From My Amish Home: Grilling Weather Will Surely be Here Soon

By Millie Otto

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeved, not as in my presence only, but how much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Philippians 2: 12,13,14,15

I feel so fuzzy-brained. I don't know can I write or not. Early this morning it was gorgeous. The moon was shining, the air was calm, it wasn't cold. But now, the clouds hang low, and it is dreary and chilly. The wind picked up, no spring fever for me. The garden is a sad state of creeping Charlie taking over. Every time I think I can go till, it rains again.

I feel like something the cat's drug in, and the dogs won't eat. Or is it the other way around? Whatever, my dad often used that expression. And I seriously don't feel good.

We were in Dale, IL. Last week from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday afternoon.

The children at home wanted us out from underfoot so they could paint. It was a win-win situation all around. While they did our painting, we got a little mini-vacation and could spend time with our other daughter, Cynthia and Freeman Miller and their children.

I had moved out most of the stuff, but they took down shelves, etc., moved out some larger furniture, so it does look bare and it will for awhile as we need to let the paint cure for a few weeks.

There was a touching scene in the room where everything is piled and stacked.

Apparently three-year-old

Jamin was here and created a little nook to play with the toys. On one side was the play kitchen sink and stove with everything neatly arranged. On the other side was the barn and animals. This was all among the totes and furniture. This arrangement had a story all its own.

I'm glad he could find joy among the rubble.

It's just like being a Christian, living for Christ, you can find joy in these times of unrest and turmoil.

Anyway, while they were here, we were at Freemans. It was cold and windy there, mostly. We had some rain. It even snowed big fat flakes for a little bit. But we had sunshine too.

Grandson Willard bought a property across the road, as an investment, I guess. He doesn't live in the house, but we could sleep over there and take our showers.

Freeman even provided an electric scooter for Erwin to go back and forth. Of course

the littles liked it too. As did I! I told Willard he can't charge rent for his B&B, as we couldn't have breakfast. There was no stove. He can only charge us for a B!

But that was okay (he didn't by the way) we had breakfast with the family and Cindy served delicious breakfasts. As well as lunch and supper, too. Whew! We aren't used to three meals a day.

Grandson Aaron Joel is the only one in school. They have to take him and go get him. He is in second grade. Amy and I tagged along Thursday and Friday. Regina usually takes him then Cindy goes to get him. Only Friday afternoon I didn't go as I was helping Regina make supper to take to Ervin and Joanna. Ervin is Freeman's oldest. They just recently bought a property about five, or so, miles from Freeman's. One of these days it will be really nice. As for now, it is still a work in progress.

Ervin takes after his Grand-

pa Otto. He is starting out with a small incubator. He has rare breed chickens, smallish milk goats, they want to sell goats' milk. He also has some dogs. His chickens, some of them, I forget their name, but they are black all the way through. Yep! Even their meat is black. So, if you like

dark meat, there you go! We had a really enjoyable time. If only I wouldn't have brought home this hitchhiker.

It's been along time since I had a sore throat and it is miserable, to say the least!

I'll just drink lots of tea, in hopes I can flush it out.

Granddaughter Cynthia has workday. I guess I'll stay home and pout, but I don't want to go and give their little Janae my bug. It seems she can so easily pick up bugs.

In closing---After witnessing a city's "rush" hour, a foreign visitor was reluctant to try a bar's "happy" hour. Grilling weather will surely

soon be here. Maybe you'll want to try these S'Mores.

Grilled Angel Food Cake S'Mores

8 slices (1/2 inch thick each) angel food cake

4 chocolate bars (1 oz. each)

8 large marshmallows

Salt, to taste

Preheat grill to medium heat

Make 4 Smores sandwiches, consisting of 1 slice cake, 1 chocolate bar, 2 marshmallows, a pinch of salt, and another slice of cake. Wrap each sandwich in aluminum foil, place on grill, either on upper rack or over indirect heat.

Cook for 5 minutes. Check to see if chocolate and marshmallows are melting. If not, cook a few minutes longer.

