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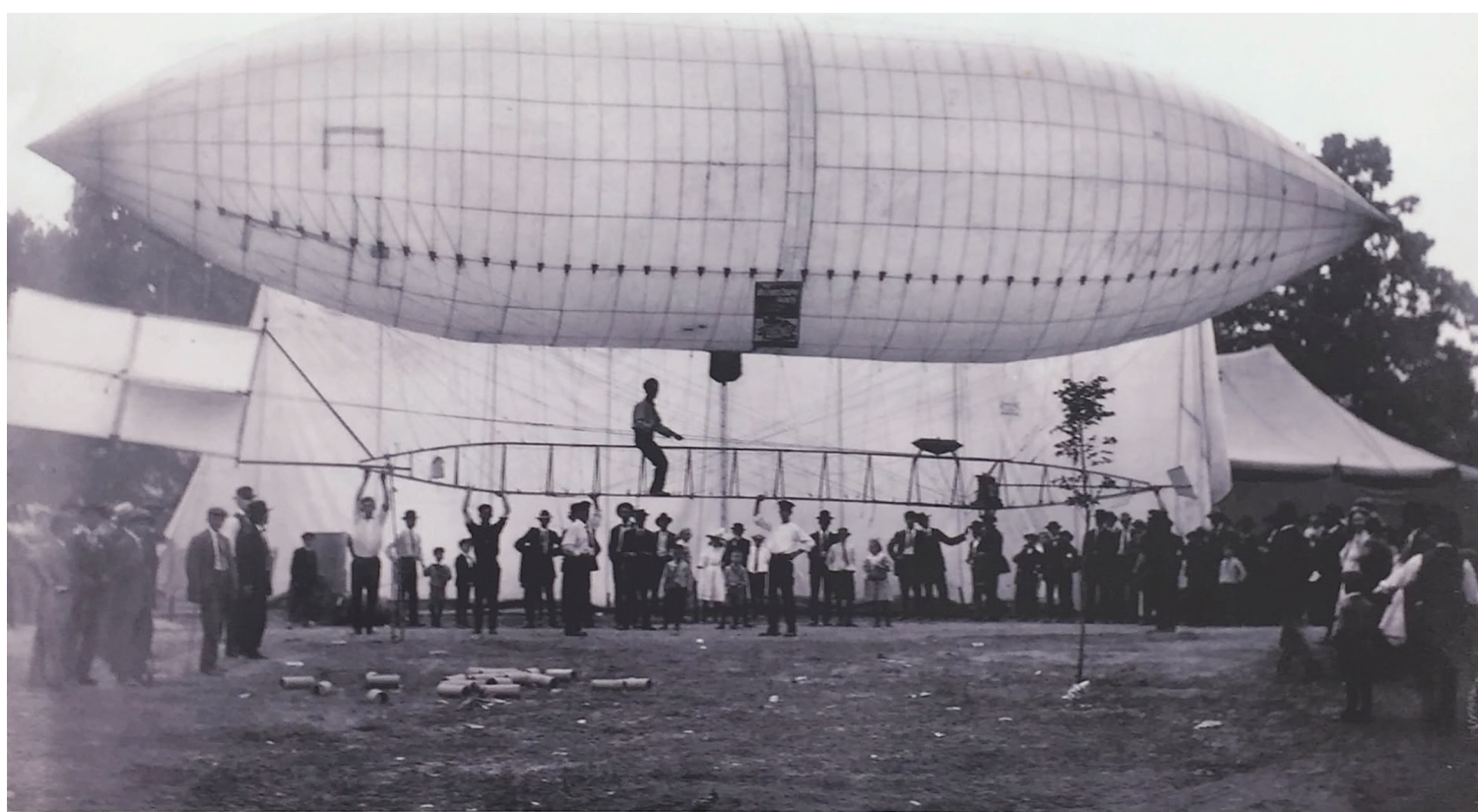


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Wood carvings from the 2025 fair.

The First Fair

Since it's earliest beginnings in 1855 to present day, the Van Wert County Fair has had a wonderful and unique history over the years celebrating it's agricultural roots and community involvement .
To trace the Fair's roots

back to its beginning – an article originally appeared in the "Van Wert American" newspaper on August 8, 1855, stating " a group of 22 citizens of Van Wert County believing in, and approving of the progressive tendency of the age and being of the opinion that

county fairs if properly conducted are advantageous to the proper development of agriculture" - because of this it was decided to form a County Agricultural Society.
Plans were made to hold the very first one day fair on October 30, 1855 at the for-

mer Dull Lumber Company location north of Jackson Street.
The initial fairground was fenced with a row of excavated stumps along the creek bank and the sides were marked by stretched

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Poor Will's Farmland News Almanack

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August 12 - 18

For the First Week of Late Summer

The air sizzles with insect song. Crickets and grasshoppers warn and wook, rubbing their musical legs. They make the sound of beans rolling in a pan, tiny bells ringing on the ankles of dancers, fingers raked over the teeth of combs, waves rolling cobbles on the shore.

Scott Russell Sanders

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 Sun

As August begins, the sun begins to speed up its descent to equinox. By the start of the second week of August, it will be one third of its way to autumn

The Weather in the Week Ahead

This week's highs: 50 percent of the afternoons are in the 80s, 25 percent in the 90s and another 25 percent in the 70s. Rainfall is typically light, with the 9th, 12th, 13th, and 14th carrying just a ten to 15 percent chance of a shower.

With the arrival of the August 10th cold front, however, the 10th and 11th have a 40 percent chance of precipitation as well as the slight possibility of a high only in the 60s for the first time since July 13th.

The 10th through the 14th are likely to bring evening lows below 60 degrees. And within the next seven days, lows reach into the 40s fifteen times more often than they do during the first week of August.

Natural Calendar

The invisible shapes of smells, rhythms of cricket song, and of movement of shadows all, in a sense, provide the subtle body of our thoughts.

David Abram

Beggarticks unfold their small golden flowers at this stage of Late Summer, coming into bloom as Judas maples become more common. Hickory nuts lie on the woodland paths.

Buckeyes are completely formed. The panicked dogwood foliage reddens a little, its berries green.

Acorns are full size, a few even a rusty brown. Purple pokeweed berries shine through the undergrowth.

Burrs of the tick trefoil catch on your pants legs.

White vervain is gone, and the flowers of blue vervain climb to the top of their spikes, measur-

ing the end of warmest time of year.

Fields of brilliant oxeye, coneflower, goldenrod, wingstem and ironweed hide the decay of Canadian thistles, fringed loosestrife, skullcap, wild petunias and meadow rue.

Phlox and resurrection lilies and gladiolus flowers disappear quickly.

Golden showy cone flowers have begun their three-week process of decay, and the once menacing ragweed is becoming old and empty.

Along highways, the umbels of Queen Anne's lace, so bright through Deep Summer, are contracting and darkening.

