welcome homes'.

We sat around the table snacking and listening to her glowing stories of the rolling hills of Arkansas and telling her of life at home.

The goal of not having more than one person talking at a time was not only bent, but trampled.

Recipe Of The Week

Hot Noodle Dish

1-lb. ground beef
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced onion
6-oz. noodles, cooked & drained

1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup milk
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients well.

Pour into greased baking dish.

Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Sprinkle cracker crumbs over top for the last half hour.

Note: Great casserole for a field meal or a potluck.

This Recipe of the Week is from Lori Wachtman of Napoleon, Ohio

For once we just let it be as it was.

At one point I tucked the younger children in bed and told the older girls they are free to have time together.

From the report I got in the morning it was time well spent.

God knows just what we need and when we need it.

In the next several days I kept eyeing Julia, declaring that she did grow since she had left home, but then it couldn't really be possible, could it?

"Let's find out," I told her.

And so we stood back to back.

Austin said if anything Julia is a tad taller.

"I've been wanting to look up to you Julia!" I teased.

That evening Austin came in from the shop with Daddy's four foot level.

"Here, let's see," he quipped.

We chuckled over his boyish idea.

And so the two of us were 'leveled out'; evidence proved that my side of the level pushed the bubble up on her side.

"She may be an eighth inch taller," I was told.

Okay, we'll take it, did

the Arkansas air have anything to do with it or working for her uncle, or maybe just some unique timing?

I don't know, but she did outgrow her mother.

Alright, we'll be wrapping up here with summer wraps.

I like making them in the morning and keeping them refrigerated until we're ready for our picnic or to enjoy along the way while traveling.

Use ingredients that will best suit your taste buds and those you are cooking for.

Notice that there are no exact amounts, I just put a bit of everything down the center of a tortilla, wrap it up good and tight, and call it good.

Summertime Wraps

Flour tortillas

Toppings:

Grilled chicken

Black beans

Whole kernel corn

Bacon bits

Lettuce, chopped
Onions, chopped
Peppers, chopped
Tomatoes, diced

Dressing options we enjoy:

Guacamole

Sour cream

Barbecue sauce

Ranch dressing

Honey mustard sauce

I lay out a long row of plastic wrap, the entire length of the table, then place tortillas on top.

Add a bit of the toppings of your choice down the center and squirt your favorite dressing on top.

Yummy!

Additional notes: Larger tortillas work the best.

I like spreading sour cream on the tortillas before putting on any toppings.

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rep in Defiance and I was in the health care field for 20 years, most recently as a practice manager for an OB/GYN office in Westerville, OH.

Both of us loved our jobs and the people we worked with, we were happy, however, the idea of taking this trip kept resurfacing and before we knew it, I was ap-

proaching 50.

We had started a savings account for the trip several years before but it always seemed so far away.

As the time got closer, we decided to be brave enough to make “some” day today; so, what had seemed like a dream very quickly became a reality and we started to plan what our adventure would look like.

With so many possibilities for travel, failed



Christine Falls at Mount Rainier National Park, Washington

attempts at camping, determining our budget and deciding what we wanted to see, we finally decided to drive and stay in a variety of lodgings that would get us a good night sleep and a shower in the morning!

Our Itinerary

We made a list of what we wanted to see in each state, making sure they were places we had never been before; then we began to plot them on a map.

The idea of traveling for a year without coming home seemed daunting – so we decided to plan our drives to make a clover leaf pattern.

We decided to start our travels in the northwest, during the summer months when the weather would be favorable, and

for the fall, we would go to the northeast to catch the leaf peaking season, then

finally we go southwest and end going southeast.

This would allow us a chance to visit our families in Ohio every 3 months or so, and hopefully chase good weather.

Packing for the Trip

The time had come to begin going through every scenario to determine what to take along.

You learn a lot about yourself thinking through what is “necessities” while still making sure they will



Giant Sequoia at Grant's Grove in King's Canyon National Park, California

fit in the car.

In the beginning, we overpacked, we even included our favorite coffee and coffeepot, but by the end we were down to the bare essentials, this was one of the many life lessons we learned along the way.

We started out heading north into Michigan...I'm embarrassed to admit that it wasn't until we were actually in the Upper Peninsula that it fully registered there were 2 land masses that make up Michigan.

