

# H A P P E N I N G S

## Ida's Notebook

by

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Just as I sat down to write this article I heard the mantel clock strike. This was followed closely by the Grandfather's clock. Time is such a fleeting thing. Sometimes it seems to move rapidly and other times so very slowly.

When our grandson was here the other morning, he heard the clocks strike and said, "It is time to eat." You see, he knows that we eat at noon when the clocks strike but he must learn that striking ten doesn't mean it is time to eat. However, I did give him a dish of strawberries as we have the everbearing kind.

When we are carefree and having fun with friends, then time flies by quickly. But, when we sit in a

hospital waiting for a spouse to come from the operating room, then the hand on the clock barely moves.

If I have a lot of sweet corn to get frozen before a meeting, then the clock's hands move too quickly as I rush to get my work done. But, when I sit at home and wait for someone to come then it seems that it takes forever.

When I sat beside my dying mother, a few years ago; I had no sense of time at all. Was it 9 o'clock or 11 o'clock?

As I watch the Conestoga River flow past our meadows, I often think of the fact that it was here over 250 years ago when my

### Gloucester County 4-H Western Team

The N.J. 4-H State Western Team, comprised of Brandi Brooke Bleifuss, Melanie Bossert, Sara Brickner, April Harris, Jaimee Hochswinder, Heather Johnson, Todd Kingett, James Leech, Crystal McNamara, Kristi Palasieski, Alexandra Rager and Kenneth Wall, brought home the championship trophy for the western division.

Those receiving grand and reserve championships were Jaimee Hochswinder, Kristi Palasieski, Crystal McNamara, Heather Johnson, James Leech and Brandi Bleifuss. Those placing in the classes were April Harris, Todd Kingett, Alexandra Rager, Jaimee

ancestors came to Lancaster County. It was here long before that when the Indians hunted and fished in this area. As the saying goes, "Men may come and men may go but I go on forever," says the river.

Hochswinder, Brandi Bleifuss, Crystal McNamara and Melanie Bossert.

The 4-H State English Team placed third in the state and those on the team were Leigh Allen, Brandi Brooke Bleifuss, Amy Buck, Meryl Castellini, Rebecca DiGati, Kim DeEugenio, Kelly Giunta, Janelle Hall, Jessica Hall, Hilary Lynn Kramer, Lauren Marini, Rosie Marino, Amanda McDermott, Katie McKee, Mary Beth Parks, Alexandra Rager, Amanda Spivak and Morgan Whitehead.

Those receiving grand and reserve championships in the English division were Morgan Whitehead, Alexandra Rager, Amy Buck, Hilary Lynn Kramer and Rebecca DiGati. Those placing in the classes were Amy Buck, Rosie Marino, Rebecca DiGati, Amanda McDermott, Amanda Spivak, Hilary Lynn Kramer, Brandi Bleifuss and Janelle Hall.

## You ask You answer

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## Cook's Question Corner

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**ANSWER** — For all cooks who are searching for recipes to use up an abundance of tomatoes, here are several recipes from Stan's Kitchen, Dallas.

### Mushroom Lasagna

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- ¾ cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1½ cups skim milk
- 1½ cups plain yogurt
- Salt or gomasio if preferred
- 2½ cups broccoli flowerets
- ¾ cups diced carrots
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- Black pepper
- 9 pieces whole wheat lasagna
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated parmesan cheese

Heat oil in a saucepan and gently fry onions and garlic for 4-5 minutes or until onion is soft. Add bay leaf, thyme, and mushrooms. Simmer the sauce over a low heat for 10 minutes. Dissolve 2 tablespoons cornstarch in a little milk.

Pour the remaining milk over mushrooms. When heated through, stir in the dissolved cornstarch. Cook for 5 minutes until thickened, stirring all the time. Remove the bay leaf. Remove pan from heat and stir in ¾ cup yogurt. Season with salt and pepper. Steam the broccoli and carrots until fairly soft. Place in a bowl. Mix in pine nuts and season with salt and pepper.

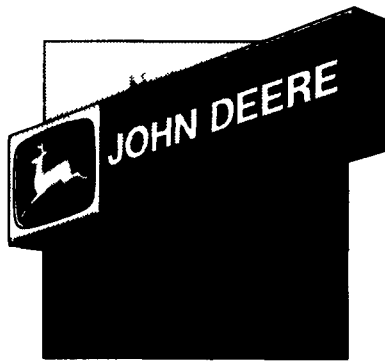
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook lasagna 8 to 10 minutes. Put a layer of mushroom sauce in the bottom of lightly oiled baking dish, cover with a layer of lasagne, broccoli mixture, and sauce. Repeat the layers.

Mix the 2 teaspoons cornstarch with the remaining yogurt. Pour over lasagna. Sprinkle the top with white parmesan cheese. Bake 25 to 30 degrees.

### Tomato Puree Seasoned

- 4 quarts peeled, cored chopped tomatoes
- 3 cups chopped onion
- 2 cups sliced carrots
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1½ cups chopped green peppers
- 1 tablespoon salt

Combine ingredients. Cook until tender. Press through fine sieve. Cook pulp until thick about 1½ hours. Stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour hot mixture into canning jars, leaving ¼-inch head space. Process in half pints and pints for 45 minutes in boiling water bath. Yields about 9 half pints.



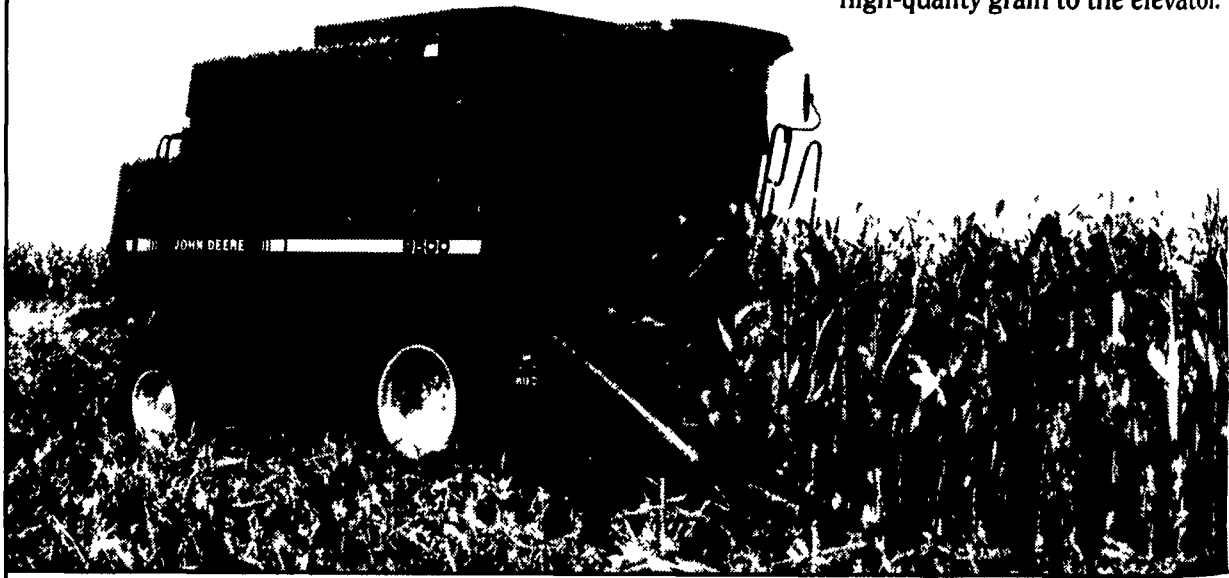
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