Remove sandwiches from foil, place diagonally against grill grates and grill quickly until grill marks form, turn sandwiches 90 degrees and continue grilling until more grill marks form, creating diamond shapes.

Slice sandwiches in half before serving.

Pollen Most Likely Culprit The 411 Seasonal Allergies

Every year, millions of Americans who live in regions that experience harsh winters count down the weeks until warmer weather returns. For many of these people, warmer weather also means spring allergies - especially in the Midwest, where pollen is the main culprit. According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (ACAAI), spring allergies typically begin in February and last until early summer, with tree pollination starting earliest in the year followed by grass pollination later in the spring and summer.

Dr. Shitaldas Pamnani, an OSF HealthCare internal medicine physician, says identifying whether your symptoms are, in fact, caused by spring allergies is an important step in order to best treat them.

Common symptoms of seasonal allergies include congestion, sneezing, eye irritation, cough, wheezing, and headaches. However, allergy

symptoms can sometimes be tricky to identify. For example, Dr. Pamnani says that while irritated eyes can be an indicator of spring allergies, the type of irritation can help determine the cause.

"Dry eye and dry throat may not be allergy symptoms. It's more the other way around - the throat feeling more irritated and itchy, runny eyes or feeling like there is dirt in the eye. These can sometimes be allergies because sometimes the pollen triggers that and it leads to more runny eyes or watering of the eye rather than dry eyes," explains Dr. Pamnani.

The ACAAI says over-thecounter (OTC) eye drops can provide some relief for irritated eyes in the short term, but warns that prolonged use of some OTC eye drops may actually cause your condition to worsen. Your doctor can help determine the best course of action if eye irritation is one of the main allergy symptoms you experience. Another symptom that Dr.

Pamnani sees but is not quite as common is vertigo.

"Lately what I've been seeing is vertigo - or BPPV (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo) – that can be triggered because of severe sinus congestion. It can lead to Eustachian tube dysfunction, which is one of the things that I've been noticing," Dr. Pamnani says.

In order to avoid severe sinus congestion that may lead to vertigo, Dr. Pamnani typically recommends using Flonase and neti pots as soon as you start experiencing spring allergies, before your symptoms worsen. When used early and properly, these can help tremendously. He adds, however, that deviated septums and nasal polyps can make allergy symptoms worse and you may require additional measures to help alleviate symptoms if you have either of these. He recommends talking to your doctor to help properly treat your sinus congestion.

For some people, seasonal

allergies have never been an issue. But Dr. Pamnani says it is definitely possible to develop these allergies later in life – and adds that people can experience seasonal allergies in both rural and urban areas.

"Sometimes, it's associated with migration. Allergies are triggered because of the protein particles in pollens and whatnot. Some people do get desensitized to these protein particles and later in life they might have reduced allergies.

If you have never experienced seasonal allergies but are suddenly having symptoms such as sneezing, watery eyes, and so on, you may have developed them.

"Persistent symptoms for more than three to four weeks, having yellow to green discharge – and fever, headache, sinus pain or face pain, ear pain, vertigo – those symptoms are the most common reasons you should see a doctor," Dr. Pamnani advises.

The good news for spring

allergy sufferers is that many weather channels and phone apps can now track the daily pollen count, so you can check that in the morning to help you prepare before heading out the door.

If you are unable to relieve your spring allergy symptoms on your own, if your symptoms are severe, or if you are unsure if your symptoms are caused by seasonal allergies, make an appointment with your primary care provider.

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the Sidney Community Building located at 211 East Main Street in Sidney. All monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held in the Sidney Community Building meeting room.

The next "The Mid Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union" meeting will take place on Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Richs's in Ogden. Senator Chapin Rose is the

guest speaker for the meeting. Meeting attendees are asked to bring food/money donations to the meeting to be donated to the Sidell Food Pantry. Call Vice President Marjorie Miller at (217) 202-4397 to join the group or to

Have a great week!

If you or your organization have news items you want published drop a line to Ann

Rhoton at P. O. Box 491, Sidney, IL 61877 or call (217) 688-2812; don't hesitate to leave a message if there's no answer.