We were also surprised when we discovered just how beautiful our neigh-

boring state is...(I feel compelled to say GO BUCKS here), and we were reminded of how much snow can fall in the winter.

It made us glad that we had planned the trip to be “fair weather” travelers allowing us the opportunity to stay outside as much as possible.

Then it was on to Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota, where we were able to spend time with family and realized the many things we take for granted (such as a kitchen

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The Mesa Arch Trail in Canyonlands National Park, Utah

Thomas Dambo troll “le Bolle” in Portland Oregon

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table, just sitting and relaxing, and the toll that spending 24 hours a day nonstop together might take).

From there we headed up north, went to the top of Lutsen Mountain on the ski

lift, then rode down it on a sled, while Rachel kept her eyes closed.

We sat by the massive shore of Lake Superior, hiked to several waterfalls, and tearfully said goodbye to family we had not seen in a long time.

In the Dakotas, we saw a

ton of cows, met the friendliest people and stayed in some of the homiest places, and we cautiously drove some incredibly narrow roads. This prepared us for the switchbacks in the mountains of the Teton Pass in Wyoming and for all of the wildlife we would encounter.

I can still feel the rumble in my chest when:

- the bison surrounded our car and grunted
- the fear from narrowly missing a moose
- the excitement and fear at being too close to bears.

It was then time to travel to Montana and Idaho, where the sky seemed endless and our souls connected with country music.

We saw our first rodeo, enjoyed farmers markets, more waterfalls and had a surreal experience at Craters of the Moon.

We made it to the “Mighty 5 Parks” in Utah and marveled how each park had such different rock colors and formations, and we felt like fairies at Silver Falls State Park in Oregon.

We also visited our first Thomas Dambo troll sculpture and loved it so much we made sure we saw as many as we could.

Finally, we made it to the Pacific Ocean and had trouble adjusting to the ocean

being west instead of east.

In Washington, our moms joined us to travel to Alaska with us.

My mom and I took a cruise, while Rachel and her mom travelled by a glass domed train.

We spent time together in Seattle to catch up and get a bird’s eye view in the Space Needle, and before we knew it, our moms flew home, and we drove back to Ohio.

We drove through Ne-

braska and Missouri and were lucky enough to catch a hot air balloon festival after we went up in the teeny tiny tram car to the top of the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Realizations

That first time home at the end of September caused some revelations.

In the beginning, we thought a year was a LONG

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time...but after 4 months, we realized it was going to go fast!

- The support we received from friends and family, with suggestions of places to see, offers to stay, and those "miss you" texts fueled our desire to share our story on social media (#50statesadventureswithfriends) on either Facebook or Instagram..

- We also learned no matter how hard we tried; there was always going to be more than we could see and staying flexible was crucial.

- A smile and eye contact goes a LONG way to making new friends.

- And finally, trying to enjoy and stay present no matter what we are doing; whether we were meeting new friends, stuck in traffic, turning down a wrong road, or resting during a hike, there always seemed to be a reason

we found ourselves where we were - when we were.

So many times, things did not go as planned, but the unplanned ended up being incredible experiences.

"God Winks"

Those "God winks" are some of the most memorable parts of our trip.

We set out for the Northeast loop with these new revelations and a little wiser, with less stuff in the car and ready for anything!

We met new friends, sipped coffee while gazing at the sun rise over the Adirondacks, and had some incredible hikes that looked out on some beautiful vistas with the colorful fall leaves.

We visited cute New England towns, tried everything maple, as well as regional seafood dishes, and went to Acadia National Park (where we almost blew off Cadillac Mountain), saw heavy mist and looked out over the islands.

We heard ghost stories in Salem in October, toured Fenway Park, went whale watching, and toured so many historical places that are important to our Nation's history.

We walked gorgeous coast lines, saw the lavish Breakers mansions, visited seaports and universities and took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and several islands.

We walked beach boardwalks, visited coastal towns and toured Annapolis, and even honored America when Rachel led the daily Pledge of Allegiance at "Chick and Ruth's Delly."

We saw many covered bridges and waterfalls and drove many windy mountain roads.

