

OBITUARIES

AMISH COOK

An old column from Daniel on the three-year anniversary of his passing

By Daniel Yoder, the Amish Cook

[Editor's Note: Gloria's husband, Daniel, passed away three years ago on April 4, 2022, in a tragic logging accident. She requested a column Daniel wrote be run this week in his honor. Daniel penned this column one year before he passed.]

Hi to all of you!

I wonder how you all are doing? Hope fine! We are very blessed. We are just really enjoying these nice sunny days. Anyway, I just want to give each of you a little view of how a normal day goes for me. My alarm is set for 6 AM, so when it goes off, I very rarely hit snooze, I love getting up in the morning, so I sit up, rub my eyes a little, and get dressed. I grab the milk pail and head outside. These last couple of weeks, I can hear the wild turkeys gobbling in our surrounding woods, so I like to take some extra moments and listen.

As I enter the barn, Daisy, our goat, will greet me with some bleating. I feed her hay and grain and make sure she has nice clean water. She does not like if her water has any hay in it, so she holds very still as she is eating the grain. I take that time to milk her. I can say I enjoy that, she will give about one-quart morning and evening. While I am in the barn, I make sure the quail have food and water before heading to the house. I may stop in by the garden to see how things are growing. I enter the house at 6:20, and by this time, a few of the children may be awake. I like to have some devotional time in the morning, so I may have that, and occasionally I will have it before I do the chores.

Most of the children are very happy in the morning and love to have some snuggle time on the couch, or sometimes I'll say, "Hey, do we want to make breakfast?" I would like to share my favorite omelet recipe, which I often had growing up. The children love helping stir something or help measure some ingredients out or help set the table.

At 7 o'clock, we have a devotional with the family, then breakfast after that, then sing a song together. Next, everyone helps to clear the table. I head to my woodworking shop about 7:45 and meet my bro John soon after. It is just the two of us working in the shop, so it is pretty low-key.

After a bit, Elijah shows up to get our water jug that has been filled the day before and takes it back to the house to fill it again. This makes him feel really important cause he is helping Daddy.

After a while, Gloria and the children join me in the shop, and oh, some of my favorite times are when they will all come out to the shop to play. Our 10-month-old Joshua is in his glory land when he enters the shop. He loves when I give him a little attention, like hugging. The children like to sit next to me where I am working, ask questions about the furniture, and say they will also build furniture and drive forklifts when they grow up.

Gloria often likes to take these opportunities to do some practicing with the children, for example, she will have them line up, and pretend she is a guest and greet each one, and have them say their name and their age, it is so cute.

At 11:00AM, we have a 20-minute break in the shop for lunch, or sometimes Gloria and the children will bring lunch out to the shop where we all eat together.

So you might ask how many pieces can you make in a week. We specialize in bedroom furniture and try to make about two bedroom sets a week. 3 PM is our quitting time. I enjoy coming to the house catch up on the news, sit in the kitchen have a snack, and help Gloria with the children. I may have them help me do the quail chores or any other little nick-nacks that needs to be done, then before dinner I milk the goat again.

We really enjoy sitting around the dinner table discussing the day or whatever strikes the children to talk about. We often like to make special memories. For example, Joshua only has one tooth at this moment, but the 2nd one is almost showing. Whoever sees the 2nd tooth first, is exempt from helping with the dishes the next meal. In the summer, we normally go outdoors again after supper, play, or work in the garden. We start winding the children down for bed at 7:45 and have a Bible story for the children, we like to have the children to bed at 8:30 then Gloria and I may have a little chat and get cleaned up for bed, then go to bed, and I normally am excited to get out the next morning again and do this all over. So for the recipe, here you go.

DANIEL'S DELUXE BAKED OMELET

1/4 pound bacon, cut into pieces

1/4 cup chopped onions (optional)

1/4 cup green or red peppers diced(optional)

6 eggs, beaten

1 1/2 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1 teaspoon liquid smoke (optional)

3 slices bread (cubed)

1/2 pound sausage, browned and crumbled

1 cup shredded cheese of your choice, divided

Instructions: Brown bacon in a large skillet.Remove bacon and lightly saute onions and peppers in bacon drippings. Now, whisk together all ingredients, saving 1/2 cup cheese. Pour everything into a greased 9" pan. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake for 30 minutes at 350.

WYVERNE LEON PENCE (VERNE)
Pleasant Plain

Wyverne Leon Pence (Verne) of Pleasant Plain, Iowa passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on April 7, 2025.

Verne was born April 22, 1947 in LaHarpe, Illinois to Earnest (Woody) and Helen Sherman Pence. He attended Lomax Elementary and graduated from DCHS in 1965. He served in the US Army from 1965-1975. He worked at Crane Company in Washington, Iowa for 32 years. Then at Cambridge Investment Research for 4 years. He later retired in 2014. He was the Mayor of Pleasant Plain for 6 years and served as City Clerk for 4 years. He volunteered many hours for the Boy Scouts and Little League.

Hobbies included crafting with his wife Nancy, woodworking, the Sunday paper crossword puzzles with Lori Johnson, Sunday drives and ice cream and he never missed an In the Heat of the Night Marathon and had to be home in time for Wheel of Fortune. His most important hobby was being the Best Poppy to Owen and Harrison. He always had McDonalds money.

He married Nancy Hadley August 31, 1974 at the Little Brown Church in Nasuha, Iowa.

