

Gravy so good it could be pudding

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication. That everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness." 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 4, 5, 6, 7

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it. I ought to tell myself that every day. But sometimes I forget. Or maybe I should say, I just don't think about it. Or just take it for granted. Like I do too

many things. Sigh. But today it was easy, it is so pleasant.

Yesterday morning (Monday) we had a bit of a thunderstorm and wind. It was time to leave for work. I went out to hitch up and eyed those very unfriendly looking clouds.

I thought earlier the clouds looked like they had wind. It got really dark and yes, the wind picked up. I came back in and told hubby we are not leaving. We oldies have no business on the road if it storms.

So we stayed put. I wrote my community newsletter and got that in the mail.

It didn't storm as bad as it looked like it might. We were about 45 minutes or so later than usual. It wasn't a big deal. I don't like it but what can one do?



My Amish Home

By Millie Otto

It kind of bugged me. I had a ton of laundry and how will I get it dry? But by the time I got home it seemed like it might clear off so I washed a couple of loads. Mostly cleaning rags.

And yes, by the time we got home at noon it had mostly cleared. So I washed the rest of the mountain.

Ahh! Wonderful! I could even hang everything on my pulley lines. It was so fun.

Our granddaughter Mary Lorene and Mikel Yutzy and their Alex and Cheyenne came to our house Friday evening after the wedding. What a privilege that was.

We sat and talked and talked until 12:30. They had to leave at 1 a.m. to go to the airport. So they barely had an hour to

sleep.

I would do it again in a heartbeat.

As for the wedding, we did have a beautiful day. So, are we privileged characters? It felt like it.

The meal was superb. Mashed potatoes, dressing, rich, brown gravy. The gravy was so good. I could have eaten it for pudding.

The dressing tasted like Mom's long-ago dressing. I always thought no one could make dressing as good as my mom.

They had strawberry cream pie with a graham cracker crust. The crust was way better than the ones you buy all smashed down in a pan. It was over the top. The whole meal

was just flat out good!

What is it about a wedding meal that is so good? Maybe it's because it's made in large quantities. But yeah, they are just plain good.

And yes, I'm glad that is now history.

So many things took a back seat because of the wedding.

One thing that did cast a shadow over the day was that brother-in-law Elmer Gingrich went to St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He had a mass on his brain.

He had surgery yesterday (Monday). He is doing OK, as far as I know at this point. We just don't know yet what the mass was.

I do know they need prayers.

Elmer also has a sister-in-law in the hospital. Also his mom. She had two hernias fixed.

If a man has that problem, is it a "him"-nia? Duh!

In closing: Friendship is knowing that even when you feel all alone, you aren't, because someone cares about you and will be there to pick

you up.

Try this cornbread recipe. Great to serve with your creamy white chili or regular chili.

Fiesta Cornbread

1 cup yellow cornmeal
3/4 tsp. Baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup buttermilk
8 1/4 oz. creamed corn
2 eggs, beaten
2 jalapeño peppers, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded and divided (or use pepper jack)

Combine first three ingredients in a large bowl. Add buttermilk and next four ingredients, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened.

Heat oil in a cast iron skillet; spoon in half of batter. Sprinkle with one cup of cheese; pour remaining batter over top. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup of cheese; bake at 400 degrees for 40 minutes.

Serves 6-9.

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ership teams on an Interconnected Systems Framework. By utilizing an Interconnected Systems Framework, these partnerships will help address mental health and wellness using a combination of programs and supports, including counseling services for students, families, and staff, that will be integrated across the schools and community sites.

Three of the community grant partners, Piatt County Mental Health Center, RISE Behavioral Health and Wellness, and Moultrie County Counseling Center will integrate a counselor in all four buildings once a week. There is a referral process that each building leadership team will use and in the fall, caretakers and other community members will be

encouraged to make referrals.

As community grant partners, Atwood-Hammond Public Library and Arthur Public Library will expand their collection on mental health and wellness topics and provide a variety of programs and workshops. We are very excited about partnering with the community and providing more opportunities for families and communities.

If you are interested in your child receiving direct counseling services during the summer by one of our partners, Piatt County Mental Health Center, RISE Behavioral Health and Wellness, or Moultrie County Counseling Center, please fill out the Google form at <https://forms.gle/2EpvLofUf8ALNAA6> or contact Amanda Romine at romineam@cUSD305.org.

Webners celebrating 70th Wedding Anniversary

John Webner and Margaret Staehli were married on June 7, 1953. They have two children, Allen of Strasburg, Linda (Berle) Casteel of Lovington. They have three grandchildren, Luke (Kim), Brock (Erica), and Derk (Heather) Casteel, as well as six great grandchildren.

John is a US Airforce veteran and retired from Caterpillar in Decatur. Margaret is a retired school teacher from the Beth-

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any School District.

An open house will be held Sunday June 4, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Strasburg United Methodist Church. Please join them for cake and fellowship. No gifts, please.

If you can not attend, they would love to hear from you. Cards or letters may be sent to: P.O. Box 202, Strasburg, IL 62465.

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Mackville performing at Eberhardt Park

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