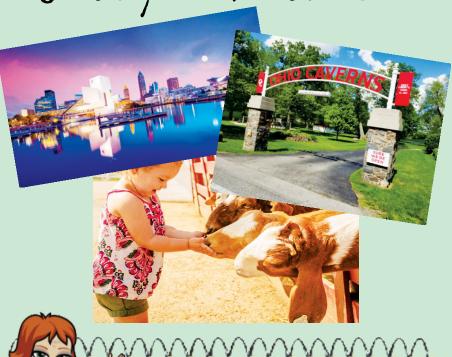


# Do you Recognize these Scenes from Around Ohio?



Hello!

We wait all year long for summer... it's here finally.. but it's different this year. Instead of all the events that usually take place across Ohio, this year is filled with questions about if and when. Many activities have been canceled or postponed. But many are announcing now that they are going to proceed with caution. So, our advice is to call before you go. Double check to see if the event you're wanting to attend will take place. Wear a mask, get out and have a great summer!

Our Secret Shopper has been busy lately - she's sharing her visits to Second Thyme Around in Olmsted Falls and Just Enough Antiques in Smithville. Since she has always been so popular, we decided to add a second Secret Shopper. This way, we'll get to cover more businesses across the State and get to some areas that we haven't visited before. Double the fun!! The first place our Secret Shopper #2 visited is Barn 'N' Bunk in Trenton. Hope you enjoy her visit and look forward to this addition to our paper. If there's a shop you'd like to see one of our Secret Shoppers check out, let us know and we'll drop a hint.

It's now more important than ever to shop at small locally owned shops. They need our support during these trying times! Most of the shops that advertise in The Country Register are small family owned shops and need our support to make a strong comeback this summer. While you're visiting them, please thank them for supporting us without them we wouldn't be available to you.

Have a great summer!

Talk to you soon - Haw

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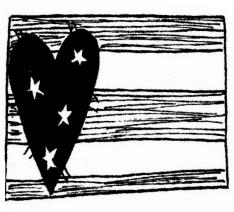




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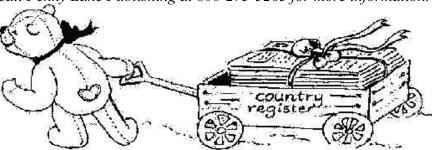
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Aside from wildlife, covered bridges are one of Irvin's favorite subjects. In 1987, Irvin set out with the ambitious goal of photographing all of Pennsylvania's 200+ covered bridges in all four seasons. Today, many of these shots remain his best-sellers. Lighthouses are another sight that Irvin can never get enough of. He's shot them under clear summer skies, surrounded by glowing sunsets, amid heavy fog, and in the frozen depths of winter.

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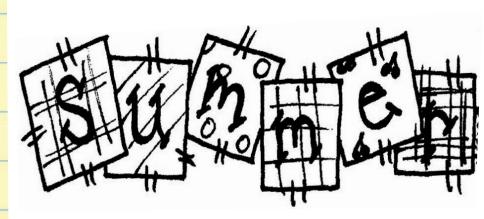


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#### Guacamole Bites

- 1 bag Tostitos scoops chips
- 1 recipe guacamole (see below)
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, sliced
- l bunch fresh cilantro

shredded cheddar cheese

Lay out the scoop chips on a serving platter, discarding broken ones. Put about 1 rounded teaspoon of guacamole in the center of each scoop chip. Top each with a slice of tomato. Sprinkle with a bit of cilantro and shredded cheese.

#### Guacamole

3 small/medium avocados

1 T. fresh squeezed lime juice, strained to remove seeds

l clove garlic, minced

3 T. onion, chopped

3/4 tsp. sea salt

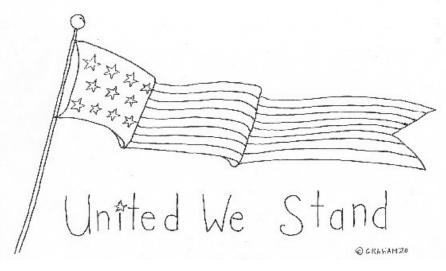
1/8 tsp. black pepper

In a small/medium bowl, use a fork to mash avocados. Stir in remaining ingredients until well mixed. Add additional seasonings if needed to your preferred taste. For best results, serve the same day as you make it. (to keep from turning brown, place the avacado pit in the dip)



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## Bucyrus - Tiffin

## Pieces From My Heart



by Jan Keller

What if...?



The year was 1850. It was a typical summer day in 19th century Washington D.C.—dangerously sunny, hot and humid. The air reeked with a distinct aroma caused by the absence of the basic sanitary measures we take for granted. And living in the midst of this large human population would have been an abundance of horses and other animals, which was common in urban society of that era.

Where the Tidal Basin and Jefferson Memorial now stand, was a marsh which made the humidity even worse than the normally high level common among all river towns. It was also perfect for breeding hordes of mosquitoes.