Wyverne is survived by his wife Nancy Pence of Pleasant Plain, his daughter Megan Smith of North Liberty, his son Nicholas Pence of Pleasant Plain and grandsons Owen Smith and Harrison Smith of North Liberty. Wyverne's home and heart was always open to any child that was in need but a special place in his heart will always hold true for Ian Otto, Seattle, Washington, Amina Otto who is studying abroad, Desmond Otto, Fairfield, Iowa, and Ryan Otto, Portland, Oregon.

Those also left to honor his memory are brothers Larry Pence of Lomax, Illinois, Jimmy Pence (Edna) of Dallas City, Illinois, Joe Pence (Lou Ann) of Carthage, Illinois, Randy (Carol) of Niota, Illinois, one sister Deb Worley of Loma,x Illinois. Also including many nieces and nephews.

Verne is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Roger, David, Ronnie, Sheldon and sisters Anono Widner and Gwendolyn Schiedel.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 11, 2025 starting at 11:00 AM at Cranston Family Funeral Home in Fairfield. Memorials in honor of Verne to Hospice Compassus may be left at the funeral home or mailed to the family at P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, IA 52556. Friends may leave online condolences at www.cranstonfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Patriotic Panthers 4-H Club meets

The Patriotic Panthers Club met on April 9, 2025 at Prairie View Methodist Church.

President Cole Millikin called the meeting to order. Colt Reed, Lane Cason, and Sam Loper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by 19 members. Parliamentarian Teagan Swearingen read the minutes of the March meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given by Cole Millikin

Business: Swine Weigh-In, Bucket/Bottle Calf, Lamb, and Goat, YQCA Testing, Extension Office Hours, 4th-6th Grade Overnight Camp, New Special Edition Broiler Poultry Class for Expo Fair, Sheep and Goat Weigh-In, Livestock and Pet Identification, Dog Obedience Class, Horse Practice, Expo Fair Books, and Questions from Members.

The meeting was adjourned by Carley Clarahan and seconded by Colt Reed.

Cole Millikin, Maci Crow, and Caden Gorsch led the 4-H Creed.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2025.

Activities were led by Cole Millikin, Lane Cason, Audrey Molkenthin, and Teagan Swearingen.

The refreshments were served by Audrey Molkenthin and Teagan Swearingen.

Reported by: Carley Clarahan, Club Reporter

Washington Co. 4-H Pancake Breakfast

Washington County 4-H will host a Pancakes & More Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, April 19 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in the basement of Dallmeyer Hall. All proceeds will go toward the 4-H enrollment fees for Washington County 4-Hers.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, and a drink. Free will donation. Dine in, drive up or carry out are available. The breakfast is held in conjunction with an IJBBA Open Cattle Show sponsored by Washington

County 4-H County Council that starts at 11 a.m. which is open to the public to watch for free. There will be two show rings offering exhibitors two chances to show and compete.

Questions may be directed to the Washington County Extension Office, 319/653-4811.

Washington CSD Menus

Week of April 21

BREAKFAST

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Long John, Strawberries

Wednesday: French Toast Sticks with Syrup, Banana

Thursday: WG Bagel with Peanut Butter, Grapes

Friday: WG Cereal, Sausage Patty, Orange,

LUNCH

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Chicken-Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Watermelon, WG Dinner Roll

Wednesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Broccoli Parmesan, Clementine, Bosco Cheese Sticks

Thursday: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Corn, Diced Peaches

Friday: Popcorn Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Applesauce, WG Bread and Jelly

Attend the Church of Your Choice

Sunday, April 20 – Saturday, April 26

ANTIOCH INDEPENDENT CHURCH

South of Brighton, Rev. John Benedict

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

BRIGHTON UNITED CHURCH

Brighton, Rick Zickefoose, Pastor

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

10 a.m. Sunday school

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Abingdon, Pastor Reginald Marlin

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school

11:05 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study

CHURCH OF LIVING WATER

Hedrick, Pastor Gary D. Smith

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Evening Service

FIRST CHRISTIAN (DOC) CHURCH

Packwood, Pastor Gabriel Claussen

Sunday: 8:55 a.m. Worship

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Brighton, Pastor Richard Hughes

Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school

10 a.m. Worship Service

5 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday: 6 p.m. Youth Group

7 p.m. Bible Study

GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

24536 Hwy 78, Ollie, Rev. Dar Eckley

Sunday: 10:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Children's Church

HEDRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Worship

HEDRICK COMMUNITY CHURCH/A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Hedrick, Pastor Michael Elrod

Sunday: 9 a.m. 9 a.m. Worship

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Germanville (rural Brighton), Pastor Ryan Dexter

Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

JESUS NAME APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Brighton, Jeff Ide, Pastor

Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

OLLIE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ollie, Pastor Tom Grove

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

Thursday: 9 a.m. Women sewing

PLEASANT PLAIN FRIENDS CHURCH

Pleasant Plain

Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

PRAIRIE VIEW/A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Hwy 78 N of Packwood, Pastor Steven Lamb

Sunday: 7:50 a.m. Sunday School

9 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship, followed by Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

5:30 p.m. Book Study at Parsonage

Monday: 8 a.m. Prayer Group at Parsonage

Tuesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study

RICHLAND METHODIST/A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Richland, Pastor Michael Elrod

Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship

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SS JOSEPH & CABRINI CATHOLIC PARISH

Richland, East Pleasant Plain

Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop, Pastor

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

Tuesday: 8 a.m. Prayer Service at Mother Cabrini Church

Thursday: 8 a.m. Prayer Service at St. Joseph Church

TRINITY FRIENDS CHURCH

Richland, Pastors Jerry Hoover & Steve Pfeifer

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

VICTORY FELLOWSHIP

Brighton

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Evening Service

WOOLSON FRIENDS CHURCH

Jasmine Ave. south of Richland, Pastor Jerry Hoover

Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship