

My Amish Home: The Unexpected Visitor in the Utility Room

By Millie Otto
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. John 1:1,2,3,4,5
“Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12
I think summer bypassed spring. Well, no, spring was just mostly cold and rainy. We did have some nice days. But now it is warm and humid. I could tell it will either rain soon or be very humid. The concrete floor in the barn is very damp. That’s a pretty good sign. But I’m not com-

plaining, just explaining.
I just need to get some windows and screens cleaned. I actually put up some screens without cleaning. Who cares anyway? Or who sees it?
I wanted to have windows open without inviting who knows what inside because there are no screens.
I do need to get the back door fixed or actually it’s the closer. It is bent and the door won’t close all the way. One has to reach back and pull it closed. And sometimes I forget....sigh...
I’m guessing that is why we had the visitor in the utility room the other morning.
I came home from work and went to the utility room to put batteries on the charger.
A movement caught my eye—wh—at?! Oh my! My first thought, Oh horrors! A mouse!
But no--it hopped, yes

hopped! Behind the water heater. A HUGE, well, maybe it was just BIG! Nevertheless, it was a big TOAD!
Eeewww! How will I get him out? I took a broom handle and pushed out from behind the water heater. Then--Swoosh! Out the door he went. I don’t believe he liked that very much but my utility room is not big enough for me and a toad!
Too bad I didn’t have Jamin with me. He would have probably put it in his pocket. At three, he is all boy!
I had the pleasure of taking him with me to get Erwin at the workshop today. I look forward to the time when his little sister is big enough and would also want to go along.
I still haven’t got the house put back together completely. Outside work calls, mostly it’s been mowing the yard.
I did get the sewing room/office back in order. I even

got the new curtains made. It was so rainy last week, so I worked on that.
I still haven’t been to the garden but I plan to go out as soon as these papers are ready to go.
I trimmed and mowed part of the yard yesterday afternoon. It was so terribly windy. I really don’t much like to mow when it is so windy. The grass blows in my face and gets under my clothes, making me all itchy. Then I have to take a shower and it isn’t even Saturday night!
Maybe I wouldn’t have so much laundry if I only took a shower on Saturday nights.
It was hard to get laundry done last week, it rained almost every day. Then Saturday, when I was barely home it was sunny. I decided to just do some laundry when I got home a little before noon.
I then had to go clean A&M.

When I got back, I took a much needed nap, woke up and the neighbor’s lawn mower was singing its song. Oh! I wanted to go mow! But no, I won’t get done and I’m way tired. It was after all already 4 o’clock. I eyed the rest of the laundry and decided I can do that. Which I did. But then, you know what? I also had to bring it in, fold it and put it away. And it was Saturday night! But Monday I was glad I had done it. I would have had five days’ worth of dirty laundry.
In closing---The best time to give advice to your children is while they are still young enough to believe you know what you’re talking about.
Maybe you’d like to try this salad.
Spring Jell-O Salad
2 pkgs. lemon Jell-O
3 cups boiling water
1 (no. 2) can crushed pineapple

2 bananas, slices
1 cup pineapple juice
2 tblsps. flour
12/3 cups miniature marshmallows or 12 large, cut up
½ c. sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 (8 oz.) container cool whip
Grated cheese
Dissolve lemon Jell-O in boiling water. Cool until it starts to thicken, then add drained pineapple, bananas, and marshmallows. Pour into a 9x13 pan and let set until firm. Beat eggs and add sugar, flour, and pineapple juice; cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat and let set until cool, then add cool whip and spread on top of Jell-O and fruit. Top with grated cheese. Cheese is optional.

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try to look young again? No. I was young and active and sexy once. I can’t even get my arm up and around my head to comb out my hair since my shoulder surgery, plus my CPAP straps and the velcro would have my hair in knots. Plus, I don’t have the energy to “be young again.”
Bleaching my hair was causing it to fall out, so I stopped doing that over a year ago, and I like the silver and gray shade it is now. I also like my short hair that is easy to care for and doesn’t get stuck in the velcro of all the straps I wear at night for my sleep apnea. As far as a treadmill, that I might do just to stay active, but I have bone and tendon

problems so I’m not going to do anything too crazy.
I decided that I’m ok with getting old. If I happen to look like my mother, then so be it. It’s in my DNA. John happens to look a lot like his dad, and that’s ok with me.
There is a great comfort in accepting who you naturally are and not fighting to be somebody else. I’m glad I can just be me, like it or not, this is who I am. Honest and humble, gray and silver, and a little fluffier and harder to kidnap..
Some people have a hard time with identity. I think they get a picture in their mind of who they would like the world to see them as, and

they try to live up to that image. Even the richest people with the most resources can only keep that up for so long. Eventually they just look like they are trying WAY too hard to be something they are not, and it’s sad.
I saw an interview with some of Hollywood’s old stars who have shows at Branson and Las Vegas, and I was surprised they were still alive and working shows. Do you remember Charo? She was a hot one when I was a kid. Oh my goodness, I think she is 95 percent made of silicone and plastic now, or maybe she’s a vampire, or both. As much fake stuff you can add to or in your body, it’s scary, and ugly too. She looked like a talking melted wax statue.
So I said all that to say this: Be happy with who you really are. Aging is a natural part of life. Enjoy every stage, because there WILL be stages. You will be young, middle aged, and old. Life will go much smoother (and less costly) if you accept the changes as they come and roll with it like the waves on the ocean.
If most people live about 70 years, then that is 25,550 days you have to spend on this earth, some more, some less. Don’t waste them. Be authentic, you’ll still fit in. Remember - we are all a little bit of a brain, an athlete, a basket-case, a princess, and a criminal.