On this July 4th, the Washington Monument was to be dedicated and President Zachary Taylor would be there and throngs of people gathered to be entertained by speeches. Because speakers tended to rattle on and on and on, Taylor broiled for several hours in the hot summer sun. For refreshment he drank water and chilled buttermilk. He also snacked on cherries and possibly other fruits and vegetables, even though the people of Washington had been told to avoid them because an epidemic of Asiatic cholera was sweeping the country.

That night Taylor got sick.

On July 9th, he died.

Taylor, the hero of the battle of Buena Vista in 1847, was dubbed "Old Rough and Ready" by his troops.

Although he was a southerner who owned 140 slaves, he opposed the expansion of slavery. In addition, he said he would personally hang secessionists. When Taylor died, he was about to send a message to Congress demanding the immediate admission of California and New Mexico into the Union as free states.

At the time, Daniel Webster said, "If Taylor had lived, we would have had a civil war."

A civil war in 1850 would have given the North a decade less time to strengthen itself through industrialism and immigration. It also would have been before the birth of a new political party—the party that found a nation-saving leader in Abraham Lincoln from Illinois.

The "what ifs" of history are interesting to think about. What if the South had won this decade early civil war?

Not that long ago, in 1991, the dust of old Zachary Taylor was disturbed. Because the symptoms of the illness leading up to Taylor's death were consistent with arsenic poisoning, Florida author Clara Rising thought Taylor might have been murdered. At her insistence, his body was exhumed. Once and for all it was time to determine if Taylor's death was caused by unsanitary cherries or unscrupulous opponents—and now we know cherries are to blame, according to Kentucky's chief medical examiner, Dr. George Nichols, who conducted the autopsy. Nichols said, "President Taylor definitely was not poisoned."

All of this may seem like much ado about nothing—but yet it does remind us that history weaves a rich tapestry from many threads. Even if one thread is pulled, there can be radical unraveling. Through the resulting fringe we can catch a glimpse of the unknown and feel the tugging and titillating lure to travel down paths not taken.

Things could have been different.

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## Kandom Acts

by Maranda K. Jones

## Jump Right In

As the sun beat down on the hot cement around the shimmering water, we hurried to make our camp near the pool, eager for relief from the heat. Holding Presley in one arm atop the bag of pool toys and towels in the other, I found a chair and started to unload. She and Teague had their sunscreen on and were ready for time off the road. Thankfully, Chris, the experienced lifeguard, was ready too. I slid off my flip-flops and adjusted

Presley's hat. Turning around and ready to put my feet in, I saw Teague jump right in. Along with his brand new swim trunks, he wore his flippers and snorkel mask decorated with cartoon characters purchased at a dollar store stop along the way and was ready to go. He stood on the edge of the KOA campground pool. The scorching sun was glaring off my sunglasses as I sat on the sideline with almost one-year-old Presley. Teague dropped himself into the pool as one would drop an ice cube in a glass. It was if he expected to swim expertly instantly. Stiff and still, his standing posture on the edge of the pool was the same three feet underwater with his snorkel barely sticking up above the cowlick on the back of his head. Chris jumped right in. His lifeguard skills only strengthened by becoming a protective father, and he helped Teague pop up with his neck above water. Our son's smile and laughter spread from ear to ear, to his dad's face, and finally to mine.

That same summer my three year old son attended Vacation Bible School for the first time. I wondered if he would listen, yet I knew he would talk. He was, and is, the most talkative boy I have ever met. He had been very vocal throughout each Sunday sermon for as long as I could remember. We usually sat a few rows back from the pastor, near the organ where my mom sat to accompany the pianist during hymns, making it easy for him to converse with her and others. He baby talked until he could carry on conversations with neighboring congregates, repeating words he recognized regardless of who said them. At a friend's wedding, he heard the pastor mention sheep and started looking around for farm animals, asking my dad where the sheep were. I guess he was listening.

I had asked admired friends raising four children in the church how I could keep him quieter. This faithful mom advised me to just keep going. The more we made it a routine, the more he would grow to understand that there was a time to talk and a time to listen. And to sweeten the deal with M&M'S. But keep going. So we did, and when we moved to a new town, we started going to a church with more activities for children and more families attending. I packed a bag with my Bible and candy, and before long we were involved. I volunteered to help with VBS and signed the kids up too. We jumped right in.

A few days into our summer camp, Teague offered to lead the prayer, and our mindful pastor acknowledged his tiny hand and young voice. I nervously grabbed my fellow volunteer friends' hands and quickly sent up a prayer from the back of the sanctuary, hoping it would get to God before my son opened his mouth. I never knew what he was going to say, or how loudly. No M&M'S to save us now, only Jesus. Teague did well, speaking from his heart, making my heart sing with praise, relieving any and all doubt. He had been prepared, and he had been listening. His smile spread from ear to ear, to his friends' faces, and even to mine. 3 John 1:4 says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." That joy is even greater when they jump right in.