Before we knew it, the holidays were around the corner and the hikes in 30-degree weather had us longing for a break, time with family, and our warm beds.

Heading home for the holidays also gave us a chance to check Ohio off the list with short trips to see Christmas lights and beautiful snow fall all over our home state.

Warmer Weather Stops

With the holidays ending, the cold winter weather settled across most of the country and warmer tem-

peratures beckoned, so we decided to fly and rent a car for the next set of states.

We flew a couple of times to visit the southwest states in an effort to find warmer weather.

We hiked in Nevada and Sedona and visited Hoover Dam, Antelope Canyon, and the Grand Canyon.

We flew to Texas, ate BBQ, and visited the missions in San Antonio.

We took an air boat tour through the bayou in Louisiana, listened to music in New Orleans, toured huge plantations and fell in love with live oak trees dripping with moss and wisteria.

We arrived in Mississippi right as the azaleas were blooming, just missing the Natchez pilgrimages and then drove along the Gulf coast.

As the country began warming back up, we headed through the Cumberland Gap to visit several of the states in the southeast loop.

Southern hospitality and accents continued to warm our hearts and we began to marvel that every new state we drove through was different.

There were new landscapes, new foods, new people, new accents, new plants in every state - sometimes as soon as you crossed a state line.

But even with all these unique qualities, and all of the miles we had travelled, the country began to feel smaller than when we started.

Pieces of America

We realized that no mat-

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ter where we had been, and what we had seen, each state felt like pieces of the same puzzle, the same country, and the name - The United States of America - took on new meaning and invoked intense feelings.

At the beginning of the trip, it was easier to see divisions and disagreements in the country, but the more we traveled and the more people we met, the less division we saw.

- We witnessed incredible resilience and selflessness in disasters.
- We saw pride and devotion for the land.
- We saw kindness towards neighbors
- Protection for our Nation's natural resources,
- The desire to remember and teach our Nation's

history in every state - we wondered if that feeling would continue.

As we drove through Alabama, Georgia, and the Carolina's, we learned more about our Nation's sometimes painful - sometimes victorious past.

We learned about aviation, enjoyed the coast, the botanical gardens and the wild mustangs in Corolla.

We travelled into the past at Colonial Williamsburg, hiked in the Shenandoah, and began the count down with only 9 states left to go.

We flew to Florida and saw water as blue as the Caribbean and to California to visit Napa Valley, Yosemite, King's Canyon, Sequoia and Joshua Tree National Parks.

We drove the California coast and flew to 4 of the lush, tropical Hawaiian Islands with their individual unique vibes, and learned

the meaning of words like "aloha" and "ohana" that invoked the same feelings we now attribute to all the states.

We drove through Colorado and the Rockies plus New Mexico and we were surprised by the landscapes we saw.

We finished our drive through Indiana, the plains of Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas and celebrated the 100th anniversary of Route 66.

Lastly, driving though Tennessee, we visited Graceland and Nashville.

Then, as quickly as it started, it was over, and we

are now left with incredible memories, experiences and people we hold dear.

Lessons learned, tons of photos, and a desire to share our story while celebrating the Nation's 250th birthday.

We feel a little like seniors graduating from high school trying to determine what we want to do with the rest of our lives.

But no matter what this next chapter holds, it will be with immense gratitude for everything we learned on "Our Grand Adventure".

Note: Farmland News would like to thank Dawn Flohr and Rachel Rethmel

for sharing this story... sounds like it was definitely a Grand Adventure.

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As with all the other area Fairs in our corner of Northwest Ohio, the Defiance Co. Fair can trace its roots back to 1851, when the Agricultural Society of Defiance County hosted their first County Fair on October 7 and 8, 1851.

The Agricultural Society gathered cattle, hogs, horses, and fowl on Dr. Colby's lot on the north side of the Maumee River in Defiance, while local fruits, vegetables, grains, and handmade articles were displayed in the fairly new constructed Courthouse on Clinton Street.

This event was split between two primary make-shift locations as they lacked a permanent home at that time.

(As a side note, the newly built Defiance Courthouse, which was to replace the former log building structure, was started in 1845 so in 1851 it was only 5 years old.

The current 1873 courthouse in Defiance replaced



1887 Defiance Fair



2024 Decorated Animal Cloverbud Division

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This is fun!