Telephone wires fill with birds as migrations accelerate.

Flickers, redheaded woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds, house wrens, scarlet tanagers, Eastern bluebirds, robins, grackles and black ducks move south.

Bees work harder. Spiders weave more webs.

Grackles and starlings become louder in the afternoons, but an entire morning can go by without a cardinal song or the sound of a dove.

In the Field and Garden

Ever-bearing strawberries and watermelons ripen; summer apples are half picked, and tobacco is often topped on two out of three of all the plots along the Ohio River. In average years, peaches are at their best throughout the Midwest. The first soybeans are turning, and most are setting pods.

The harvest of winter wheat and oats is complete throughout the nation.

Farmers bring in corn for silage, dig potatoes, pick tomatoes and finish the second cut of alfalfa hay.

This is the beginning of lawn seeding time, and the time for band seeding alfalfa on the farm. Smooth brome grass, orchard grass and timothy are also planted now.

Journal

Today, I am watching butterflies without an ulterior motive. I am done with trying to identify and count them, have given in to my confusion about their names and markings and their meanings.

Rum and cola in my hand, I have put aside my lepidoptery, or, closer to the truth, I have chosen to purify it of its purpose.

The butterflies, after all, seem to come from nowhere, appear and disappear like fantasies or daydreams.

I know too little about them to be scientific or to draw objective conclusions about their habits.

Their temporal and spatial borders are uncharted for me, and it is an easy step from curiosity to procrastination, from studying to distraction and sloth.

The afternoon is full of sun, and the breeze is cool.

The chasm between observation and wasting time, which seemed so wide just a little while ago, has collapsed around me, and my sense of application and utility, of duty and obligation and responsibility, has been unplugged.

The butterflies' passionate fluttering search for sweetness and brightness is teaching me to draw no conclusions, to avoid the issues at hand, to forget the inevitable, to embrace excuses, to postpone commitment, to put off until tomorrow, to pretend, even to avoid indifference or non-attachment or anything wise or virtuous or transcendent that might lead to enlightenment or wisdom or knowledge.

Freed by my ignorance and lassitude, I have nothing to gain from the butterflies. I can do nothing with their bodies. I cannot capture their souls.

These particular butterflies do not balance the planet, nor can I see the hurricane their wings may now be stirring in the Caribbean. I cannot connect their dots.

I cannot feed the hungry with them, clothe the naked with them, cannot visit the sick with them or bury the dead with them.

They dance in front of me without Jesus or the Buddha, without salvation, without heaven or hell, without sin or virtue, without selfishness or magnanimity, without humility or kindness or goodness or evil, without history or the future.

Floating among these disconnections, I enjoy delight with liberty, am pure and clean and loopy, untied and clueless.

ALMANACK LITERATURE

The Persistent Possum

By Eugenia Herrmann

Redkey, Indiana

One morning I found a dead possum draped in the entrance of the cat door of my garage. I am a wuz when it comes to dead animals, but I managed to get the body on a shovel, and I carried it out near a corncrib, hoping a buzzard would find it.

I told my tenant about it that evening.

Two mornings later, what do I find but the possum draped in the doorway again. I could not believe my eyes.

As it happened, my tenant stopped by, so he picked up the body and took it out to a field.

We both laughed, startled that a dead possum would show up for the second time.

However, the next morning, I almost went into total shock!

The possum was back!

Draped in the same position as the day before!

This time, I called the tenant saying, "You are not going to believe this but...."

Here came my now exasperated tenant saying that this time he would bury it.

I already had an open hole, so it became an ideal burial plot.

His statement was, "Well, if it comes back this time, it really WILL be a miracle."

Our only conclusion is that one of my cats dragged the body to the garage each time.

Whether she actually killed it, we will never know.

The final irony to the "burial" was that each of my other cats paid their respects by sitting on the grave for a few minutes.

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Jesus Christ: the Light of the World Words of Inspiration By Rev. Stephen E. Smith

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, light powerfully symbolizes hope, truth, revelation, and salvation.

The New Testament frequently uses the word “light” to portray Jesus as the divine illumination that overcomes darkness and calls His followers to reflect that light.

The Gospel of John introduces this theme vividly: “*The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.*”

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it” (John 1:4-5 NLT).

Jesus is “*the true light, who gives light to everyone*” (John 1:9).

He boldly declares, “*I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life*” (John 8:12 NLT; see also John 9:5).

Jesus’ light exposes sin and offers rescue.

“*I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark*” (John 12:46 NLT).

He urges, “*Walk in the light while you can*” and to believe in the light to become “*children of the light*” (John 12:35-36).

Those who do right come to the light so their deeds are seen as done in God. (John 3:21).

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells disciples, “*You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden*” (Matthew 5:14 NLT).

Believers should not conceal

their light: “*No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father*” (Matthew 5:15-16; parallels in Mark 4:21-22, Luke 8:16, 11:33).

Other references reinforce the image.

A healthy eye fills the body with light (Matthew 6:22; Luke 11:34-36).

Paul’s ministry fulfills prophecy: God made him “*a light to the Gen-*

tiles” for salvation (Acts 13:47; see Acts 26:18, 23).

The Epistles apply this to daily life: “*For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!*” (Ephesians 5:8 NLT).

This light produces goodness, righteousness, and truth (Ephesians 5:9).

Shine “*like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people*” (Philippians 2:15).

God calls us “*out of darkness into his wonderful light*” (1 Peter 2:9), to walk in the light for fellowship and cleansing by Jesus’ blood (1 John 1:5-7).

Ultimately, the New Jerusalem needs no sun, “*for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof*” (Revelation 21:23).

Across dozens of occurrences, the New Testament proclaims Jesus as the unquenchable Light.

His Gospel invites all to leave darkness, follow Him, and shine brightly through holy living.

In Christ, we receive the light that leads to eternal life.

Let it shine today!

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Blast From The Past...

Tranquilizing Gems

1977

- It's great to be a gentleman, but it can be a hindrance when you get angry.
- If you want to keep a secret, don't tell a friend that has a friend that has a friend that has a friend.
- The time for people to put money aside never seems to come.
- A snap judgement often comes unfastened.
- Instead of grumbling when people don't understand you be glad.
- Some juvenile delinquents are children who put away childish things.
- It only takes a few rehearsals to make a fool of yourself.
- Few people ever got tuckered out exercising kindness.
- A white lie is a black lie whitewashed.
- Rest when needed has never been time lost.
- Pride is dangerous when you are proud of being humble.
- Once you start to lie, you need a sharp memory.
- Some honeymoons end with an eclipse.

Vintage Recipe 1987
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*Originally was in the
Royal Cookbook of 1937*

Chocolate Waffles

1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
6 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt

Cream shortening; add sugar slowly.

Add eggs, flavoring and dry ingredients.

Mix well - this will make a very stiff mixture.

Heat waffle iron, but not as hot as for breakfast waffles.

Place spoonful of mixture in each section of the iron - bake.

Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Makes 10 small waffles

Don't Try To Do Her Job 1976 - Wayne Eicher

He got so sick and tired of hearing his wife constantly complain. Of how tired she was of baking and cooking —always the same refrain.

He decided that the very next meal he would prepare all by himself,

So he went to the cupboard and got a cookbook down from the shelf.

There were phrases in the cookbook that to him were not quite clear,

So those he disregarded, but to everything else he did strictly adhere.

When he took it from the oven no food on this earth did it resemble,

But the trouble came at the table when he tried it to disassemble. It couldn't cut, it wouldn't saw, he even used a double-bitted ax.

He ran over it with a bulldozer and the bulldozer left no tracks. He dug a hole and buried it but nothing for a mile around would grow,

So he dug it up again, then noticed that at night it had an eerie glow.

He hauled it out to the landfill but the operator wouldn't accept it. His refusal was based on the claim it would undoubtedly pollute the pit.

He put it out in the laying house, the hens all went into a molt. He put it in the steer-barn, that night a steer gave birth to a calf.

He is stuck with it forever, it is a curse, it is an unending baneful.

All because he got sick and tired of constantly hearing his wife complain.

Husbands, do not misunderstand, I would not presume to advise you.

But I do think that you can see there is one thing you should do.

The Consequences may be dire, with your whole life they may play hob,

When you try to show up a woman, when you try to take over her job.

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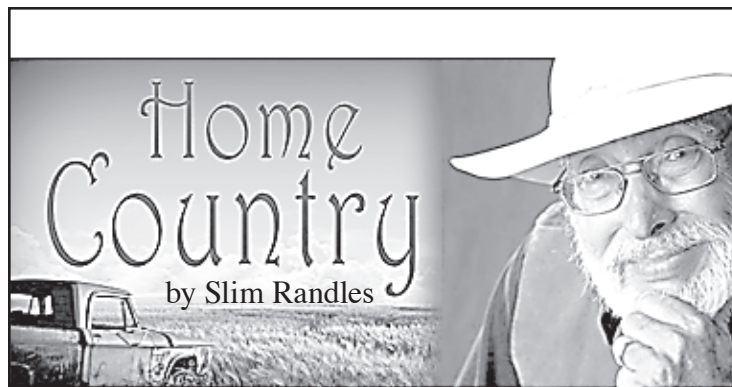
Wood Carver, Butterfly Encounter, Farmer Travis
 8:00 a.m.: Flag Raising Ceremony- Landing @ Gate 2
 8:30 a.m.: Junior Fair Dairy Feeder Show
 9:00 a.m.: Senior & Junior Ponies & Draft Horses
 9:30 a.m.: Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship (Senior Div. Only)
 10:00 a.m.: Senior Fair Open Rabbit Show
 10:00 a.m.: Double Elimination, Single Horseshoe Handicap Tournament - Horseshoe Court
 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Legos - VWC Veterans Service Commission Family Entertainment Tent
 11:30 a.m.: Cut Flowers & Potted Plants Second Show Judging
 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.: Farm Bureau Farmer for a Day - Grandstand
 12:00 Noon: Junior Fair Beef Show
 12:00 Noon: Senior Fair Open Goat Show
 12:00 Noon : Whiz Bang - Gospel Tent
 2:00 p.m.: Jeep Show- Landing @ Gate 2
 2:00 p.m.: Whiz Bang - Gospel Tent
 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.: Science Central - VWC Veterans Service Commission Family Entertainment Tent
 3:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Dairy Feeder Sale
 3:45 p.m.: Senior Fair Open Cattleman's Futurity
 4:00 p.m.: Senior Fair Open Beef Show

4:00 p.m.: Whiz Bang - Gospel Tent
 5:00 p.m.: Horse Contesting
 6:00 p.m.: St. Mary's Catholic Church Mass- Gospel Tent
 6:00 p.m.: Cade Thompson- AIG Outdoor Entertainment Stage
 6:00 p.m. - Demolition Derby- Grandstand
 Midnight - Curfew - Fair Closed

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Sponsor of the Day: Ohio Health

Throughout the Day on the Grounds: Jungle Island Petting Zoo, Glass Blower, Bear Hollow Wood Carver, Butterfly Encounter, Farmer Travis
 8:00 a.m.: Flag Raising Ceremony- Landing @ Gate 2
 9:00 a.m.: Van Wert County Senior Fair Open Horse Show
 10:00 a.m. : Junior Fair Market Hog Show
 10:00 a.m.: Zion Christian Union Church & Living Truth Ministries Service- Gospel Tent
 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Legos - VWC Veterans Service Commission Family Entertainment Tent
 12:00 Noon: Whiz Bang - Gospel Tent
 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m. VWC Farm Bureau Farmer for a Day - Grandstand
 1:00 p.m.: Car Show- Landing @ Gate 2
 1:00 p.m.: Horseshoe Doubles Tournament - Horseshoe Court
 2:00 p.m.: Whiz Bang -



Leona was a good mule. She was in a fabled minority in the pack station realm of mules, as she was a riding mule as well as a pack mule.

She was also ... well ... somewhat notional in nature.

There was how Leona pictured her world, and there were the rest of us, who were wrong, of course.

Mules are worth a lot more than a horse in the eastern California High Sierra, and there are reasons for that.

They usually live longer than a horse, they learn fast and never have to be shown twice, and they won't jump off a 300-foot cliff just because a 40-foot pine tree sneaked up on them.

When they learn something, it's learned.

Period.

This includes bad things as well as good things.

It's up to the packer to discover just what these atomic boogers are in the life of each mule and avoid them.

With Leona, it was one spot on the Kearsarge Pass trail between Kearsarge Meadow and Slim Lake.

Yes, as I told every kid I packed in, it was named for me because of how good a cowboy I was.

Some of them asked why Slim Lake was 200 yards long and only 20 feet wide, but you know kids.

But just at the top of the little divide there was Leona's booger spot.

There was a short piece of trail that was level and maybe five feet wide, which would have made it flatlands anywhere else.

Well, one night I was rid-

ing Leona and leading some horses and mules down that stretch of trail.

Leona knew how to get back to the pack station, so I was just making sure UFOs didn't hover and suck us up. We were good.

When we got to that little stretch of trail, close to midnight, I discovered, through pack station Braille, that three hikers had rolled their sleeping bags across the trail and sacked out.

I didn't become aware of this until Leona had walked straight over the first two.

All three dozing backpackers then saw mules walking over them, jumped straight up, and mules began knocking hikers down like ten pins.

It was beautiful.

Every time after that, if I was riding Leona, when she came to that spot, light or dark, she wouldn't go through until she'd thoroughly blown nuclear snot all over it.