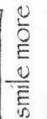
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#### French Toast Casserole

French Toast -

12 slices bread, any kind

2 8-oz pkg cream cheese, room temperature

l c blueberries, fresh or frozen

12 large eggs

l c. milk

1/3 c. maple syrup or honey

Blueberry Sauce -

1 c. sugar

2 T. corn starch

1 c. water

l c. blueberries, fresh or frozen

1 T. butter

Spray 9 X 13" dish with non-stick spray. Cut or tear bread into cubes and arrange in the bottom of dish. Cut up cream cheese into 1" cubes. Drop the cream cheese cubes over the top of the bread. Sprinkle 1 c. blueberries over the top. In mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk and maple syrup. Pour this mixture, a little at a time until the bread soaks up the milk but not soggy. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight.

Blueberry Sauce: (You can make this ahead of time and refrigerate, then warm up before serving.) Stir together sugar and corn starch in a medium saucepan. Add water and stir until smooth. Heat to boiling and stir 2-3 min. until thickened. Add blueberries. Simmer for 8-10 min, stirring occasionally until blueberries start to burst, but leaving some whole. Turn heat off the blueberry sauce and stir in butter. Store in plastic or glass container and refrigerate until ready to use.

The next morning preheat oven to 350°. Place covered casserole in the pre-heated oven and bake for 30 min. Then uncover and bake for another 25-30 min. or until the top is a golden brown and the center is set. Heat the blueberry sauce until warm. Serve over top of casserole.

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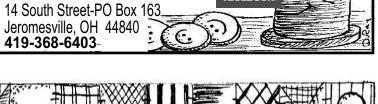
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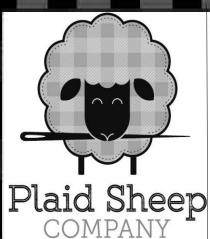
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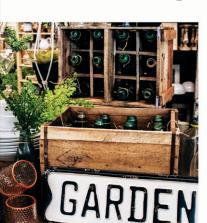
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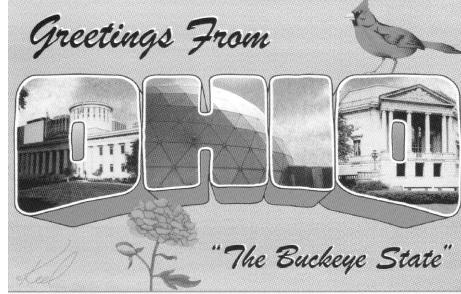
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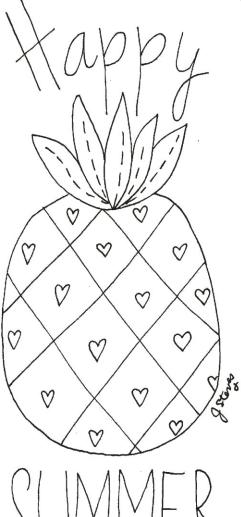
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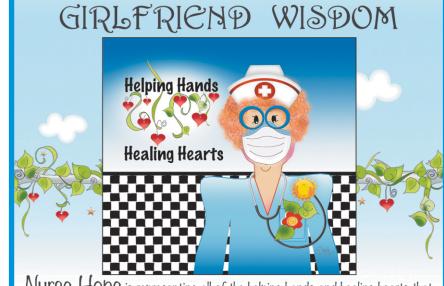
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## ALONG THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIL

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## William McKinley — 25th President of the United States

William McKinley, Jr. was born in Niles, Ohio, in 1843. When he was ten, he moved with his family to Poland, Ohio. His parents provided William Jr., the seventh of eight children with an idyllic childhood; and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, ice skating, swimming, and horseback riding. His father, William Sr., owned a small iron foundry and taught William a strong work ethic and a respectful attitude. His mother, Nancy Allison McKinley, a devout Methodist, was a guiding influence

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in his life. It was against her wishes that McKinley joined the Union Army. As a commissary sergeant during the Battle of Antietam, at great risk he delivered food and supplies to the front lines. He served with distinction through some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Following the war, he studied law and opened an office in Canton.

Ohio. In 1871, he married Ida Saxton, the daughter of a prominent Canton banker.

In 1876, McKinley won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. After losing a bid for a seventh term, he was elected to two terms as the governor (1891-1896) of Ohio.

When McKinley became President in 1897, the depression of 1893 had almost run its course and with it the extreme agitation over silver. Deferring to take action on the money question, he called Congress into special session to enact the highest tariff in history.

The public, greatly influenced by the press, was

eager for the United States to intervene in Cuba, where Spain was engaged in a brutal repression of a movement for independence. Initially, McKinley hoped to avoid American involvement, but in February 1898 two events forced him to confront the Spanish. First, a

letter written by the Spanish minister to Washington was inter-

cepted and published in the newspapers. The letter described McKinley as weak and eager for public adulation. Then, six days after the publication of the letter, the American battleship USS Maine suddenly exploded and sank as it sat anchored in Havana harbor, killing 266 aboard. Although a mid-20th century investigation proved conclusively that the Maine was destroyed by an internal explosion, at the time the press convinced Americans the sinking was a Spanish action. McKinley ultimately declared war to liberate

Cuba from Spain. During the 100-day war, the United States destroyed the Spanish fleet outside Santiago harbor, giving Cuba independence, and also seized the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Detecting imperialist sentiment, the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico were annexed into the United States.