FAMILY

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the original 1846 Court-house).

What a beautiful place to display their goods and handmade articles in.

The Edgerton Family Gift

The initial Agricultural Society sadly disbanded and area communities hosted joint exhibitions with

neighboring Paulding, Ohio and some Indiana counties, until 1878.

In that year, Mr. A. P. Edgerton, a prominent figure in Northwest Ohio history, - and of whom the town of Edgerton, Ohio is named after, who was a former Land Agent in the 1830's and 1840's, and an Ohio State Senator in 1845, stepped forward.

He and his family donated land in Hicksville, Ohio

for the Defiance County Fairgrounds.

(If you ever have the chance to read about Mr. Edgerton he has quite an impressive biography). This acquisition of land donated by the Edgerton family permanently anchored the Fairgrounds location in Hicksville, Ohio.

In September of that year, area citizens put together a September exhibition under the auspices of the Northwestern Ohio and Northeastern Indiana District Agricultural Association.

Paulding County's Carryall Township, Indiana's Scipio, Newville, and Concord Townships, and Defiance County's Farmers, Mark, Milford, and Hicksville Townships all contributed exhibits to this gathering.

According to an excerpt from the Hicksville Historical Society - "...those first fairs included no running water on the fairgrounds, and an old iron pump was kept busy.

The Floral Hall had four entrances and wings with a large rotunda for plants in the center, and also fancy work was displayed in the Hall, and the merchants and the music store kept their wares here also.

The only rides were the merry-go-round run by little steam engines and the ferris wheel.

The horses rocked with a



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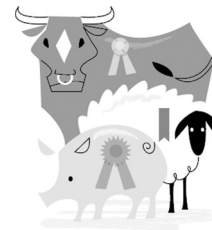
quick jerk on the merry-go-round, and the rides were 5 and 10 cents apiece."

They also noted that another fair-goer at that time offered muddier midway

memories of "... there were no gravel walks and the fair was always at the rainy season.

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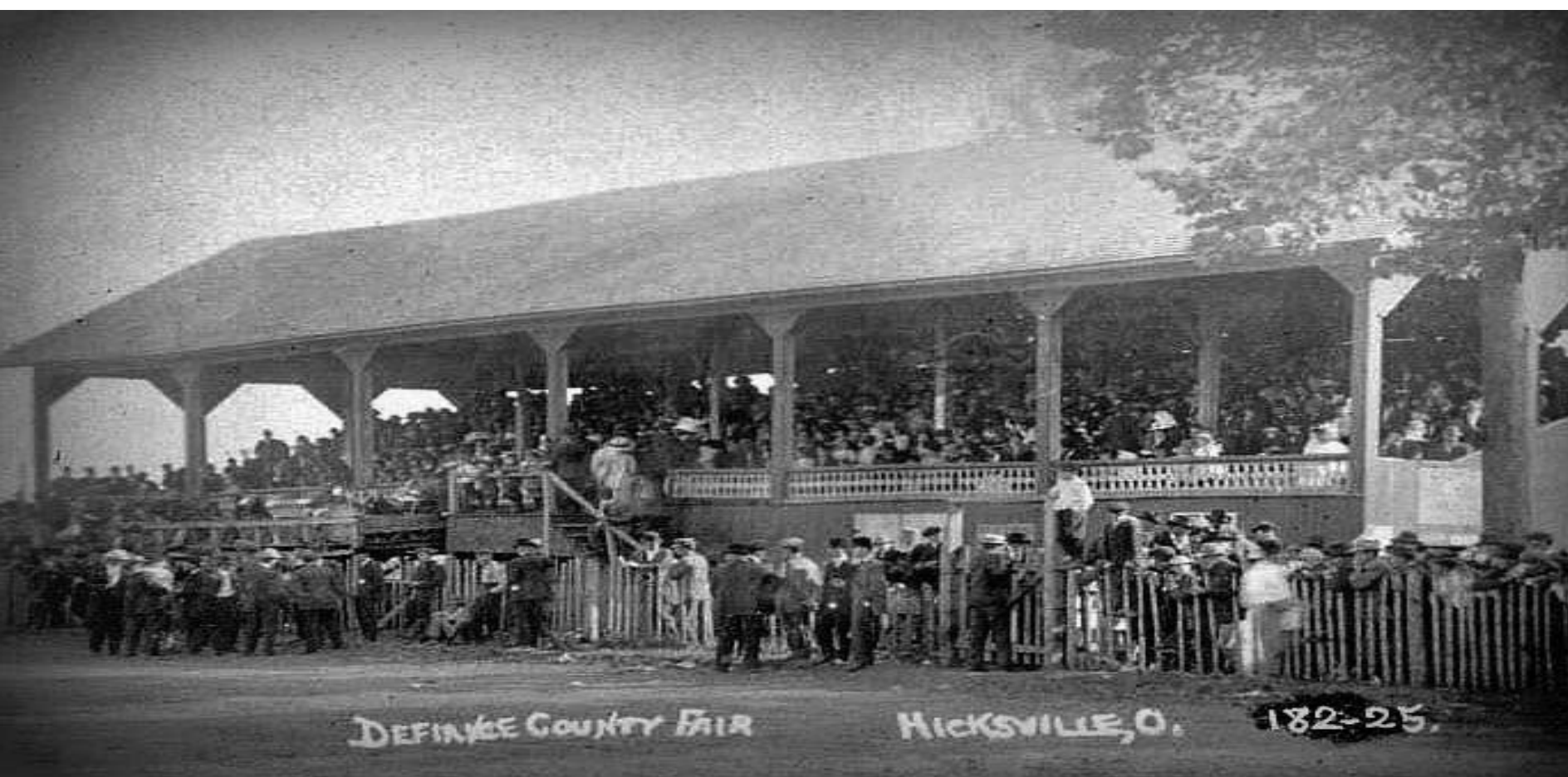
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There were snake shows, baby racks, shooting galleries, Ring-a-canons, etc. and novelty stands with whips,

