

*Ida's
Notebook*

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With summer almost over, we spent a few days at our camper with our oldest daughter and her five-year-old son. He calls Jack's Mountain in Snyder County "Grandpa's Mountain."

He was really looking forward to fishing and I'm afraid he was disappointed the first time that we took the boat out on Lake Walker. You see, we sat for almost two hours and got no nibbles and no fish.

In the afternoon we drove around in nearby forested areas and saw two deer. An ice cream cone topped off the trip. That evening we tried fishing again — this

time from the shore. And, we caught a lot of pan fish. In fact, Daniel caught two at one time and his mother quickly took his picture as he proudly held up the fish. We only kept a few of the bigger ones.

The next day we drove to Bald Eagle State Park where my husband could use his gas engine instead of the electric one. Here I got two small fish while our grandson got a large fish and he was so pleased. They took it home to New Jersey to show his father and brother.

My husband has two very large elderberry bushes and he has been quite busy harvesting the berries. He tried adding them to cooked apples and it made an attractive dish. Some have been frozen to use this winter. Last year I made jelly from them as they are very colorful.

Now that our freezers are full, I shall have to can all of the fruit. We have many small fruit trees behind our house but we buy more peaches, pears and plums. It takes a lot of time to spray the trees so that the fruit is perfect.

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