Following his second inauguration in 1901, McKinley left Washington for a western states tour, which ended at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New

President 1897-1901

York. Cheering crowds throughout the journey attested to McKinley's immense popularity. More than 50,000 admirers came on September 6, 1901 to hear his exposition speech.

The following day, while McKinley was shaking hands with the crowd of well-wishers at the exposition, Leon Czolgosz, an anarchist who bandaged his hand to hide his firearm, fired two shots into the president's chest and abdomen. McKinley lingered for a week in a Buffalo hospital before dying on September 14. He was succeeded by his vice president, Theodore Roosevelt.

When the funeral train arrived back in Washington, McKinley's coffin was moved to the East Room, where an honor guard surrounded it through the night. Ida McKinley went alone to the East Room to pray at the coffin, holding up remarkably. The next day the coffin was moved to the Capitol for the state funeral. After the service Mrs. McKinley followed the coffin down the long east steps of the Capitol and joined a funeral procession to the train depot. President McKinley's remains were borne back to Canton, Ohio, where he was buried.



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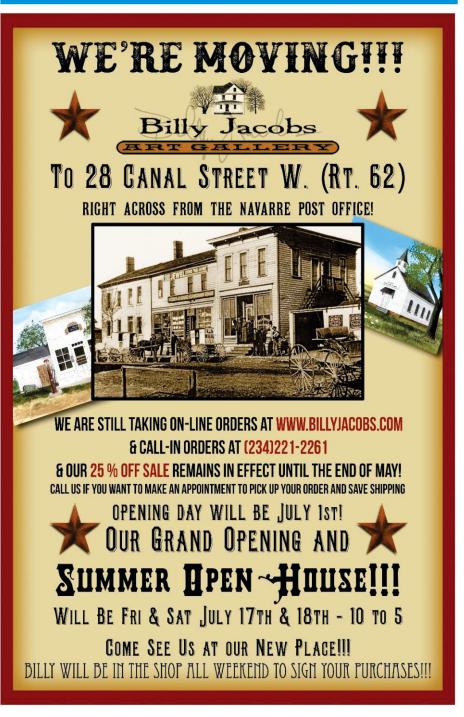
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## From the Journal of the

Country Register Secret Shopper!

The weather has turned beautiful so check out your current Ohio Country Register and read about all the unique antique and country shops that are rooted right here in Ohio. Two shops I enjoyed visiting recently were Second Thyme



Around in Olmsted Falls, Ohio, located in the quaint historic area of the Grand Pacific (see their ad on page 30) and Just Enough Antiques in Smithville (their ad is on page 11.)

Second Thyme Around offers a large selection of antiques and handmades. I guarantee you'll love this shop! They offer lots of antiques that would make great accent pieces throughout your country home and gardens. It's like a treasure hunt as you go from room to room and check out each nook and cranny. I spotted a beautiful white marble top table there that would make a perfect lamp table between chairs in your home and a trunk that would be perfect for extra blanket storage in a rec room or bedroom. They offer decoys and military items including helmets and lanterns for that man cave. And I really loved the clever State Of Ohio made from a patchwork of nine different Ohio license plates. Vendors have great displays that show you how an item will look in your home. **Second Thyme Around** is well stocked for the second half of this year. They also carry Mrs Miller's Jams & Jellies which are made in Ohio's Amish Country. Also check out **Rustic Treasures** in the back garden area. It's a beautiful spot to just relax and breathe in the fresh air. Get your friends together and plan that visit real soon to **Second Thyme Around**.

Check out Just Enough Antiques at their posts on Facebook, Just Enough Antiques and Picker Sisters!!! to see what they are currently up to. Just Enough Antiques has had to have been up morning noon and night with all of the creative posts and events they've been doing for their customers these last few months. Let me explain a few of exactly what they've been up to. Their wonderful Bread and Butter boxes have been a huge hit. What is that? They explained it started some 20 years ago when the owner, Daphne, was doing craft shows with her mom, Joann Barton Miller, who taught her it was the smalls that were your "Bread and Butter". Daphne explained Mom taught her so many business lessons that during the stay at home we were all doing Daphne thought "Bread and Butter" boxes were needed for her customers she missed. How right she was! She displayed wares that she was going to pack in her next round of the "Bread and Butter" boxes so you knew what was going to be in them then posted the date they would be available and they flew out the door! Daphne has also created auctions with sneak peeks that brought her customers out to bid on her wonderful antiques and handmades. Plan a trip with your friends to Just Enough Antiques to see all of the very special antiques and creative handmades. They have milk cans that would be great on a country porch with one of your potted creations and lots of antiques for this summer's country garden. They carry wonderful country antique accent items for you country farmhouse. Daphne credits so much to her husband, Ronnie, who has been supportive and her Pickin' Partner. Be sure to tell her you saw her in the Ohio Country Register.

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## Ida Saxton McKinley

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Ida, born in Canton, Ohio, in 1847, was the oldest daughter of socially prominent and wealthy James A. and Catherine DeWalt Saxton. Her father, a banker, was indulgent with his two daughters, who were educated in local schools, a finishing school, and then he sent them to Europe on the grand tour.