Mules are the greatest manmade animal.

Brought to you by all the aging packers of the eastern High Sierra. Having cameras along sure would've been a plus. FN

Gospel Tent

3:00 p.m.: 7:00 p.m. - Science Central- VWC Veterans Service Commission Family Entertainment Tent
 3:30 p.m.: Junior Fair Horse High Point Award Presentation-Following pleasure before contesting

4:00 p.m.: Whiz Bang - Gospel Tent

4:30 p.m.: Senior Fair Van Wert County Market Lamb Show

5:00 p.m.: Junor Fair Showman of Showmen Contest

5:00 p.m.: Senior Fair "Open to the World" Market Lamb Show

5:00 p.m. - ALL SALE

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6:00 p.m.: Austin French - AIG Outdoor Entertainment Stage

7:00 p.m.- ATV Big Air Show - Grandstand

Midnight - Curfew - Fair Closed

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Sponsor of the Day: Huggy Bear Campground & RV Sales

Throughout the Day On the Grounds: Jungle Island Petting Zoo, Bear Hollow Wood Carvers, Glass Blower, Butterfly Encounter, Farmer Travis

8:00 a.m.: Flag Raising Ceremony- Landing @ Gate 2

9:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship (Jr & Intermediate only)

10:00 a.m.: Senior Fair Open Sheep Show

10:00 a.m. - Senior Fair Open Dairy Show

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.:

Children Choosing Christ - Gospel Tent

11:00 a.m. - Junior Fair Rabbit Breeding Show

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Legos - VWC Veterans Service Commission Family Entertainment Tent

12:00 Noon - Harness Racing - Grandstand

1:30 p.m.: Senior Fair: Ryan Trentman Memorial Open Swine Show

2:00 p.m. - Truck Show - Landing @ Gate 2

2:30 p.m. - Trinity - Advanced Insurance Group Outdoor Entertainment Stage

3:00 p.m.: Mark Trammel Quartet - Advanced Insurance Group Outdoor Entertainment Stage

7:00 p.m. - Rough E Rodeo - Grandstand

8:00 p.m. - All non-sale animals and displays released from grounds

Midnight - Curfew - Fair Closed

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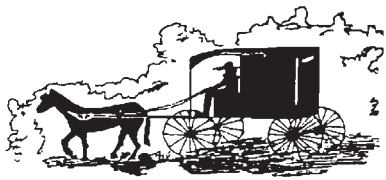
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The Amish Cook

by Gloria Yoder



Editor's Note: Gloria is taking a much-deserved summer week off.

She will return next week.

In the meantime, here are three popular summer recipes that have been featured in past columns!

Summer Garden Specialty

Green beans
Ham bone
New potatoes, freshly dug
Corn, scraped from the cob
Salt to taste
Tomatoes
Cucumbers
Onions

Cook ham bone and green beans in water until nearly done.

Add diced potatoes and corn.

Cook until potatoes are tender.

Next, dice tomatoes, cucumbers and onion sets.

Set on table raw.

Each person can layer raw goodies on their plate and then smother with the green bean mixture.

Summer Baked Beans

1/2 pound bacon, cut up
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup ketchup
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
1 teaspoon Liquid Smoke

(optional)

1 can red kidney beans
1 can butter or lima beans
1 can pork and beans

Start cooking bacon, but don't brown completely.

Add onion, sugar, ketchup, mustard, and liquid smoke.

Heat, then pour over undrained beans.

Mix well and bake at 325 for one hour to 90 minutes.

In our way of thinking, this is best when cooked over a fire rather than baking in the oven.

Also, if desired, you may cook your own beans rather than buying the canned ones.

Sweet and Sour Green Beans

1-quart green beans
3 slices bacon, fried
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup vinegar
1 egg, well-beaten

Heat the beans.

Fry the bacon, drain, crumble, and set aside.

In a saucepan, mix together sugar, vinegar, and eggs.

Bring to a boil.

Drain water off beans then add sauce and bacon.

Stir and serve

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

Recipe Of The Week

Spice Cake

2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup lard
2 eggs
1 cup sour milk (add 1 tablespoon vinegar to make milk sour)
2-1/2 cups flour

1 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
Pinch of salt
3/4 cup raisins

Mix ingredients together.

Pour into cake pan.

Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

Note: This was my mother's recipe.

This Recipe of the Week is from Rose M. Bettinger, Berkey, Ohio

Vintage Recipe - 1969

Surfer Squares

1 cup (6 oz. pkg) butter-scotch pieces
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 egg
3/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup (6 oz pkg) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

In large saucepan, melt butterscotch pieces, sugar and butter over medium heat, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat, add baking powder and salt.

Stir in remaining ingredients.

Spread in greased 8 inch square pan.

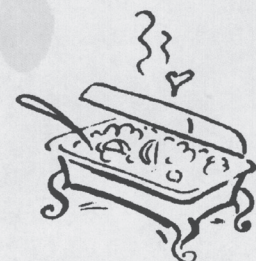
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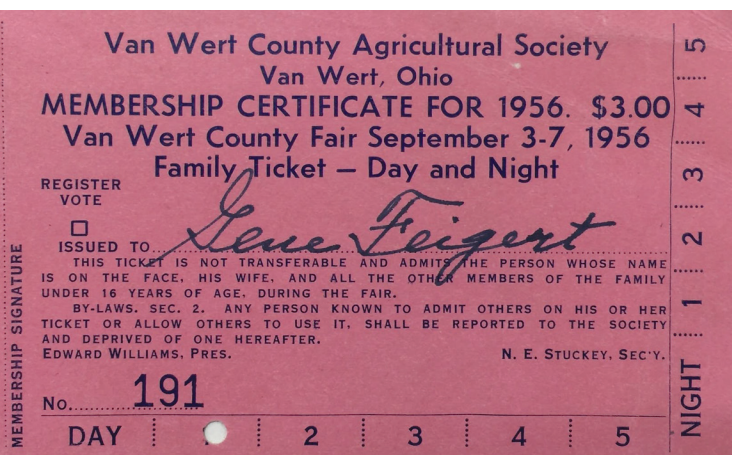
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1956 Family Ticket

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rope.

Garden displays were brought in wheelbarrows; the art display was small consisting of 3 quilts, one handmade shirt, and an apron by Mrs. Chilcoat, and a baby cap by Mrs. James Reed; a basket dinner was enjoyed at noon with no admission charged for attending the Fair.

Among the special attractions was the performance of a trained horse owned by Mr. Joseph Putman that could kneel, rear, and do other tricks.

One large hog was shown by Mr. Daniel Gipe which was tied to a tree with a rope attached to its leg, 2 or 3 cows were there, a few

fowl, a number of horses but no sheep, and no farming implements.

It was noted that according to an eyewitness account"after clearing a space in the woods, the early fairgoers made a small circular track and then ran the horse around the track."

