

Fresh strawberry season is finally here!

The sun is shining after an early morning rain. I'm hoping the laundry will dry after all.

Yesterday I was helping prepare food for my niece's Wedding. We peeled 250 pounds of potatoes, to be cooked for mashed potatoes. Thursday was the day for the wedding, an all-day event.

Next week I'm catering a 90th birthday party at the Scovill Zoo in Decatur. I'm serving pulled pork, chicken breasts, party potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, hot rolls, and birthday cake for 43 people.

The Garden House at the Scovill Zoo is a nice place for such events.

Try more strawberry recipes.

STRAWBERRY CAKE

1 box white cake mix
4 eggs
1 box strawberry Jell-O
1 c. fresh or frozen strawberries
1 c. cooking oil
1 c. pecans
½ c. milk
1 c. coconut

Blend together cake and Jell-O. Add oil and milk. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat until well blended. Fold in berries, coconut, and pecans.

Icing:

2 to 3 c. powdered sugar
1 stick butter
1/2 c. coconut
½ c. pecans
½ c. strawberries
Mix well. Ice cake.

From My Amish Kitchen

By Doris Yoder



STRAWBERRY FREEZE

Crust:

½ c. butter
½ c. chopped nuts
1 c. brown sugar
1 c. flour

Mix in a stainless steel bowl. Bake in a bowl for 20 minutes, stirring often. Cool. Crumble 2/3 of it in a pan. Save the other 1/3 for top.

Filling:

3 egg whites
2 c. crushed fresh or

frozen strawberries

1 c. sugar
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 c. Cool Whip

Put egg whites, strawberries, sugar and lemon juice in bowl and beat for 15 minutes or until mixture is thick and holds its shape. Add Cool Whip. Spread over crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top. Freeze at least 5 hours. Doubled fills a 13" x 9" pan. If using frozen strawberries, drain off some juice.

STRAWBERRY PIZZA

1½ c. flour
1 c. butter
¼ c. brown sugar
½ c. chopped pecans
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
¾ c. powdered sugar
8 oz. whipped topping

Mix flour, butter, sugar and pecans together to form a dough. Spread onto a pizza pan and bake at 400 for 15 minutes. Mix cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread on top of cooled crust. Chill well. Top with your favorite strawberry pie filling.

STRAWBERRY PIE

FILLING

4½ c. sugar
2½ c. Perma-flo
6 c. water
Salt to taste

Bring to a boil. Cook until clear, then add 2 packages strawberry Kool-Aid and cool. Add 10 to 12 cups sliced strawberries. Serve in pie shell topped with ice cream or whipped topping. Or can be frozen to use later. Makes 4 pies.

Strawberry Jam

4c. strawberries
4c. sugar
1/3 c. + 2 Tbsp. instant clear jel

Mix sugar and instant clear jel well before adding to strawberries. Add to berries and stir for 10 minutes. Yield: 3 pts.

Memorial

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Post 433 member Robert Reifsteck were also in attendance at the program.

Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch concluded the program by thanking all of the people who helped with the program and by thanking all of those in attendance for coming.

Your correspondent's day did not end with this program as I traveled to the Mount Hope Mausoleum in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Champaign to attend the Champaign American Legion Post 24 annual Memorial Day program at 2:00 p.m.

It was a beautiful afternoon and folks were greeted by Champaign Mount Hope Cemetery personnel who had set up a table in front of the mausoleum that included drinks, pre-packaged cookies, and cemetery information.

The Champaign American Legion Post 24 did not have a program inside of the Mount Hope Mausoleum this year, but instead held a wreath laying ceremony followed by firing a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

American Legion Post 24 Auxiliary Unit 24 President LeeAnn Schaub and Post 24



CHAMPAIGN AMERICAN LEGION Post 24 Auxiliary Unit 24 Vice President Nancy Phalen and President LeAnn Schaub lay a memorial wreath in front of the cannon west of the Mount Hope Cemetery Mausoleum in preparation of the Post 24 Monday, May 25 Memorial Day salute to the fallen. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

Auxiliary Unit 24 Vice President Nancy Phalen laid a memorial wreath at the cannon in the Mount Hope Cemetery across from the mausoleum.

The Champaign American Legion Post 24 Honor Guard

including Scott Rhoton (Captain) and members Justin Somers, Roy Hanks, Mike Shine, Bob Kappes, Norman Davis, and Bill Phalen provided a 21-gun salute with Taps played by Honor Guard



THE CHAMPAIGN AMERICAN LEGION Post 24 Honor Guard left to right Scott Rhoton (Captain) and Honor Guard members Justin Somers, Roy Hanks, Mike Shine, Bob Kappes, Norm Davis, Bill Phalen, and Georgette Fisher (Taps) at attention before saluting the fallen at the Champaign American Legion Post 24 Monday, May 25 Memorial Day ceremony at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Champaign. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

member Georgette Fisher.

The Post 24 Honor Guard, Post 24 Auxiliary Unit 24, and guests moved on west through the Mount Hope Cemetery to a second veteran's plot at which the auxiliary members performed a second wreath laying at the memorial monument and the honor guard fired a sec-

ond salute and the playing of Taps.