Ida, a leader among the younger set in Canton wanted more, so her father put her to work in his bank as a cashier. At her teller window she caught the attention of Maj. William McKinley, who had come to Canton in 1867 to establish a law practice—and they fell deeply in love. As McKinley advanced in his profession, his young wife was content to focus her time doting on her husband and their home. Their first daughter, Katherine, was born on Christmas Day, 1871 and a second, Ida "Little Ida," in April 1873. Seriously ill, "Little Ida" died in August. Phlebitis and epileptic seizures shattered the mother's health; and even before the death of Katherine in 1876, Ida was a confirmed invalid.

As Congressman and then as governor of Ohio, William McKinley was never far from Ida's side. He arranged their life according to her needs. She spent most of her waking hours in a small Victorian rocking chair she had had since childhood; where she did fancy work and crocheted while she waited for her indulgent husband.

At the White House, Ida, dressed beautifully, received guests at formal receptions seated in a blue velvet chair and held a fragrant bouquet to avoid shaking hands. Contrary to protocol, she was seated beside the President at state dinners and he, as always, kept close watch for signs of an impending seizure. If necessary, he would cover her face with a large handkerchief for a moment. The First Lady and her devoted husband seemed oblivious to any social inadequacy. Guests were

Me at the McKinley Museum

discreet and newspapers silent on the subject of her "fainting spells." Only in recent years have the facts of her health been revealed.

When the President was shot by an assassin in September 1901, after his second inauguration, he thought primarily of Ida. He murmured to his secretary: "My wife—be careful how

you tell her—oh, be careful." After his death, she lived in Canton, cared for by her younger sister, visiting her husband's grave almost daily. Ida died in 1907, and lies entombed beside the President and near their two little daughters in Canton's McKinley Memorial Mausoleum.

#### Ida McKinley's Favorite Icebox Cookies

Makes 7 dozen

2 sticks of butter, softened

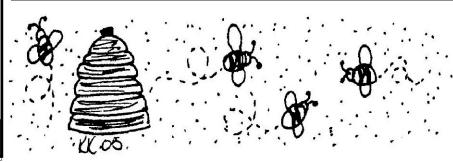
2 eggs, well beaten 1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

- 1 cup (packed) of brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups flour

1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

In a large bowl, cream butter and brown sugar. Add eggs and vanilla, then mix well. Set aside. In a smaller bowl, sift flour with baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture to egg mixture. Beat well and fold in nuts. Divide the dough into three portions. Place each of the dough portions on plastic wrap or wax paper and roll into a log that is 2-inches in diameter. Wrap the rolls tightly and chill in refrigerator for at least 4 hours. Heat oven to 400°. Remove and slice dough into 1/8-inch thick cookies and arrange on ungreased cookie sheets.



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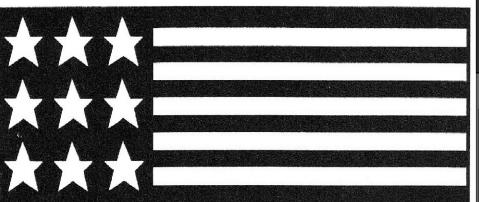
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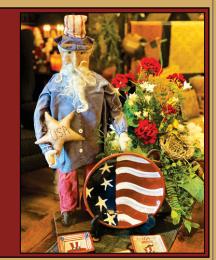


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## Summer by Annice Rockwell The Spectacular Season of

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The Height of the Year - And as our landscapes are vibrant and alive in the height of the year, so are we. Warm days washed with sun wake us early and beckon us to the outdoors. Our surroundings become a source of newfound joy as the days stretch slowly into night. Our desire to decorate expands to our yards as we carve out spaces to gather and places to linger to enjoy the beauty of a well-tended garden or a carefully created summer vignette.

The Fleeting Magic of Summer - In summer we can live more closely with nature. Our vegetable gardens that once held tiny seeds of wonder have now become abundant beds of produce. Zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes and beans can all be enjoyed more readily now. A crisp cucumber picked right off the vine, cut and eaten on a summer afternoon is a country blessing to be thankful

for. Fresh, juicy tomatoes sliced to top a grilled burger on a summer night adds a burst of freshness that can only be homegrown. Our kitchen clipping gardens that contain hardy perennials to



be used all year add zest to our family recipes and their vibrant flavor captures the magic of summer. Perhaps the beauty of summer is enhanced by the fact that it is fleeting. Summertime is a gift that we have for only a short time. So we savor it. We choose to be grateful for all that it has to give. The gift of summer is gained through perseverance and hardiness all year so when it arrives we triumphantly rise to greet it. The sweetness of summer is a reward meant to be soulfully embraced. And when we embrace it, its beauty and its magic create a special spark that ignites within us a desire to truly live in our very own "height of the year."