Some of the first premiums and diplomas at that first Fair were:

Poultry Division:

Best pair of Shanghais - \$.50 premium

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Best lot of chickens - diploma

Horses:

Best Stallion - \$3.00 premium

2nd Best Stallion - di-



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ploma

Best Gelding - \$2.00 premium

2nd Best Gelding - diploma

Best mare without colt - \$1.00

Best Filly - 1 year colt - premium

Best sucking colt - diploma
Best matching horses - \$2.00 premium

Best trotting horse in harness - diploma

Cattle:

Best Bull under 3 years - diploma

Best Bull Calf - \$1.00 premium

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Best Heifer - \$1.00 premium

Best Yoke Oxen under 3 years - diploma

Hogs:

Best Boar - \$2.00 premium

Best Sow - \$1.00 premium

Best Pair Pigs - \$2.00 premium

Best Vegetables:

Best lot of cabbage - diploma

Best pumpkins - diploma

Best lot of apples - 10 varieties - diploma

Root Crop:

Best half bushel beets - \$.50 premium

1800's

The first two fairs were considered a success. In 1857, the organizers purchased 5.67 acres of land



Fair Time 2025

for \$184.00 and hosted the "first official 2-day Fair on October 27 - 28 that year as the event had quickly outgrown its initial site.

The Fair continued to grow as did the number of attendees and in 1871 the Fair expanded to host its first 3 day Fair.

The 1874 Fair advertised general admission at 25 cents, and the membership fee was \$1.00; harness racing was held in the evening as well as Thursday afternoon and Saturday was

thoroughbred racing.

A short time before the 1874 Fair a notice was published in the newspaper that stated a \$50.00 purse was added to the premium list; the first horse would receive \$20.00, the second horse \$15.00, third horse \$10.00, and the fourth horse \$5.00 - seven horses were allowed to enter each race, five to go and it was open to Van Wert County residents only and to horses that had never

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been trained or trotted for money – the entrance fee was \$5.00.

In 1896 one of the most unusual attractions at the Fair was the hot air balloon and ascension; fair-goers could pay to take a ride in the balloon which was often exhibited in the racetrack infield.

1910

The Fair continued to thrive and grow coming into the 20th century, cementing its traditions in community and agriculture.

In 1909 D.E. Agler, a West Main Street photographer in Van Wert, completed three unique vegetable

monstrosities to be used in promoting the Fair.

One of these monstrosities was of 3 huge ears of corn, large enough to completely load the Gleason Lumber Co. heavy truck.

Ten-thousand postcards of these pictures were then mailed to the homes of the Van Wert County Farmers.

It was noted in an article by the Van Wert Historical Society that in 1910....“Even though there was not a single automatic or grain combine on the Fairgrounds, there was plenty of evidence of bountiful living.

The grounds were packed with horses and rigs - the rigs filled with big baskets

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1913 Horse Judging on the Racetrack



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1913 Cattle Judging

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of fried chicken and rich, crumbly cakes and apple pies oozing with sweet goodness for picnic style meals - few autos were to be seen.

Everyone came early to the Fair and stayed late.

Giant pumpkins were to be seen, sweet country butter in fat molds, fly-besieged fat cattle whisking their tails, and horses everywhere, and nearly all the

young men carried canes or whips, as the whole family attended the fair from little up."

The ladies excitedly planned for weeks in advance for their clothes to wear to the Fair and carried parasols while the children scampered here and there at the Fair.

It was truly a wonderful family affair!

Also that year at the Fair, "two marvelous air ship flights were to be made each day of the Fair by 'Strobel

the Fearless Navigator of the Air'.

1911 to 1920

The Fair was always the place to see the latest things from improved farm implements to the latest vehicles - the 1911 Fair offered airship rides, 4 days of motorcycle races, hot air balloons; the first airplane was shown at the Fair in 1912.

In 1913 it was noted the Fair had an attendance of 40,000.

September 3, 1919 was "Victory Day" at the Fair - a welcome home to soldiers and sailors with free admission to all veterans, along with a meal at the grandstand and a special presentation to each veteran.

The 1914 Fair featured white tents for sleeping quarters next to the horse barns so the drivers could keep an eye on the horses and rigs.

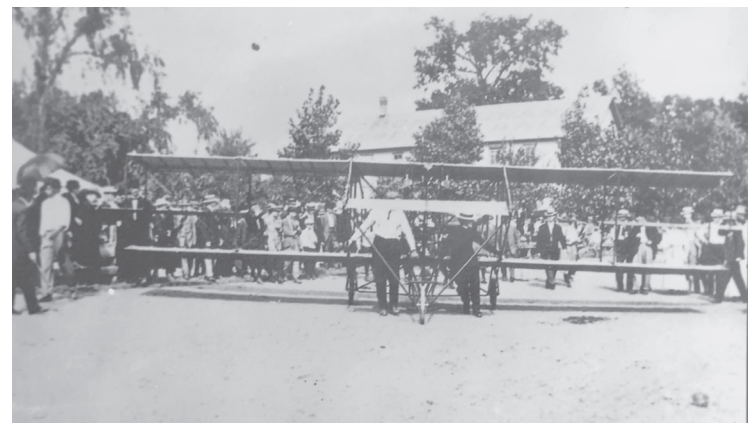
Serious events over the years included trotting, pacing and running horse races; fun events were "ladies road races" and farm team races.

1921 to 1939

Some comments about the 1922's Fair as described by students in the Second Ward School were:

1) Admission to the Fair was fifty cents for a ticket each day or \$2.00 for a family ticket.

2) Everyone was there, even the lady who was sawed in two, and the lady



First Airplane Show in 1912



Trapeze Artist 1915

who took the electric shock, \$1000.00.

There was even a parachute drop which had the colors of our American Flag, while one other student commented on the new entrance to the Fair which was very pretty and was made of red brick and cost over

They also commented that there were such Midway shows as - the tall lady, the couch mystery, the lady who lived in water, as well as stands selling candy, soft

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drinks, lunches and toys; favorite rides were the "Merry Go-Round" and "Whip".

They also had a balloon ascension, pole stunts, "Dynamite" the mule (that was valued at \$10,000 because of the tricks it could do), and trapeze performers.

A stock parade was held which was said to be 1/2 mile long with all sorts of livestock in the parade and a marching band.

They described..."the horses came out holding their heads high and prancing with a colt at their side, then pigs, sheep, cattle, and mules followed."

In 1924 there was a historic pageant of the County depicting events from the time of the capture of Major John Andre to the present day, and in the pageant were the first white children born in Ridge and Pleasant Townships, who appeared in an automobile.

In 1928 a new grandstand was constructed that was 192 ft by 55 ft at a cost of \$10,955.00 to replace the previous one built in 1905

which had been destroyed by a fire in 1927.