News items must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. each Friday to be published in the following week's paper. Items submitted after the deadline will be published in the following week's column.

Birchfield and Walters Building the Future cont'd from pg. 1

industry was stressed because we were considered essential and never stopped working, and everyone that got sent home started doing nome projects. They were at home, and they got stimulus money, so they were going out and buying materials and building the fence or remodel this kitchen that we've been putting off, so the materials were going places they had never gone. I've been doing a lot of bids where the people

said they wanted to wait, but now they're realizing that get a report every week, and increase salaries?

the materials.

In order to find enough waiting is costing them an workers, do you think you're additional ten percent. We going to have to continue to

We're paying 20-30 dollars an hour to start, depending on your level of experience, so I don't think we're too far along? If we continue raising salaries, we'll continue to see higher prices. Fifteen dollars an hour now has less spending power than the eleven dollabor. The difference is all in lars an hour you were making,

with prices where they are. How much longer do you think you're going to continue working for Walters?

into?

you're considering expanding We do commercial jobs.

Are there any other areas that

I hope I have another ten We've done Silver's machine vears in me, anyway. I still shop and CU woodworking, out by Parkland. Those are both mine. Those are all Walters buildings. They're all around. I was in the Carpenter's union back in the

nineties, and I worked seven months (out of a year) because work crashed. I went back to building pole barns and I've been busy all year round ever since. I started out as third man on the crew, and I'm regional vice president now. I never went to college; I just worked my way up. It's been good to me.

find out more information.

lumber prices are back on the rise. Steel prices are back on the rise. Steel prices went up 78 percent last year. The same coil stock we bought now costs us one and a half times what it used to. The one cost that hasn't changed is all of this as far as pricing goes is

work on the crew; I still swing a hammer and I still go out and help.

You're expanding into the post frame home market.

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athlete, the manager, the one with the plan and the daytimer, the visionary. But like coffee and cream, macaroni

and cheese, steak and mushrooms...we just go together... and it just works.

34 years now, it keeps work-

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** CHAMPAIGN COUNTY-URBANA, ILLINOIS LoanCare, LLC Plaintiff. vs

John Brown; Unknown heirs and legatees of Scott E. Juvinall; Darrell Juvinall; Ricky L. Juvinall; Defendants. CASE NO. 20 CH 65 1502 Power Lane, Champaign, Illinois 61821 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above enttitled cause on February 28, 2022, I, Sheriff, Dustin D. Huerman of

Champaign County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 13, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM , at the Champaign County Courthouse, 101 East Main St, Urbana, IL 61801, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

LOT 59 IN KIRKWOOD HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RE-CORDED IN PLAT BOOK "L" AT PAGE 20. SITUATED IN CHAM-PAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 1502 Power Lane, Champaign, Illinois 61821 P.I.N.: 41-20-02-407-028 First mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$109,948.10 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS

605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g) (1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSEC-TION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the of Champaign County.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that pur-

pose Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. R410 6095-922208 published 04/13, 04/20, 04/27/2022

So, don't ever think differences are too strange or unlikely to be good together. They might just be the perfect complement to each other. Everyone has something to share that is appealing to someone else. Every biscuit needs some gravy, every peanut butter sandwich needs some jelly, every John needs an Amy, and every Paisley needs a Grimm. Here's to unlikely duos! May God bless us, everyone.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF HOMER, ILLINOIS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby provided that the Village of Homer, Illinois, President and Board of Trustees will conduct a Special Meeting at Homer Village Hall, 500 E Second St, Homer, Illinois at 6:00pm on May 9, 2022.

The Agenda for said special meeting is as follows:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comment

4. A public hearing for consideration and discussion of the approval of a zoning variance for the front setbacks of property commonly known as 605 E First St, Homer, Illinois.

5. Adjourn Dated: April 15, 2022

> Sharon Jeffers Homer Village Clerk CERTIFICATE

I, Sharon Jeffers, Homer Village Clerk, certify that I posted the foregoing Notice at the Village Hall,500 E Second St, and furnished copies to all registered media, by 5:00pm, April 15, 2022. published 04/20/2022

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