canes, balloons, comeback balls, squawkers, and big spiders with coiled wire legs.

There were refreshment stands and you might hear one call 'Hokey-Pokey - Ice

Cream'.

After dinner the harness races began, with no starting gates and when the judge thought they were bunched well, he would yell, 'Go!' - and the race was on.

Between each race there was a free act in the center field and at the close of the harness races, there was then a foot race."

It was also noted that "... center field attractions included Hicksville's men's and Hart's Girl Band, solo acts, and S. Noffsinger's Sherwood Band.

Buffalo Bill appeared at some of those earlier fairs, as well as high wire acts, fireworks, balloon ascensions, and livestock parades.

Due to no electricity, there was no night fair, and Hicksville's star actress, Amelia Swilley Bingham always came home for the fair - everyone knew when she was coming as Mr. Bingham came ahead and painted the trunks of the trees in front of the Swilley Hotel with a red heart near the top."

Mrs. Bingham, who was born and raised in Hicksville was a well known Broadway actress and often returned to her hometown of Hicksville with her husband Lloyd where they were regulars at the Defi-

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ance County Fair.

Two Different Fairs

According to some historical documents in the 1870's to 1890's, Defiance County hosted 2 Fairs.

In 1875 after the Defiance County Agricultural Society re-established the fairgrounds closer to the county seat, local pioneer and political leader William Holgate expanded the access road leading to a site by the Holgate Free Pike, not far from where Pontiac Park is now.

This area at one time was known as "Williamstown".

Mr. Holgate added a 40 foot wide strip of land to accommodate the massive influx of horses and carriages.

He also planted three rows of maple trees along the Pike to beautify the entryway for fairgoers.

This Fair was more of a fruit and vegetable Fair.

The fairgrounds then relocated to an area by what is now known as Elliott Road.

This Fair struggled and was finally sold at auction by the Sheriff, to A. Sauer for \$3,190.00.

The other Fair was held at the same time in Hicksville and was known as the District Fair and parts of neighboring townships in Indiana also participated in this Fair.

In the "Defiance Democrat" newspaper dated 3



1912 fair

September 1891 it stated that the Defiance County people would be able to display their flowers and produce in Hicksville at the County Fair on September 22, 23, 24, 25 that year, which is around the time the 2 Fairs combined to one.