(The fire was started by gamblers (eight adults and one juvenile) rolling dice under the grandstand. They were caught and fined \$5 and court costs for a total of \$7.06 for gambling with dice.)

The new grandstand took a total of 5 railroad carloads of lumber totaling 127,000 board feet and had 20 rows of seats in it.

In 1931, Henry Showalter who was born in 1844 and had attended the County Fair in 1856, was honored as the only living Van Wert County resident who had attended that earlier fair.

He recalled from the 1856 Fair that there was a horse on exhibit that could do tricks such as kneeling, rearing and similar stunts, and there was one large hog - the only hog on display, and 2 or 3 cows were exhibited.

He did recall that one patron of the Fair became intoxicated and was placed in the county jail which was made of logs.

The young boys at the Fair were as interested in

**1928 Building the New Grandstand****1933 Fair Board Members**

the prisoner as of the Fair and they would climb the log walls to gaze in at the prisoner.

1940 To 1965

By the 1940's local businesses were in full force at the Fair - selling their wares and advertising their products.

In 1950, a magazine article was featured on Miss Bonnie Lu Logan of Lin-Lo Farm who won numerous livestock shows and excelled as a musician.

She was the daughter of

Robert and Princess Geraldine (Lindsey) Logan, and they resided on a 90 acre farm 3 miles from Van Wert.

The Logan's raised corn, oats, wheat, soybeans, and a herd of 26 purebred Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Her father was described as 'one of the growing number of alert farmers in and around Van Wert who discovered that a small herd of purebred cattle, carefully selected and scientifically raised, were a dependable

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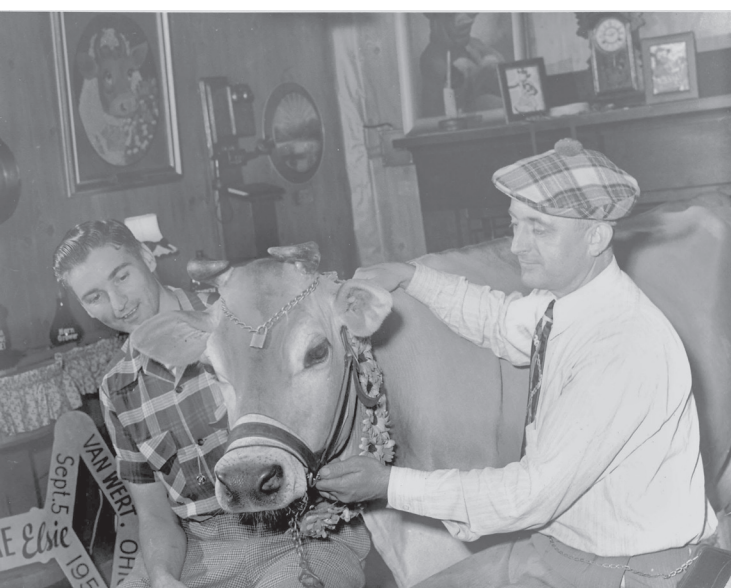


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Elsie's Home at the Fair.

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money maker'.

Bonnie at the age of 12, took the top three honors at the Ohio State Fair; she also won the Junior Championship showing at the International Livestock Expo in Chicago, and pocketed \$6,650 for her steer Lin-Lo (the steer bought \$5.00 for each of his 1,330 pounds).

"Elsie - the Borden Cow" visited the Fair in 1951 and you could have your picture taken with her.

"Elsie" was given a 3 foot key to the City, and she was welcomed to the Borden Cheese plant by the employees and the Van Wert High School band before being paraded to the Fairgrounds.

She was housed in her Barn-Colonial Boudoir in the Art Hall on the Fairgrounds, which featured a fireplace, wagon wheel chandelier, milk bottle lamps, a phone, and bookcase containing books including "Farmer with Cold Hands."

This year was also the 95th Van Wert County Fair and saw over 60,000 attendees on Labor Day.

In 1952, Dean Lichtensteiger was selected as the "Typical 4-H Boy in Van Wert County", and Alice Baldauf was selected as the "Typical 4-H Girl in Van Wert County" to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of 4-H.

In 1963 the Fair was officially extended to 7 days and has continued since then with the 7 day schedule.



PART OF THE 40,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 1913 VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR

Nolen Stuckey

One interesting item I came across was about one of the Fair Board members Mr. Nolen Stuckey, and was based on an interview done with him in 1980.

Mr. Stuckey was born in 1894, began his teaching career on his 19th birthday at a one room schoolhouse to which he drove a horse and buggy 12 miles each day and received \$45.00 each month in pay/\$360.00 for 8 months teaching.

In 1917 he married one of his former students and in 1918 was drafted into the Army where he served in France and Belgium.

He was elected Secretary of the Van Wert County Fair Board in 1932 and remained in that office for 35 years.

During that time the Fair Board was able to purchase 20 more acres and the following improvements to the Fairgrounds.

- Junior Fair Building
- Treasurers Office
- Junior Fair Show Ring
- Hog and Sheep Barns,
- Grandstand ticket

office

- Enlarged the racetrack
- Added 56 ft. to the grandstand.

Nolen's older brother Odus, never missed a fair since his birth and typically attended very day of the fair each year, for 93 years and was very proud of his record.

Wow!!!...that's quite an accomplishment.

2026

Currently the Fair is still managed by the Van Wert County Agricultural Society and the fairgrounds has continued to grow to encompass 96 acres featuring; dozens of buildings, barns and areas to host the annual agricultural showcases, grandstand shows and community exhibitions.

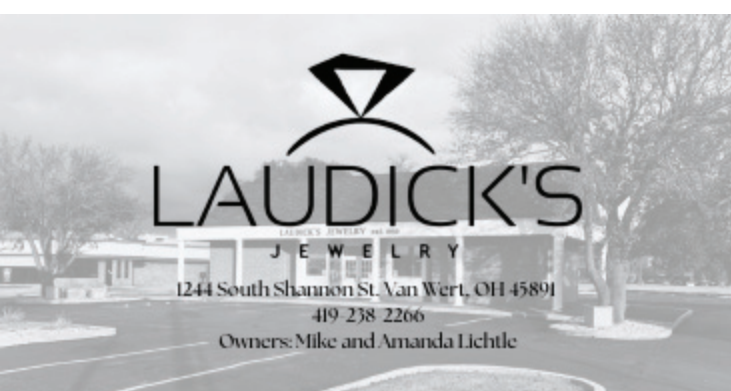
This year's Fair will be held on September 1 to September 7 and promises to continue with the tradition from years past - to be another amazing Fair - a "celebration to its community and agricultural roots".

