

Once you add bacon to a grilled cheese, that's a bacon sandwich

"Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things are done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away: But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13: 31,32,33,35,36,37

Ahh! Spring! Flowers and trees are blooming, the grass is green and growing. Plastic jugs are sprouting in people's gardens. Not mine--sigh--

Nor have I mowed the yard yet. I guess I'll have to start burning the midnight oil. At least go out evenings after supper while it is still light.

I actually did yesterday. Wow! Surprised myself, I did! I got some weeds pulled, flowerbeds cleaned up, picked up some

branches that blew down in some of our winter times. We have some trees that are just, well, not pretty, but what can we do about it?

I was going to sue the trimmer, but then I decided I wouldn't mow today anyway. So, I sprayed weed killer on the drive. I hope it does its job. But so often I fight weeds on the drive all summer long.

We were going to have our garden tilled by Leonard Miller, but then his tractor broke down. It was fatal for the tractor, so I guess we'll have to do something else.

Lloyd thought maybe he could just do it with their tiller. If it doesn't work, then we'll call someone.

I'm always way behind everybody else anyway. At least I have some of my seeds.

We had planned on working in the garden this evening or at least see how it tills, but now we are going to the visitation of Ryan Miller, son of Lamar and



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Nadine.

After Erwin's stroke, Lamar would come out and give Erwin massage therapy. He did it for quite a few years.

We feel for them. Ryan was in a tragic accident and it has to be really hard and sad for Lamar. We are so sorry.

I was gone all morning. So now I'm running behind with my scribbles.

The head cooks for granddaughter Julia's wedding met at Jane's house today. This was the second time. They are work-

ing on figuring out the amounts, how to and when the food needs to be made, how many slices of cheese on each place, etc.--- It is mind boggling to me. I was just glad to do a bit of sewing.

When they are discussing the cheese and talking which kind is best for what, Julia said the best grilled cheese sandwich is three slices of Farmer cheese and some bacon. I told her I go with the old fashioned, what I grew up with, and that is Velveeta cheese. Just that. And yes, I still like Velveeta cheese on my

cheeseburger.

When I was a girl at home, we didn't have all these different varieties and probably couldn't afford them anyway. Occasionally we had Swiss, with big holes. I didn't like it. I thought it stunk! I'm pretty sure it actually did.

Anyway, our usual Saturday evening supper was cheeseburgers (with Velveeta) and a bowl of Cheerios (with brown sugar!) and I still like it! Not that I have it, at least not often. Hubby adores cereal and especially for Supper! Come on! I think he would just as soon eat dog food (without Milk) well, maybe that's a stretch!

We are looking forward to seeing our daughter Cynthia and Freeman and their "littles" who aren't so little anymore. Freeman is a cousin to Lamar, so they are planning to come up from Dale, IL. For the evening visitation.

I hope we can be there at the same time. We saw them at brother John's funeral, but because of circumstances beyond our control, we didn't get to visit very much.

It'd been a while since we saw Aaron Joel and Amy. Aaron Joel will get out of third grade this term and Amy will get out of first grade. I miss them!

In closing---How good you are as a parent depends on whether you think teenagers have prob-

lems or are problems.

File this recipe away for when you have fresh strawberries. Which will be before you know it or are ready.

Chocolate Strawberry Cream Cheese Tart

3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds, toasted
6 T. butter, melted
1/3 cup baking cocoa
1/4 cup packed brown sugar

Filling:
2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
3 cups halved, fresh strawberries

3 T. hot fudge ice cream topping

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a small bowl combine the first five ingredients; press onto bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 9-inch fluted tart pan with removable bottom.

Bake 12-15 minutes or until crust is set. Cool on a wire rack.

In another bowl, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Spread over bottom of prepared crust. Arrange strawberry halves, cut side down, over filling. Cover and refrigerate at least an hour.

Just before serving, drizzle fudge topping over tart. Refrigerate leftovers.

Obituary

Elsie J. (Kauffman) Yoder

Elsie J. (Kauffman) Yoder, 94, of Arcola, IL passed away at 5:50 P.M. on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at her residence.

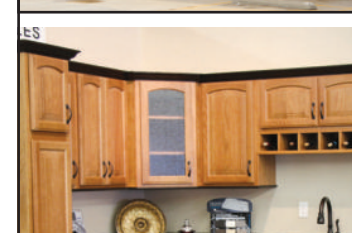
Funeral services will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Bennie Schrock residence, 163 North County Road 200 East, Arcola, IL. Bishop David J. Otto will officiate. Burial will be in the Otto Cemetery in rural Arthur, IL. Visitation will be held any time after 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 16, 2023, and any time after 10:00 A.M. on Monday, April 17, 2023, all at Bennie Schrock's residence. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Elsie was born on August 1, 1928, in Douglas County, IL to Joel J. and Katie Ann (Schlach) Kauffman. She married Noah J. Yoder on October 14, 1959 in Douglas County, IL. He preceded her in death on April 10, 2005. They lived in Holy Matrimony for 56 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

Elsie is survived by two sons, and one daughter, Eli Yoder and his wife Annie Marie of Arcola, IL, Raymond Yoder and his wife Verna of Fredericksburg, OH, and Mary Yoder, at home, Arcola, IL; four grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Ellen Lee and her husband Lester of Arthur, IL; two brothers-in-law, Harvey Kuhns of Tuscola, IL and Dannie Otto and his wife Fannie (Miller) of Tuscola, IL, and one sister-in-law, Anna (Bontrager) Kauffman of La-Grange, IN.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one grandson, Andrew Yoder, four brothers, and six sisters.

Elsie was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.



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