

# Creepy-crawlies hidden inside wedding log

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 5:6,7,8,9,10,11

Another cold March day. Although by now the sun is shining. But the east was very red this morning. It was beautiful, but almost fierce looking. It made me wonder what kind of weather is coming. I don't want to hurry time on, it goes fast enough, but I am so done with winter. I don't mean to whine but in my very human weakness, I am so weary.

Yes, yes, I know, you don't want to hear dreary wearies, but I am so

very much human and I get weary.

It's been a tumultuous few days. Erwin got sick last Wednesday evening. And his brother John passed away last Tuesday evening.

Erwin had a sore throat, coughing and just generally not feeling good. He lost his strength to the point where he couldn't get out of his chair or walk by himself. We had to use a wheelchair.

We couldn't be with the Otto family on Thursday, but by Friday afternoon, Erwin was walking again. So, we went to visitation and ate supper there.

We went to the funeral Saturday morning. Although it looked kind of "iffy" for a while.

He seemed much better so went to church on Sunday. But Monday morning, once again, a different story. He didn't go to work. He did go to work today. He was feeling much better when I picked him up. I was so glad. I just don't feel good when he is sick. Matter of fact, I tend to fall to pieces.

Today was the luncheon for the



## My Amish Home

By Millie Otto

"52ers". I had to miss out. I was very much disappointed, but I felt like I wanted to be at home as Erwin is still not quite back to his strength he had before he got sick.

And anyway, today is my writing day, so I guess---I was up before the chickens, I couldn't sleep, so I figured I may as well get up and get started. It wasn't the best idea ever. My brain wasn't programmed for writing that early.

Since Erwin was sick last week, I didn't go to work either. If there was anything good at all about last week,

it was that I didn't have to leave. I actually had four days off. And you know what? I could get use to that!

I got to work on grandson Jeffrey's quilt and got the chart figured out for granddaughter Julia's quilt.

She, or rather Miltons had quite an experience.

Julia wanted a log for her cake stand for the wedding. Lyle and Julia went to the sawmill and found the perfect one. They had it debarked, took it home and put it in the garage part of Miltons house. Their kitchen area is still in there.

Several days later, they were appalled to see hordes of ants descending out of that log. Not tiny critters, but huge, well, big ones anyway.

It must have been on a Saturday as Lavon was home and Luke was there. They took the log outside and torched the ants as they came out. I don't remember how they got rid of the ones in the house.

I imagine by having the log in by the heat, it finally penetrated and woke up the ants from their long winter nap. They probably stretched, yawned, and said, "Okay, everybody up and out. It's time to plow!" and away they surged!

I went to get hubby a little early, figuring he might be tired and ready to go home. He was. But he was feeling much better. Praise God from whom all blessing flow! That really brightened my day! Plus, now the sun is really shining. It's still cold, but still...

In closing---Fate makes our relatives, choice makes our friends.

This is hardly the season for making jam but if you can find fresh pears, you might want to try it. Spread it on bagels with cream cheese for a real treat.

Carrot Cake Jam

1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple in their own juice, undrained  
1 1/2 c. shredded carrots  
1 1/2 c. chopped, peeled, ripe pears  
3 T. lemon juice  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. ground cloves  
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1 pkg. (1 1/4 oz.) powdered fruit pectin  
6 1/2 c. sugar

In a large saucepan, combine the first seven ingredients. Bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15-20 minutes or until pears are tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Stir in sugar; return to a full rolling boil. Boil and stir one minute.

Remove from heat; skim off foam. Ladle hot mixture into 8 half-pint jars, leaving 1/4 inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace, if necessary, by adding hot mixture. Wipe rims. Center lids on jars; screw on bands until fingertip tight. Place jars in canner with simmering water, ensuring that they are completely covered with water. Bring to a boil; process for five minutes. Remove jars and cool.

\*\*Makes 8 half-pints

## Election

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served on multiple boards in the 22 years that I have been on the board and believe I have the knowledge and expertise to continue the progress the village is making through its TIF and Capital Improvement programs.