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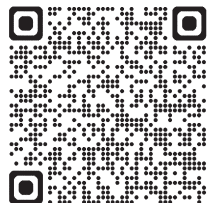
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 2010 JD 9670 STS Premium Cab Combine, 2187 Eng./ 1387 Sep. Hrs., Field Tracker, Drop Down Chopper, Monitors, Single Point Connection, 22' Unload Auger, Michelin 800-65-R32 Tires, 460-85-R26 Rears, SHARP!!; 2009 JD 630F Full Finger Grain Head, NICE!; HT-30 Grain Cart; 1994 JD 693 6x30 Corn Head w/HM Head Cart; J&M 435 Grain Cart 14" Discharge Hyd. Spout, Tarp, 520-85-R38 Tires;

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 1977 Ford 6700 Diesel Tractor, Full Cab, 8856 Hrs, 420-75-R38 Tires & Duals, 2 Remotes; Ford 3400 Gas Utility Tractor w/Loader, 3pt, 540 PTO, (clutch stuck); Long 1199A 3pt. Backhoe w/Ind. PTO Pump, "Sold Separate from Tractor"; IH 560 Gas W.F. Tractor w/2001 Loader, Standard Hitch; Oliver 88 Gas Tractor; 1948 IH "H" Tractor w/Fenders, "Engine Stuck" 1950 IH "M" N.F. Tractor w/Fenders; Cockshutt "30" Tractor, 14.9-38 Tires, Older Restore;

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 Kinzie 3660 12x30" Planter Yetter NT Openers, Liq Fert. John Blue Pump, 2020 Seed Sensors, Martin RowCleaners, Red Ball Display, 2020 SeedSense Screen, Low Acre Planter; 2015 JD 1990 30' Air Seeder, 7-1/2 " Spacing, Row Shutoff, CCS Seed System, Cast Closers, ZT-400 Scales; Kill Bros. 260 Seed Veyor w/Honda Eng., "Low Use" Agco/Sunflower 6333 25' Soil Finisher w/Walking Tandems, Rolling Baskets & Flex Harrow, HD Rear Hitch & Hyd. "Low Acre Use Very Nice" UM 225 27' Rolling Baskets "Low Acres" Agco-Tye 3 Pt. 5x Deep Till Ripper w/ Gauge Wheels; Glenco 9x Disc Chisel w/UM Leveler; JD 400 15' Rotary Hoe; Top Air 750 Gal Sprayer w/45' Booms, Foam Markers, PTO Pump; Rhino Adex 15' HD Bat Wing Rotary Mower, Chain Gards w/Suspension, "Low Acre Use" Woods S-106 3pt Ditch Bank Mower, 540 PTO; KB 387 Gravity Wagon on KB 13 Ton Gear w/Tarp & Lights; KB 350 Gravity Seed Wagon on Kory 10 Ton Gear w/J&M Hyd. Wagon Auger; UM 275 Gravity Wagon; 14' Flatbed Wagon; Brillion 12' Packer; UM 22' Manual Wing Harrigator; 8' Double Packer; Bale Spear; 20' Rear Drill Drag Harrow; MH 315 Twine Baler; NH 56 Hay Rake; NH 479 Haybine; Trailer Air Compressor w/ Continental Gas Engine & Sandblaster Equip.; (2) Storage Racks for JD Planter Seed Boxes; 5 HP Hyd Auger Mate; Massey 7' 3pt Rear Blade; Silage Pipe; Metal Lathe w/App. 4' Bed, 4" Chuck, Flat Belt Drive; JD 725 Gas Mower "No Deck" Harvest Handler 20' Alum. Elevator; JD 3x Drag Harrow; Pipen 2x Drag Harrow; Propane Shop Heater; Uni-Trax Quick Attach; Shop Press; Stihl & Echo Chain Saws; Cement Mixer on Trailer; McCormick Hit Miss Engine; Milk Cans; Wine Barrel; Sythe; Rear Chute for 9500 Combine; Plus Misc Farm & Shop Tools & Items;

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CONSIGNED ITEMS
 To-The-Max 32' Phoenix Harrow w/Chopping Basket; Progressive 11 Knife 750 Gal Tank Applicator; JD 635F Grain Head (broken cutter bar); Krause 4200 HR FC w/Knock Off Sweeps (cut down to 34"); 1997 IH 9200 Tandem Axle Semi Tractor, Day Cab w/Pro Sleeper, Cummins M-11 Motor, 10sp; JD 946 MoCo Rubber Rolls; JD 320D Skidloader, 72" Bucket, 7548 Hrs; Woods 214 Pull Type Chopper (left gear box needs repair);

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"NICE FARMER RETIREMENTS PLUS LOCAL AREA FARMER & DEALER CONSIGNMENTS"



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FARMER RETIREMENT #1: 1991 C/IH 9250, 4WD, 4 rem., (14) rear suit case wts, 12sp, PS, L-10 Cummins, center bearing updated, 18.4-42 tires/duals, 3919 hrs; 1989 C/IH 7110, 2WD, cab, 3 rem., (12) front wts, 18.4-38 tires/ axle duals 80%, fuel system injectors, QH, O/H @ 7000 hrs, 8188 hrs.; 2003 C/IH 2366 combine, 4WD, 700 monitor, AFS Pro 600, Field Tracker, chopper, rock trap, J&M hopper toppler, 30.5-32 tires (2yrs old), 3632 eng/ 2747 sep hrs.; C/IH 1020 25' grain head w/ 3" knife; J&M 25' header cart; IH 1063 6 row corn head; Hiniker 5700 15' rotary hoe; JD 1450 5x plow; NI 201 PTO spreader; 2018 C/IH 255 C shank 26' FC w/ 3 bar flex harrow, walking tandems, rear hitch & hyd, Like New; J&M TF 212 26' rolling basket w/ 1 bar harrow; JD 1760 wing fold 12x30 planter, Red Ball display, liq fert, bean/corn meters, vac pump, 250 monitor; GP 1510 NT 15' NT drill, 7.5" spacing, center pivot, rear baskets, grass seeder, markers, 13" seed blades, 16" coulters, cart; New 6x corn reel; 2006 Ingersoll Rand Air 028 Air Source Plus, JD diesel, 1822 hrs. (doesn't pump air); 8' hyd 3pt blade; 6' 3pt blade; Oliver small front wts; Front rock box for tractor; Trimble XCN-750 WAAS auto steer w/ NAV-500 receiver; Trimble FM-750 display w/ EZ-Pilot auto steer; C/IH Magnum monitor bracket extra parts; sm gravity wagon on gear; J&M double chain 40' elevator w/ Honda motor; (2) 1000 gal poly tanks w/ hold downs; 11' bin sweep; Cat III Quick Hitch; **Owner: KEITH LYME**