Mr. Scott Lantow of Defiance County shared with us that on October 2, 1879,

his great grandfather John E. Richardson was at the Fairgrounds, and they were looking for volunteers to climb up on the newly built Floral Building to put a flag up on the top before the Fair.

Mr. Richardson volunteered to do this, however, when he was about 45 feet up in the air, he slipped and fell off the building.

He survived the fall, but was not in very good shape for a while.

The 20th Century

Over the years, the Fair has continued to grow since those first rocky years.

In 1911-1912 a massive "Grand Carnival" occurred leading directly to the first official modern county Fair structure in October of 1912.

The 1950's a reorganization was done, and the VFW stepped in to manage the fair committee in 1956 - revitalizing the annual tradition.

Moving forward many years the Defiance County Fair has continued to steadily grow.

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fundraising in the years prior to the 2011 Fair, a new multi-use grandstand was built replacing the ancient 19th century structure and many wonderful improvements have continued to be made at the Fairgrounds to make it the outstanding Fair it is today.

As time passed, the Defiance County Fair has changed in some ways and stayed the same in others.

"Thus the old fair has come and gone. – The new fair will soon be here." is a quote on the Hicksville

Historical Society Defiance County Fair page.

I think that sums it up great....the old fair has come and gone, the new fair has arrived and is better and stronger than ever for many "Families and Friends, neighbors and residents" to enjoy for many, many years to come.