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## Life in Skunk Hollow by Julie A. Druck The Heart of A Princess

My daughter-in-law has been loaning me movies to watch. Having spent the last 20+ years of life in an all-male household (my husband and I have 3 sons), I'm a little overdue on watching the standard chick flicks. One evening when I returned a few, she suggested that I might like the Disney Tangled movie. Though Sarah knows I'm not an animated movie fan, she assured me that I would enjoy it. And after my son chimed in that even he thought it was pretty good, I agreed to watch. However, my 2 1/2 year-old granddaughter, Maggie, wasn't so sure that she wanted their copy of Tangled to leave the house. Though she's only watched it once, she didn't want to part with it that evening. Her mommy suggested instead that maybe the two of us



would like to watch it together one morning later in the week, and we both readily agreed.

The morning for our movie date arrived, and Maggie met me at the door with her big brown eyes extra wide and her excited voice: "Hi, Da-Ma! Today we're going to watch the moo-vie!! Are you excited?!" I replied enthusiastically that I was and waited patiently while her mommy changed her into a thrift store find of the same princess dress that Rapunzel wears in the movie. Maggie then donned her purple sparkly tiara.(I made the mistake of calling it her crown. It is NOT her crown – she distinctly calls it her "tiara."She can probably even spell it.) Up she climbed onto the sofa, arranged a pillow behind her back, and patted the cushion beside her, inviting me to take a seat.

I confess . . . I liked the movie. A lot. It was funny, spattered with catchy songs, had lovely costumes and scenery, and was about a hidden princess what's not to like? I laughed and sighed and enjoyed. But mostly, I watched – yes, I watched the movie but I also watched Maggie. I sneaked many a peek at my granddaughter's enthralled face. And every now and again she'd catch me and flash a smile in return.

At the most magical point of the film (for those who have seen it: the boat scene watching the lantern show), Maggie Girl turned her sweet face to me just as I turned my head to see her reaction to the scene. And I knew instinctively what her eyes were saying to me without a word from her lips. She "said": "This is the most magical part, Grandma. And I know it, and I see that you know it, too."A kindred, confident smile lit her face, which in turn ignited mine. And for that moment, her little girl heart beat in unison with my own.

We clapped at the ending and then danced hand-in-hand to the music playing over the credits. Then I walked home and told my husband of the joy. The joy of having a little girl with whom I can enjoy tiaras and tea parties. The joy of pink and purple and sparkles. The joy of flower picking and cookie baking and craft making in girlie fashion.

After reflecting on the memory again later in the day, I recognized another joy I received from our movie morning of *Tangled*. That is, the joy in being reminded that in the heart of every girl – whether my size or Maggie-size – hides the heart of a princess. Dream that dream, girl.

Julie Druck is from York, Pennsylvania, and writes from her farm in Skunk Hollow. She'd welcome your comments at thedrucks@netzero.com.





## Make a Quarantine Quilt! by Judy Sharer

During these unprecedented days of stay home and stay safe, what better time to make a Quarantine Quilt to show your support for a loved one, a health care worker, or to present to a doctor or hospital to display in their waiting room. Smaller quilts could be made and given to first responders or local police departments to give to those who may need comfort. Perhaps if you're a member of a quilt guild, suggest your group makes a



Quarantine Quilt as a fund raiser and give the proceeds to a charity. Either made by yourself or done as a group, these expressions of love and appreciated are sure to be welcomed. A quilt is the perfect gift or fund raiser to show your support.

Quilters and sewers care as evidenced by the thousands of masks currently being made as contributions to non-profits and individuals who need them during this time of social distancing. If you sew,making masks and quilts is a great way to support our county and those in need.

As always, stay safe, sanitize, practice social distancing, and enjoy making a Quarantine Quilt to brighten someone's life or raise money to support a charity!

Judy Sharer is the author of A Plains Life series published by The Wild Rose Press. Book One, Settler's Life and Book Two, Second Chance Life are now available wherever online books are sold. Book three will be released Winter of 2020. If you're a quilter, you'll enjoy Judy's sweet historical romances which have a thread of quilting that runs throughout the family saga series. Visit Judy's website for more details. judysharer.com





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#### Lemon Dill Potato Salad

1# new potatoes

1 tsp. salt

1/4 c. chopped Dill

1/4 c. finely chopped spring onion greens

#### Dressing:

1/4 c. extra virgin olive oil

2 T. lemon juice

zest of 1 lemon

1 garlic clove, finely minced

2 T. dijon mustard

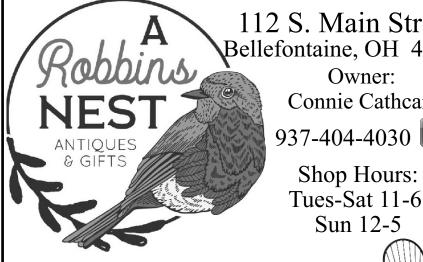
1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

Cut the potatoes in half leaving the skin on, and place them in a pot. Add enough water to submerge them completely. Add 1 tsp. salt and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 15-20 min. or until fork tender. Drain the water and place the potatoes in a large bowl.

While the potatoes are cooking, make the dressing and keep it ready. Add all the ingredients for the dressing in a bowl and whisk till combined.

Add dill and onions to the bowl with the potatoes and pour the dressing over the potatoes while they are still warm. Toss well and let this salad set for at least 10 min. before serving to let the potatoes soak up the liquid.



