

**Ida's
Notebook**
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The Fourth of July weekend is not celebrated as much in our household now as it was earlier. The children looked forward to seeing fireworks and shooting their toy pistols — although we do look forward to a pig roast that our son has every July for his friends and relatives. There is something about a big farm wagon loaded with food that brightens everyone's mood, provided that the weather cooperates.

At one time a few years ago I would not have even considered buying the food that I now pur-

chase. This year we bought beautiful asparagus from an Amish family who lives near us. I froze it for use next winter. And we also froze some very nice strawberries that were for sale along the road.

Rather than make jam this year, I think we'll use what we have on hand on the basement shelves. However, other vegetables in the garden are doing fine despite the deer that live in the meadow just yards away.

My husband fell again — this time in the bedroom. He was dressing for Sunday church and

we put a Band Aid on the small flesh wound and went to church. However, the small wound did not heal and he was sent to the emergency room two weeks later to be checked for a blood clot. Can you believe that we had to spend more than seven hours there? No lunch and no evening meal, as we waited to be discharged.

Then, a few days later, they finally X-rayed his leg only to find that it was cracked completely across the large bone, and so with a broken leg he must wear a stabilizer for three months.

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