**What previous community involvement have you had in Arthur?** Served as Arthur Village Mayor for 6 years, served as village trustee for 15 years, and served as a volunteer on the Arthur Fire Department for 28 years.

Isai Gutierrez

Age: 43

Address: 435 S. Elm Street, Arthur.

Occupation: Sales @ Cabinets Factories Outlet

Education: High School diploma

Children: Courtney, Malachi, Elijah, and Eden

Office Sought: Village Board Trustee

**Village Board requires a significant time commitment, normally 2 monthly meeting and possibly any special/committee meetings, as well as reading prep prior to meetings. How will this fit in with your other commitments?** Should not be an issue.

**What do you believe is the role of the Village Board in our community?** To make

sure the community grow and flourishes

**Based on what you know about City government, what do you see as top priorities for the Village of Arthur and why?** Continued growth and improvement of our village.

**What is your approach to handling controversial and complicated issues?** Discussion and debate, all sides need to be heard. All information relevant to the issue needs to be reviewed.

**What skills and experience do you have that you believe would be beneficial to you as a board member?** Being able to help people find solution to their problem or issue. Time management and being able to engage with people at different levels.

**What previous community involvement have you had in Arthur?** Most of my involvement has been church related

David Hale

Age: 63

Address: 421 S Elm Street Arthur.

Occupation: Self-Employed

Children: 2

Office Sought: Village Trustee

**Village Board requires a significant time commitment, normally 2 monthly meeting and possibly any special/committee meetings, as well as reading prep prior to meetings. How will this fit in with your other**

commitments? It will be fine.

**What do you believe is the role of the Village Board in our community?** I believe it is to be able to work with people in the community for the betterment of the community.

**Based on what you know about City government, what do you see as top priorities for the Village of Arthur and why?** Keeping the community safe, better water quality, and Rhema Drive looks like it has issue's that should be addressed.

**What is your approach to handling controversial and complicated issues?** Wasteful spending. Remember the Sesquicentennial? It was a weeklong event. Are the kids of today going to look back and remember?

**What skills and experience do you have that you believe would be beneficial to you as a board member?** Looking at all sides of an issue. Talking with people in the village and listening to their concerns and working with the people. I always look at all sides of an issue and try to find the best solution.

**What previous community involvement have you had in Arthur?** No response.

Christina Miller

Age: 41

Address: 506 S Pine St, Arthur.

Children: Jordan, Nik, Hailey and Jack.

Office Sought: Village of Arthur Trustee

**Village Board requires a significant time commitment, normally 2 monthly meeting and possibly any special/committee meetings, as well as reading prep prior to meetings. How will this fit in with your other commitments?** I have been on the board for the last 4 years and haven't had many conflicts. I also have an employer that encourages community involvement.

**What do you believe is the role of the Village Board in our community?** The Village Board plays many roles; those include budgeting, overseeing public safety and public works, establishing policies and ordinances, and approving municipal business matters. Community relations is also key in knowing and assisting with the business climate and addressing concerns of the citizens.

**Based on what you know about City government, what do you see as top priorities**

for the Village of Arthur and why?

In the last several years, we have made much needed improvements with our Capital Improvement plan. In the next few years, we need to make some more important decisions on the direction of that plan. I also think we need to keep the lines of communication open with our business and manufacturers.

**What is your approach to handling controversial and complicated issues?** I believe one of the best approaches to controversial land complicated issues is to hear each side out completely. To truly listen to their reasons and concerns with an open mind. Another thing is to make sure you look at the big picture. After taking in everything, you have to make the best decision based on what is best for the community and our citizens.

**What skills and experience do you have that you believe would be beneficial to you as a board member?** Having been on the board, that gives me an insight to the projects we are currently working on. I have also been in a position where I have worked with the businesses in town and served in the planning and executing of events within our community.

**What previous community involvement have you had in Arthur?** I currently sit on the board as well as The Community Foundation Board. I have assisted the Arthur Chamber for several years. I served on the Arthur Sports Boosters Board and was an EMT in Arthur for 4 years.

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