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TRACTORS / SKIDLOADER / EXCAVATORS / DOZER / TRENCHER / LIFTS / TRACTOR & CONSTRUCTION MISC: 2013 NH T7.260 MFWD SHARPI; 2006 CIH Maxxum 130 MFWD; JD 4450 MFWD; 1996 JD 8100 MFWD; 1990 C/IH 7110 Magnum MFWD; 1982 JD 2940; 1980 IH 1586; IH 986 D w/ Westendorf ldr; 1977 JD 4230; 2003 Agco ST35X; 1971 JD 4000 w/ JD 720 ldr; Ford 2600 WF; Ford 445C Industrial w/ frt ldr; Ford 4000 w/ trip bucket ldr & JD 5' rotary mower; 1966 IH 1206; JD 2440; AC 180 w/ AC 500 ft ldr; IH 674D w/ Dunham QT ldr; IH 184 WF w/ tlr; 2023 JD 333G skidloader, ONLY 1275 hrs; Bush Hog 2840 QY loader; 2024 Case CX30C Excavator, ONLY 10 hrs; 2008 Case CX50B Excavator; Yanmar VIO45 mini excavator; Case 550E dozer w/ 6 way blade; 2008 Bobcat LT414 trencher; Bobcat 709 backhoe attachment; Snorkel A38E elec 43' lift manlift, ONLY 103 hrs; 2015 Case 586H forklift; Clark GCS-25 forklift; 2002 Genie F40 manlift; JD Worksite BP72 skidloader broom; Skidloader HD log splitter; 72" Extreme hyd grapple bucket; Cat CB24 Rockin-Roller; Bobcat 15C post hole auger; Dunham Lehr pallet forks; **COLLECTOR TRACTORS / TRACTOR WTS:** AC Model C row crop; 1951 VAC Case row crop w/ plow; Farmall Super MTA; Ford 900 propane; Allis G; Friday Wiggle Hoe; 1946 JD A; Several styles tractor wts; **COMBINES / HEADS / HEADER CARTS:** 2006 C/IH 2388 combine; 1999 JD 9410; 1982 JD 7720; 1978 JD 7700 w/ JD 216 GH; Gleaner R52; 2007 McDon 974 flex 38' draper w/ UM-AWS 30 cart; 2011 C/IH 3020 GH; C/IH 1020 30' GH; JD 920 GH w/ cart; JD 216 GH; Duetz Allis 320 GH; Gleaner 8000 series 20' GH on cart; JD 630F GH w/ cart; JD 6086 CH; C/IH 2208 8x CH; IH 863 CH; JD 693 6x CH; JD 643 Hi Tin CH, Gleaner 6x poly snout CH; JD 643 6x CH on cart; Gleaner 830 poly divider CH on cart; AC 8x CH; UM 30' cart; EZ Trail 20' cart; J&M cart; UM HT-30 green cart; UM HT-30 red cart; Plus misc related items; **PLANTERS / GRAIN DRILLS / GRAIN CLEANERS / SEED TENDER / RELATED MISC:** White 6180 NT 12x30 liq fert planter; JD 7200 12/30 liq fert w/ pop up fert planter; 2005 JD 1790 NT 12/24 planter; JD 1780 NT 12/23 row hyd drive planter; JD 7100 7x liq fert NT planter; JD 7000 6x30 liq fert NT planter; JD 7000 Conservation 6x liq fert planter; Kinze double frame 6x NY planter; JD 8300 double disc 18 opener grain drill; 1998 JD 750 NT 15' dolly wheel drill; JD 750 NT 15' drill; JD 750 NT 15' drill; C/IH 5400 NT 15' drill on cart; C/IH 5400 NT 10' planter unit drill; 1997 GP end wheel drill; White 7x splitter unit; DNC 54 HI-Cap counter rotating dual screen grain cleaner, Nicel; Meridian Seed Titan 2 pro box seed tender; Several misc related items; **TILLAGE:** 2021 JD 2633 VT, Low Acres; WilRich 30' flat fold 8x FC; AC 1300-E 24' FC; AC 24' FC; AC 1300 24' FC; McKee 20' DT FC; AC 1200 20' FC; Triple K Kongskilde SVC series 20' FC; AC 1200 19.5' FC; C/IH 183 6x FC; JD 200 single 32' rolling basket; UM 1245 31' rolling harrow; UM 220 27' rolling harrow w/ leveler; Remlinger 26' double basket rolling harrow; UM 20' double rolling basket; 2001 JD 637 32' disc; IH 490 30' disc; C/IH 496 25' disc; Sunflower Rockflex 24' disc; JD 230 bi-fold 24' disc; C/IH 496 24' disc; IH 470 20' disc w/ harrow; JD 14' finishing disc; JD 510 16' disc ripper; JD 512 5x disc ripper; JD 510 5x disc ripper w/ harrow; JD 512 5x disc ripper; Kent 25' disc-o-vator; White 435 14x disc chisel; DMI 900 9x disc chisel; Glencoe 9x disc chisel; NH TD5 22' disc chisel; MF 13x wide sweep chisel; Brillion 32' cultipacker; Brillion 20' X-Fold cultipacker; Dunham Lear 21', 15' & 14' cultimulchers; Brillion 18' cultimulcher; UM 24' harrigator; 16' harrigator; Landoll 876-30 Tilloll finisher; C/IH 4200 30' finisher; Kongskilde 3500 22' soil finisher; Lely 15' rotterra; JD 400 15' rotary hoe; Case 10' chisel plow; IH 5x V-plow; White 540 5x16 plow; IH 720 4x16 plow; DR 3' tow behind Roto-Hog tiller; (100) New 9" FC shovels; **SPRAYERS / APPLICATORS / WATER & FUEL TANKS:** WilMar 745 self-propelled 500 gal 60' boom sprayer; 500 