Amish Country Tractor Cruise Set for June 18

The Amish Country Tractor Cruise is set for Saturday, June 18, 2022 in Arthur. A 46-mile cruise will take riders on a picturesque drive through the Heart of Illinois Amish Country.
Registration for the cruise will begin at 6:00 a.m. CDT at Yoder’s Kitchen, located on IL 133, and then departs at 8:00 a.m. A 9:45 a.m. CDT rest stop will be at the Rudy Huber Farm at Galton and lunch will be served at the Vernon Yoder Farm / Tri-County Auction Facility at Arcola. The cruise is expected to return to Arthur by 2:30 p.m.

Each year, the cruise takes riders on a different route throughout Amish Country. This year the cruise will visit the communities of Chester-ville, Galton, Kemp, Filson, and Arcola Major sponsors for this year’s cruise include CHI, Farm Credit Services, The Equity, Kuhns Equipment, Yoder’s Kitchen, and Yoder Seed Company.
Cruise Director, Jim Fleming expects a record crowd this year. “We have received national exposure from Heritage Iron magazine as one of the premier tractor cruises in the Midwest. I think we could

hit 200 tractors,” Fleming said. The first cruise was held in 2010 and is held on the Saturday preceding Father’s Day to encourage good family and Dad time. Many families plan activities around the cruise.
Funds raised from the cruise fund scholarships to agriculture students at ALAH High School.
For more information and to request a registration form, please contact Jim Fleming at 217-791-1026 or by email at fbjf1964@consolidated.net

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
ESTATE OF:
ALICE E. NEWBOLD,
Deceased.
Case. No. 22-PR-114
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of ALICE E. NEWBOLD, of Champaign, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 29, 2022, to GEORGINA M. NEWBOLD, Independent Co-Executor, 5959 Ulster Dr., Dublin, Ohio 43016, and ROBERT A. NEWBOLD, Independent Co-Executor, 305 Beaumont Rd., Devon, Pennsylvania 19333, whose attorneys are Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 100 N. Main Street, Morton, Illinois 61550. Claims may be filed on or before NOVEMBER 18, 2022, being more than six (6) months from the date of the first publication hereof: any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court



LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY -
URBANA, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
PLAINTIFF
VS.
MICHAEL J. DIAZ AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JAMES JOHNSON, SHELBY GRIMWOOD, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMES JOHNSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.
DEFENDANTS
Case No: 2021CH000009
Property Address:
308 4th Street
Ivesdale, IL 61851
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to: Shelby Grimwood, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of James Johnson and Unknown Owners, and Non Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that a Complaint for Foreclosure and Other Relief has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Champaign County, by said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain mortgages conveying the premises legally described as follows:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY -
URBANA ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
Westlake Homeowners Association AKA Westlake Lake Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Marilyn B. Sahiba-Burke, AKA Marilyn Burke-Sahiba, AKA Marilyn B. Sahiba Burke, deceased; Roma Kawashima; Tej Paul Singh; Joel Knosher, as Special Representative of Marilyn B. Sahiba-Burke, AKA Marilyn Burke-Sahiba, AKA Marilyn B. Sahiba Burke, deceased Defendants.
Case No. 2020CH000025
3304 Old Warson Road,
Champaign, IL 61822
Judge Jason M. Bohm
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 2, 2022, Dustin Heuerman will on June 24, 2022, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Champaign County Sheriff's Office, Champaign County Courthouse, 101 East Main Street (Juror Room), Urbana, Illinois 61801, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Lot 98 in Westlake Eighth Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book "CC" at Page 198, situated in Champaign County, Illinois.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN,
STATE OF ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOUGLAS S. BRIMBERRY A/K/A DOUGLAS SCOTT BRIMBERRY, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, BETH BRIMBERRY A/K/A BETH ANN BRIMBERRY, MORRISSEY PARK TOWNHOMES CONDO PHASE 2, ERIC BRIMBERRY, SYDNEY BRIMBERRY, JONATHAN WOMACK AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 19 CH 82
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Champaign County, Illinois, will on May 27, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 101 E. MAIN ST., URBANA, IL 61801, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Champaign, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
UNIT 2421 OF MORRISSEY PARK TOWNHOMES CONDOMINIUM PHASE 2 AS DELINEATED ON THE SURVEY ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED JULY 11, 1984 IN BOOK "Z" OF PLATS AT PAGE 328 AS DOCUMENT NO. 84R11892 WHICH AMENDS THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED APRIL 12, 1984 IN BOOK "Z" OF PLATS AT PAGE 311 AS DOCUMENT NO. 84R5526 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS SITUATED

IN THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 2401 MORRISSEY PARK DRIVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821 P.I.N. 46-20-26-203-001
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
The property is improved by a Condominium, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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