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#### Slices of Life by Sherry Osland

## Random Events on the Ranch

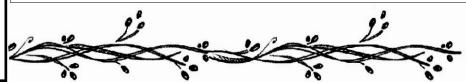
As I write stories from events in my past, I find random ones coming to mind from the time on the ranch in western Kansas. A couple events were just "kids being kids," so maybe not the most notable, but one could be used as a teachable moment – what NOT to do!

In our five years on the ranch, not many relatives made the eight-hour, one-way trip to visit. However, my Mom's older sister and family typically visited on the Fourth of July. We siblings loved that they came with BIG BANG fireworks. Mom never allowed us anything but the little Lady Finger fire crackers, but our two cousins brought packages of Black Cats (!) and a few rockets.

I remember one afternoon, my brother, his compadre' cousin and I were on the hill just north of the house. Lots of sand and sage brush. Who knows what we were up to, but we had a lit punk and some Black Cat firecrackers. I have found that most kids with a firecracker have an innate need to blow something up. Well, we came across a small snake under some sage brush. It didn't have a rattle, so I guess we didn't think much about it – or at all – we just "acted." (Disclaimer: I realize there are those who like snakes and I mean no offense.) Like I said, "kids being kids." One of the boys stomped on its head. It stunned it, and yours truly carefully put a firecracker in its gaping mouth and then lit it. We didn't stick around but ran straight down to the house on an adrenaline rush!I don't think we announced what we had done, but it was found out, and we got quite the lecture . . . and rightfully so! None of us had known a baby rattle snake was still poisonous – just "pre" rattle. Also! A baby rattlesnake's venom is actually more concentrated, so is more poisonous.(Gulp!) Just being a baby did NOT make it benign. There's a saying, "God watches over children and fools." We fit both categories and HE did, indeed, watch over HIS terribly foolish children that day! There was quite a large prairie dog village located just west of the corrals on the way to what was called "the West Pasture." It was a losing battle trying to control the growth of it, but one had to try (like moles in a lawn). There were thousands of mounds! There were hard and fast RULES drilled into us for riding there. 1) Ride slowly and give the horse looser reins to pick its way carefully in and around the mounds. (Some horses were better than others about this.) The holes were hoof-sized and deep enough to easily break a horse's leg. 2) Watch carefully for rattlesnakes for they liked to dine on prairie dogs.

One memory of the prairie dog village is burned into my mind to this day. One evening at dusk, a storm rolled in from the west. Mixed with the colors of the sunset, it was quite the dramatic setting. As the western sky got darker and darker, Mom herded us to the cellar at the North corner of the house. We kids knew it had to be bad. Plus, the air was so thick it was hard to breathe. We saw the black spinning tail of a tornado as it appeared just beyond the hills. Dad (since the war) never went into the ground for protection, and he stayed standing at the top of the stairs in the doorway. We didn't know it, but, earlier in the day, he had sent the two hired hands into the west pasture to check cattle. At that point, he wasn't sure where the men were. Then we saw the worst possible thing! We crowded around and watched as two silhouettes of the riders - slapping leather for all they were worth - topped the hill just in front of that spinning tail chasing them. At a dead run gallop, they raced right into the prairie dog village!(It was too wide to go around). I don't think anyone breathed as we imagined what was going to happen. Just as they got through the village, the tail topped the hill and turned north. Whew! We could breathe again. They had a tale to tell for years after that! For me, it's another time of looking back on yet more miracles of God's Hand of protection over my family.

Written by Sherry Osland of Praise Works Quilting in Abilene, formerly writing the Quilts That Redeem column for The Country Register. For examples of quilting (as well as pictures of Hand-braided rugs and Quilts That Redeem books, for sale) go to: facebook.com/praiseworksquilting Contact information: sherryo51@hotmail.com or 785-263-5528.



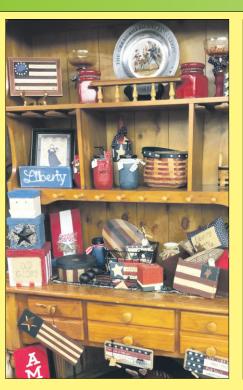


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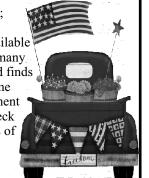
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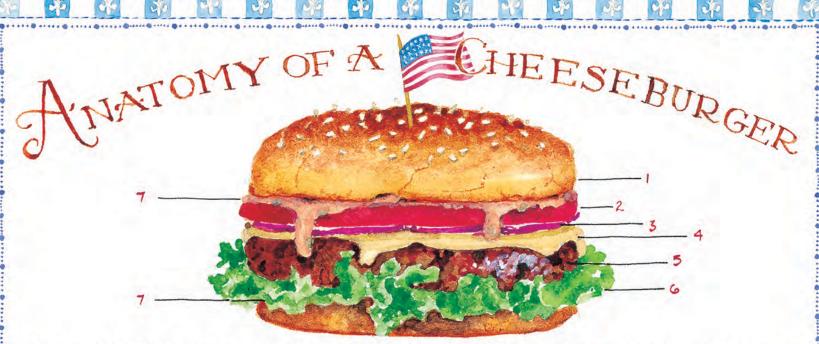
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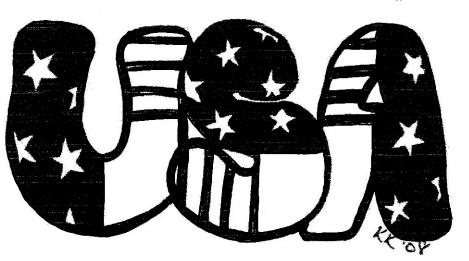


