

# Just the necessities being accomplished during the broiling weather

"O generation of vipers, how can ye being evil, speak good things for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matthew 12:34,35,36,37

We had to file into the house for our food, then back out to the tent to eat.

Of course, I always fix Erwin's plate, going with the men in his turn.

We have an elderly man in church that also can't walk and carry a plate, so his daughter fixes his plate, as the mom is too near in the same condition. So, anyway, Karen and I, we are glad for each other, so one doesn't have to go by herself.

We had double duty Sunday. We didn't let our moms go in to fix their plate. So we made several trips back and forth, hoping all the people didn't think we were eating all that food ourself.

Although, it almost seemed like I could. It was so good! We had three kinds of pie, now really, which to take? Instead of only one big slice, I took a teeny slice of each. I figured I really shouldn't eat too much as I knew we'd have more good food later. And lots of it!

We had an Otto family reunion at Otto Center. Elva and Rose Otto are in charge of the Otto Center, so they got the soft serve ice cream machine going. Yummy! I still think they should have a machine that does the chocolate/vanilla twist.

The Marvin Helmuth family were hosts this year. The men had a pvc pipe that was in sections. The bottom part was made to put air in it. The top section was filled with candy. So, they'd put air in the bottom section, pull the handle and blow the candy in the air. It would rain down and the littles (and some of the "bigs") would scramble after it. I don't know who had the most fun, the men blowing the candy in the air or the children filling their bags.

I was just glad it wasn't my responsibility to get those littles settled for bed after all that candy. I guess they didn't eat all of it that night.

In closing---Mankind is a peculiar species---He spends a fortune making his home insect-proof and air-conditioned, then eats outside.

I think we'll do this apple recipe this week.

### Cinnamon Apple Puffs

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ tsp. red food color, op-

We are in the last week of August. It just doesn't seem possible. Schools are in session again and before we know it, they'll be practicing for the Christmas program.

Last week was one long broiling week, though. I really didn't get a lot accomplished. Just the barely necessities. And wiped sweat.

I did get the yard mowed by small increments. I didn't use the trimmer. I guess I'll probably have to this week if I mow. Which, probably I should as it sounds like next week we are to have more of the same.

I don't believe I've ever used a fan as much as I did last week. I actually was going to get another one, but it was a little pricey. Actually, the price wasn't too bad, but I figured I would need another battery and that would have really added to it. So I told myself, we've made it okay so far.

But really, if we have another heat wave like last week, I may just go get one.


Erwin thinks we need air-conditioning and seriously, I don't want it. I like to have my windows open. But someday, I may change my mind. Until then, I'll have my windows open.

I was really thankful the heat abated before Sunday. Church was held in a tent. And believe it or not, the side curtains had to be put up. The breeze was actually chilly. I was kind of disappointed. I like to have an open view to gaze around the countryside. But maybe this way I could focus better on the sermon.

We had a casserole lunch instead of the traditional peanut butter and cheese. Which was fine. It was delicious. And we had pie and ice cream for des-



tional  
Boil to a syrup for about 5 minutes. Place 4-5 peeled and thinly sliced apples in a greased pan. Pour syrup over apples.  
Sift together:  
1½ cup flour  
2 tps. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
Cut in ¼ cup shortening. Stir in ¾ cup milk. Drop dough by spoonful on top of apples and make a dent in top of each one.  
Place in dent:  
2 tbsps. melted butter  
2 tbsps. Sugar  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
Bake at 450 degrees for 25-30 minutes.  
Thoroughly mix all ingredients. Pour into a 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.



## THE VILLAGE OF ARTHUR Illinois

### 2023 Town-Wide Clean Up Days

The Village of Arthur is excited to announce town-wide clean up days for the residents of Arthur.

Please pay attention because this looks a little different than it has in past years! They are unable to provide weekend cleanups due to the landfill being closed on the weekend. We did the best that we could to schedule this event after town-wide rummage sales and as close to the weekend as possible.

1. WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023 - Moultrie County
2. THURSDAY, September 14, 2023 - Douglas County, North of Park Street. This will include the North side of Park Street.
3. FRIDAY, September 15, 2023 - Douglas County, South of Park Street. This will include the South side of Park Street.


GFL has included outlines of what the restrictions are. Those include:

- ▶ Material is limited to 6 cubic yards of volume per household
- ▶ Material must be bundled
- ▶ Material must be less than 5 feet in length
- ▶ Bundles of material must weigh less than 50 pounds
- ▶ Loose items will not be picked up

The following items will NOT be picked up:

- ⊘ Tires
- ⊘ Liquid Paint
- ⊘ Batteries
- ⊘ Appliances with Freon/White Goods
- ⊘ Hazardous Waste
- ⊘ E-Waste (computers, TV'S, electronics)
- ⊘ Car Parts
- ⊘ Concrete
- ⊘ Wood with nails sticking out

Any items left at a residence that did not follow these guidelines will be the responsibility of the homeowner to remove.



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