FARMER RETIREMENT #2: 1939 Farmall M, older restore, rear wts, 14.9-38 tires; 1939 Farmall H, older restore, fender, rear wts, 12.4-38 newer tires; 1950/51 McCormick Deering W-6 gas tractor; 1948 McCormick Deering W-9 standard tractor; 1954 McCormick Deering WD-9 diesel tractor, motor rebuilt; 1932 McCormick 22-36 tractor on steel; 1935 McCormick WD40 diesel, 13.00-32 new tires; 1934 McCormick WK-40 steel wheels w/ bands, (stuck motor); McCormick W-30, new front tires, 13-28 tires, rear wheel wts; McCormick F-30 w/ parts to restore, 14.9-28 tires, spoke wheels, (lot of motor work done); Homemade 2 axle 14' tilt trailer; Texas Bragg 6'x12' trailer; McCormick rope trip disc plow; McCormick #16 5x14 plow; McCormick #16 4x14 plow; McCormick #8 2x14 plow; JD 6' 3pt chopper; Bush Hog 7' 3pt box blade (no ripper teeth); (2) Farmall A rear wheel wts; (2) F-S rear round wts; (8) McCormick rear round wts 1HT; Rear & front spoke wheels for 22-36 tractor; Pair 18.4-32 tires w rims (good rubber); (12) new disc openers for planter or drill; Cub Cadet 782 hydro lawn mower; Cub Cadet 108 gear lawn mower; Old Massey 110 pedal tractor; IH Super M pedal tractor; Farmall F-20 gray pedal tractor, NIB; Farmall 806 pedal tractor, NIB; Farmall 706 pedal tractor, NIB; Cub Cadet RT65 rototiller; Troy Built 24" snow blower; GMP 6000W generator; Dayton bench grinder w/ stand; Shop fan w/ Dayton motor; 3ph hot water natural gas power washer; Engine crane; CM Valustar 1000# electric 110 chain hoist; Roll-a-round tool box; hand & power tools; tool boxes; battery chargers; chain saws; McCormick hit-miss engine; Plus Much More Farm Misc; **Owner: MIKE REYNOLDS**

FARMER RETIREMENT #3: White 2-155 tractor, cab, 2 rem, 18.4-38 tires, T-Rail duals, 8819 hrs; White 2-105 tractor, cab, 3 rem, 18.4-38 tires, axle duals, 5110 hrs; White 2-105 tractor, cab, 2 rem, 18.4-38 tires, axle duals; White 2-85 tractor, cab, 2 rem, XL 1140 Farmhand loader w/ 8' bucket; 2018 Sure Trac 2 axle 12' hoist dump trailer w/ ramp, Like New; 1993 Stigers 18' tri-axle equipment trailer; United Farm Tool 5000 NT 22 hole drill, 7.5" spacing; C/IH 15' cultimulcher, rear hitch, good packer wheel; IH 6500 9x disc chisel; Bush Hog 3368 14' chopper, 1000 PTO (gearbox leaking); IH 470 18' disc (good blades); UM 22' harrigator; IH 365 Danish tine 19' FC w/ basket; Woods 8' 3pt blade; Agriteck 3pt forklift; Amco PD8, 540 PTO spinner; (2) KB 375's on 12T gears w/ 20" sideboards; (2) UM 230's on 10T gear w/ lights; KB 300 on gear; J&M 210 on gear; Oliver front slab wts; Metal scoop; Homemade bale spear; Cat III QH; Combine chaff spreader; Spare tires; Pallet forks; Yellow scraper bar; **Owner: RONALD SCHMITZ**

FARMER RETIREMENT #4: 1993 Gleaner R62 combine 5191 eng/ 3511 sep hrs, 260 HP, Duetz eng., Hydro, 300 bu bin, cab, air, heat, AM-FM radio; 1993 Gleaner 24' grain head, floating cutter bar, variable reel sp., hyd hume reel; 2011 UM UT125 header cart; 2013 Gleaner 3000 6 row hugger corn head w/ poly snouts & transport wagon; 1992 KB 385 hopper on KB 1280 12T gear, tarp; 2001 KB 385 on KB 12T gear, tarp; 1997 AGCO 9455 tractor w/ cab, heat, air, wts, duals, 3 rem., 4978 hrs; 1980 Allis 26' #1300 FC w/ harrow; 1978 26' hyd fold wing harrow; 1980 Yetter 6 row 3pt rotary hoe; 1983 NI 5408 disc mower w/ new curtain; 1996 White 6240 NT 12/13 row, liq fert, planter w/ monitor, PTO pump, corn/bean/wheat seed discs, Yetter fert coulters, Yetter spike closing wheels, Yetter 2960 Series II row cleaners; **Owner: RON HEMKER**

FARMER #5: - ESTATE > 1999 Ford Sterling tandem dump truck, 18'steel bed, 2 cheater air axles, Cummins M11 motor, 8sp, 445-65R fronts, 11-22.5 rears alum, 551117 miles; 1999 IH 4900 tandem dump truck, 15' steel bed, IH 300 motor, 8sp, 295-75R22.5 tires, Henderson suspension, 318900 miles; 1987 Trail King detach 22' Low Boy trailer, 10R17.5 tires, (needs wet line to work); 2000 Chevy 1500 custom van, (rusty) 187176 miles; Volvo 70 model 33114 End Loader, auto, Det. eng, 8' bucket, 17.5-25 tires, 6360 hrs; 50 gal fuel tank w/ elec pump; 500 gal fuel tank; 300 gal fuel tank; (4) 11Rx22.5 recapped tires; (3) alum semi tire rims; (2) 15-19.5 tires & rims; (4) 14.9-24 tires & rims; (2) trailer axles; Snap-On 30-l plasma cutter; air greaser; barrel rack; **Owner: ROBERT M. LAUCK ESTATE - County Probate Case #2021-6564**

FARMER #6: - ESTATE > 2001 Ford F250 Super Duty regular cab pickup; 1986 Ford F-800 dump truck w/ snow plow; Massey 750 diesel combine; Massey U2 reel grain head; Massey 6x corn head; Case 2290 tractor, cab, air; JD 7000 6x liq fert corn planter; C/IH 5400 15' NT drill w/ cultiplanter; White 435 12x disc chisel; Blue Jet 5x 3pt deep till ripper; Bolens diesel garden tractor; KB 375 gravity wagon; J&M gravity wagon; J&M 150 bu gravity wagon; KB 10 ton gear (bad box); KB gravity box only; 3pt hyd trench backfiller; Lerol gas trailer air compressor; MO Trim 3pt boom mower; 6' 3pt chopper; Lazer cart for tilling; **Owner: MICHAEL J. BOGART ESTATE - Putnam County Probate Case #2025-1112**

FARMER #7: - NICE COLLECTOR TRACTORS > 1966 JD 3020 gas tractor, NF, 3pt, complete restore; 1959 JD 630 gas tractor, NF, 3pt, complete restore; 1963 Farmall 560 D tractor, WF, FH complete restore S# 61824; 1954 Oliver 88 D tractor, WF, complete restore; **Owner: ELVET & REITA FOULKES to YOUTH FOR CHRIST of NW OHIO**

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