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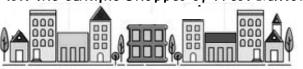
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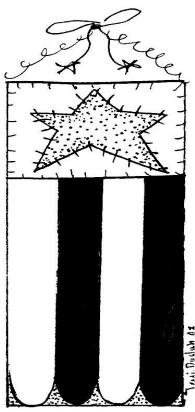
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8 boneless skinless chicken breast halves

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2 T. butter

1/2 c. all-purpose flour

1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 c. egg substitute

1/2 tsp. salt

2 T. plus 1/4 c. dry white wine or chicken broth, divided

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 c. minced fresh parsley

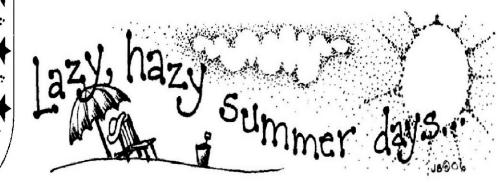
1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce

5 T. lemon juice, divided

Flatten chicken to 1/4" thickness. In a shallow dish, combine the egg substitute, 2 T. wine, 2 T. lemon juice, garlic, and hot pepper sauce. In an another shallow dish, combine the flour, Parmesan cheese, parsley, and salt. Coat chicken with flour mixture, dip in egg mixture, then coat again with flour mixture.

In a large nonstick skillet, brown four chicken breast halves in 1-1/2 tsp. oil for 3-5 min. on each side or until juices run clear. Remove and keep warm. Drain drippings. Repeat with remaining chicken and oil. Remove and keep warm.

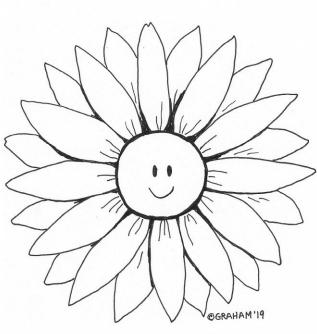
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1# ground beef

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1/2 c. salsa con queso

2 c. shredded Mexican cheese blend

Brown and crumble ground beef. Drain excess grease. Add in taco seasoning and water per directions on package. When the taco meat is done, turn off heat and add in 1/2 c. salsa con queso. Stir until thoroughly combined.

Preheat oven to 350°

Spray an 8" round baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Layer the bottom of the pan with a flour tortilla. Add about 1/3 of the ground beef taco filling on the first layer. Then add 1/3 of the shredded cheese. Continue until you are done with all the layers: another tortilla, more taco mixture, more

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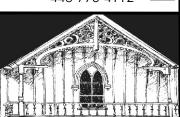
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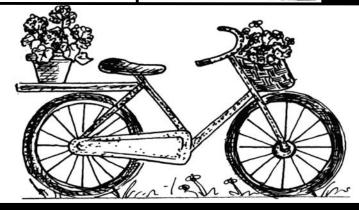


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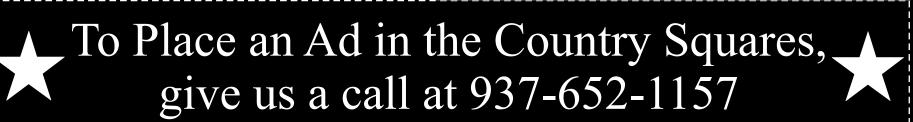


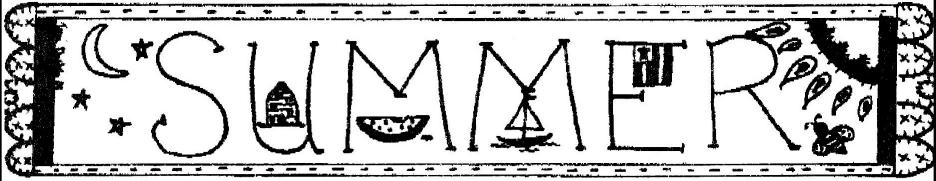
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Serves 6

If you are what you eat, then eat this kind of an unprocessed pests, fresh & bright, spicy, curly, & full of personality. Especially suited to tomatoes (with cottage cheese - yum!).

2-3 cloves garlic, peeled & pressed

1/2 c. olive oil

2 Hssp. balsamic vinegar

salt & freshly ground pepper

6 c. parsley, stemmed & torn into pieces

1/2 c. grated Parmesan

Put garlic through

garlic press & combine with oil, vinegar & salt & pepper. One hour before serving, pour dressing over parsley (which should have been previously washed & allowed to dry), toss with Parmesan. Cover & chill rutil serving time.

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