Your correspondent hopes that folks were able to attend a Memorial Day ceremony or service or to take part in the 3:00 p.m. National Moment of Remembrance proclaimed by Congress one minute of silence to remember our service men and women who

paid the ultimate price for our country and that readers enjoy some of the photos I snapped of the Sidney American Legion Post 433 and Champaign American Legion Post 24 Memorial Day programs published in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

Scholars

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Noble (Richland County) will graduate from Richland County High School and attend Lake Land College to study agriculture communications. Brooklyn's parent is Jennifer Diel.

• Ella Eldridge of Girard (Macoupin County) will graduate from North Mac High School and attend Iowa State University to study agriculture business. Ella's parents are Kimmy and Kris Eldridge.

• Abram Girtten of Carmi (White County) will graduate from Carmi-White County High School and attend the University of Southern Indiana to study environmental science. Abe's parents are Joshua and Monica Girtten.

• Annsley Healy of Norris City (White County) will be a homeschool graduate attending Western Illinois University to study agriculture with a minor in animal science. Annsley's parents are Phillip and Holly Healy.

• Lillian Helbig of Okadale (Washington County) will graduate from Okawville Jr./Sr. High School and attend Murray State University

to study agribusiness. Lily's parents are Blake and Michele Helbig.

• Will Hilligoss of Lovington (Moultrie County) will graduate from Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School and attend Lake Land College to study agriculture. Will's parents are Kevin Hilligoss and Emily Hilligoss.

• Collin Johnson of Waverly (Morgan County) will graduate from Waverly High School and attend Cornell University to study environment and sustainability. Collin's parents are Adam Johnson and Jessica Petefish-Johnson.

• Bailey Leach of Springfield (Sangamon County) will graduate from Pleasant Plains High School and attend Illinois State University to study agriculture business. Bailey's parents are Ryan and Stephanie Leach.

• Adyson Lowrance of Assumption (Christian County) will graduate from Central A&M High School and attend Lincoln Land Community College in the agriculture transfer program. Adyson's parents are William and Cari Lowrance.

• Drew Lueking of Centralia (Clinton County) will graduate from Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

and attend Kaskaskia College in the agriculture transfer program. Drew's parents are Doug and Sheila Lueking.

• Lauryn Maher of Jacksonville (Morgan County) will graduate from Jacksonville High School and attend Lincoln Land Community College to study agriculture business and marketing. Lauryn's parents are Robyn Maher and Justin Maher.

• Lane Perry of Paris (Clark County) will graduate from Marshall High School and attend Oklahoma State University to study agribusiness. Lane's parents are Justin and Angie Perry.

• Gavin Range of Freeburg (St. Clair County) will graduate from Freeburg Community High School and attend Southwestern Illinois College to study agriculture engineering or agronomy. Gavin's parent is Kurt Range.

• Maliah Riechmann of Hoyleton (Washington County) will graduate from Nashville Community High School and attend Rend Lake College to study agriculture business. Maliah's parent is Mike Riechmann.

• Trent Schmid of Buckley (Iroquois County) will graduate from Cissna Park Senior High School and attend Hillsdale College to study financial management. Trent's parents are Robert

and Katy Schmid.

• Landon Schnepf of Lincoln (Logan County) will graduate from Lincoln Community High School and attend Heartland Community College to study welding. Landon's parents are Alysa Schnepf and Kevin Schnepf.

• Hunter Shike of Sadorus (Champaign County) will graduate from Unity High School and attend Black Hawk College to study animal science. Hunter's parents are Dan and Jennifer Shike.

• Bryson Stickler of Pleasant Plains (Sangamon County) will graduate from Pleasant Plains High School and attend Lincoln Land Community College to study crop sciences with a minor in agriculture business. Bryson's parents are Michael and Amy Stickler.

• Wade Stine of Farina (Fayette County) will graduate from St. Elmo High School and attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale to study agricultural and environmental pre-law. Wade's parents are Jared and Krista Stine.

• Daniel Tomas of Cobden (Union County) will graduate from Cobden High School and attend Shawnee Community College in the electrician program. Daniel's parents are Santiago Tomas and Ana Tomas.

• Alayna White of Wayne City (Wayne County) will graduate from Wayne City High School and attend Rend Lake College to study agribusiness accounting. Alayna's parents are Daniel and Ashley White.

• Shiloh Willis of McLeansboro (Hamilton County) will graduate from Hamilton County Jr./Sr. High School and attend the Uni-

versity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the College of ACES. Shiloh's parents are Audera Willis and Christopher Willis.

• Natalie Zwilling of Dundas (Richland County) will graduate from Richland County High School and attend Wabash Valley College to study agronomy. Natalie's parents are Donna and Byron Zwilling.

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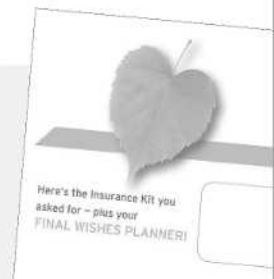
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