gal SS tank 60' boom sprayer; Pequa 300 gal 30' boom sprayer; 300 gal sprayer; Demco 200 gal 45' boom sprayer; 200 gal 45' boom sprayer; 60 gal fiberglass sprayer; 60' 3pt sprayer boom (hookups & boom only); P&H 9x NH3 hyd fold tool bar; 1600 gal poly tank; 1280 gal nurse wagon; 300, 290, 250 & 50 gal fuel tanks; 200 gal alum tank; 100 gal port. tank; (2) 50 gal tanks as 1w/ 2 hand pumps; **AUGERS / CONVEYOR / GRAIN CARTS / WAGONS / SEED BOXES:** Harvest 62x10 swing auger; Westfield 61x10 & 61x8 swing; Hutchinson Mayrath 60x10; Cardinal 46x6; Mayrath 40x8; Hutchinson 33x6 inline; 27x6 loadout; 14x4 elec motor auger; poly cupped fert auger; UM seed auger; Wenzinger portable fill auger; Westfield 35x13 belt conveyor; Buchard GSX 130 drive over portable pit; KB 690 grain cart w/ scales & camera; 2012 UM Brent 1282 grain cart w/ tarp, scales w/ scoreboard, cameras, floaters, Lg 1000 PTO, rear hitch, 1200 bu; KB 590 grain cart; J&M 525 grain cart; Several sized wagons w/ different accessories & gears; **MOWERS / CHOPPERS / BLADES / SNOW BLOWER:** Woods RM306 rotary mower; 3pt boom flail mower; Oliver 416 7' sickle mower; Woods 72 chopper; RK 72" finish mower, Like New!; 5' flail mower; Woods 214 mower; JD 1418 14' chopper; JD 1418 14' chopper; JD 9' blade; 3pt LaneBlade; JD #78 8' blade; 7' box blade, New; Bison NVH 7' HD blade; Woods SB-84 snow blower; snow plowskidldr attach.; **ELEVATORS / BALERS / FLATBED WAGONS / HAY & LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT / RELATED MISC:** 50' bale elevator; NI 36' elevator; IH 4310 baler; JD 336 sq baler w/ #30 kicker; Gehl 1865 baler; Bale grapple; NH 55 side rake; NI 5-wheel rake; 2022 Kubota RA1047T hay rake; NH 402 crimper; JD 100 silage blower; NH 782 forage harvester w/ hay head; NH 824 2x corn head for chopper; Badger silage wagon; Gehl 980 silage wagon; Meyer bale kicker wagon; Several flatbed wagons; Feed grinder; **TRUCKS / PICKUPS / AUTOS / SCOOTER / UTV / TRAILERS / MISC:** 2014 ProStar ISX15; (2) 2014 IH ProStar semis; 2005 IH 8600 semi; 2005 Freightliner Columbia; 2004 IH 8600 semi; 2019 Freightliner M2-106 w/ New 11' Fosson dump bed; 2015 GMC 3500 4WD 4 dr service trk; 2008 Peterbilt PB335 dump trk; 2008 GMC C-4500 service trk; 2007 Hino dump trk; 2006 GMC C-5500 4dr trk w/ 12' landscape bed; 1993 IH DT466 6sp, 400 bu gr trk; 1979 IH 1900 gr trk; 1978 GMC 65 newer L366 gas scissors hoist trk; 1977 Chevy Scottsdale C-60 hoist bed trk, 2011 GMC Sierra 1500 4WD 4dr pickup; 2005 Chevy 1500 4dr 4WD pickup; 2004 Ford F250 4WD ext cab pickup; 2002 Dodge Ram 2500 Laramie SLT 4x4 pickup; 2002 Jeep Wrangler w/ power angler snow blade; 2006 Chevy Express G2500 work van; 1984 Camaro; 2009 Tomos Nitro 150 scooter; 2021 Hisun Rural King HS250 UTV-2 side by side; Kitty Kat snowmobile; paddle boat; 2010 Maurer 40' gr tlr, auto Shur-Lok tarp; 2010 Maurer 40' gr tlr; 2005 Fontain mechanical 3rd axle detach tlr; Wilson/ Agri Trader 40' hopper tlr w/ roll tarp; 1995 Kaylyn Sibert 26' dual tag tandem tlr; 2014 Interstate 25' equip. tlr; American 20' tlr; Super Goose 18' gooseneck 400 bu dump tlr; KB 400 center dump gooseneck tlr; 18' & 16' boat tlrs; 2021 Sure Trac ST8220 ET 16+2 tlr w/ Knight silage unit; Homemade 16x7 livestock tlr; Homemade 13' tandem tlr; Homemade 8x12 steel tlr; Homemade 12' alum tilt tlr; snowmobile tlr; Plus smaller tlrs and truck parts & misc; **TIRES / RTV / LAWN & GARDEN / FARM & SHOP MISC:** MANY sizes & types of tires, rims & duals; Several lawn mowers and mower attachments; Kemp 3pt chipper/ shredder; Ferguson buzz saw w/ gear box attachment; Brinly garden plow; Ford 3pt post hole digger; ATV seed spreader; Car/ tractor rotisserie; engine stands; single axle tlr joe dog; hyd winch; Onan 25KW gen.; Winco 13K PTO driven elec gen. on cart; Harris mini torch set; portable cement mixer; IR air comp., Duetz eng w/ sandblasting pot; soda blaster; ... Several farm & shop tools, workshop equipment! Plus Much, Much, More!!

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