

Hand cream makes “grouchy” knees feel better

“The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. Treasures of the wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that gathereth in the summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.” Proverbs 10:1,2,3,4,5

It's overcast this afternoon. It seems to actually have cooled off some. It looks like it could rain. So far, I think the summer has been quite pleasant, not so humid. But then, maybe we'll still get the humidity, come August.

All in all, we've had some really nice weather. And the crops in our area, anyway, look amazing.

I like that the grass is green again and it seems to be calling

to me to be mowed.

Hopefully, I can at least get the trimming done this afternoon. It seems I can dilly dally with this writing project the longest time.

And once again, my counters are cluttered, dirty dishes, groceries not put away, the floor needs sweeping--It bugs me, but I need to get this done first.

Last week we Otto's got together once again. We had a really good day. We had coffee break at sister Sarah Ann's house. A niece Rosella from Ohio was in the area. She wanted to see her aunts, so we all went to Sarah Ann's house. What a precious time it was!

I chose not to take Erwin to work, just take him with me to coffee break. We decided to just take our rig. It was enjoyable to see different country than what we usually do. We just took our time, after all, what else can we do with our slow horse, but anyway it was enjoyable and refreshing.

Friday night, then, wasn't quite so great. I thought I had



My Amish Home

By Millie Otto

this really good idea. Erwin would go with me to clean, then we'd get carry-outs from the Raise the Roof benefit, go to the park and eat it.

Well, it was too much for Erwin. Too much getting on and off the buggy. It made him way tired. We did eat some our food at the park, but seriously, a picnic table is not ideal for Erwin to sit at to eat. So, we just packed up and went home. The food was really, really good! But yeah, we would have been better off had I just went by myself and brought it home. Next time--

Then Sunday was another trial. Church was in a tent and

he just can barely walk across grass. But we made it okay. He survived and got rested up again.

Church was at my old home place, where my mom and dad lived before we all moved to our abode that we now have.

The people that have it now, Wilmer and Rebecca have really made changes, especially on the outside. It looks really nice. They surely have a flair for landscaping. The inside of the house had some remodeling done before Wilmer's got it. The upstairs hasn't changed a lot. I can still go up there and sort of get the feel of it when

we lived there.

The other day hubby's knees were hurting and were “grouchy” so he decided he needs some pain cream. He goes to the bathroom, sees a tube and all that registered was the word “healing”. He figured it was the pain cream and proceeded to slather it on his knees.

At bedtime, I wanted pain cream for my feet. He told me he left it by his chair. So, I go to get it. Then I couldn't help myself, I burst out laughing. It was my Gold Bond hand cream. He says, well, anyway it worked. Was it a mind thing?

In closing—Water does not stay on a mountaintop, it flows into the valley. In the same manner real virtue does not remain with those people who want to be higher than others; but virtue stays only with people who are humble.

Maybe you'd like these biscuits. Since fresh strawberries season is past, you could try peaches, or even blueberries.

Strawberry Surprise

Biscuits

2 cups flour
3 tsps. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
2 tblsp. sugar
¼ c. butter
¾ cup plus 1 tblsp. milk, divided

12 strawberries, hulled
2/3 cup powdered sugar
¼ tsp. vanilla

Combine flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar in a large bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or two forks until mixture is crumbly. Add ¾ cup milk, stirring just until moistened.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; knead 4-5 times. Divide dough into 12 pieces. Pat pieces into 3-inch circles on a floured surface. Place strawberries; pinch ends to seal. Place biscuits on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown.

Stir together powdered sugar, remaining 1 tablespoon milk and vanilla for glaze. Cool biscuits and drizzle with glaze.

Sign Up Now for Amish Country Bicycle Tour in September

By **DORIS ELMORE**
Staff Writer

The 38th annual Amish Country Bicycle Tour, sponsored

by the Decatur Bicycle Club, has been scheduled for Saturday, September 16, starting in downtown Arthur.

The beautiful ride takes bikers through the largest Amish community in Illinois. The event will feature four (4)

loops of various distances between 10 and 30 miles. Participants may ride as many or as few as they like. Terrain is flat to rolling, and appropriate for all riders and bicycle type. Helmets are required.

Enjoy quiet backroads, where horse-drawn buggies and cottage industries are numerous. A central rest stop, located at the start/stop point, will offer snacks, fruit and drinks.

Registration site/start/finish will be at the Arthur Community Building, 120 E. Progress, Arthur. Registration opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 10 a.m. Ride times supported between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Ride is held rain or shine. No Refunds Allowed!

Register early for best price. Forms are available at the Arthur Community/Tourist Building or United Church of Atwood. NO credit card pay-

ments accepted at day of registration. Make checks payable to Decatur Bicycle Club, Inc. For additional information e-mail: www.decaturbicycleclub.org with attention to Dorothy Miller, Ride Coordinator, or www.illinoisamishcountry.com

Be sure and sign up by August 30 for the lower cost. Higher cost after August 30.

Arthur Woman's Club Rat Race Registration Underway

The Arthur Woman's Club Rat Race will be held during the 50th Annual Cheese Festival this Labor Day weekend. The race will be held on Monday September 4 at 7:30 a.m. There is a 10K course as well as a 5K course. Registration can be done online, on a paper form, or the day of the event. Please go to arthurcheesefestival.com to get a form or submit an online registration.

The race will be timed, and medals given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place male and female participants in each age category. The top male and female finisher for each race (first to finish the course) will be awarded a plaque as well as a monetary gift. We are accepting donations to sponsor

the race. If you would like to donate, please reach out to a Woman's Club member or Stephanie Borntreger at 217-254-3647. There is no one mile fun run or cheese chaser race scheduled for this year.

Homecoming Reminder for Alumni

A reminder that Homecoming at ALAH this year is Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30.

If you have not received your mailing please call Rhonda Trower at 217-585-0962 or send email to arthuralums@gmail.com.

Highlights for Homecoming

Thank you to all of our past and present sponsors and race participants, as this is our biggest fundraiser for the Woman's Club. We can't do it without YOU! Please come out and join us for the fun!

include the parade on Friday at 2 p.m. followed by a tour of the high school. The football game is at 7 p.m. that evening on Wilson Field.

Saturday the alumni golf outing takes place. Tee off at Kaskaskia Country Club at 8 a.m. For info and reservations for the golf outing email shellybrough1973@gmail.com.

The alumni dinner is Saturday evening at Kaskaskia Country Club - social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are due by September 1 and may be sent to PO Box 21, Arthur, IL 61911.

Homecoming dance and coronation will take place at the high school Saturday evening. 50/50 raffle tickets at \$5 each are also available.

More information can also be found on the Arthur High School Alumni facebook page.

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