

From My Amish Home: Greet Each Day with a Smile

By Millie Otto
 "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:9,10,11,12

The first day of summer, a perfectly beautifully, cloudless sky. What is so rare as a day in June!

This morning was so very nice. Ahh! Yes! One (or maybe the only one) of the perks of being an early riser. Going outside in the early morning, it is so nice, quiet, the heat of the day is not yet. The stars are out, the moon still shining,

yes, it is worth it. It is nice, but it is getting dry.

Yes, to our way of thinking, we need rain! The grass is dry and brittle. The white clover seems to be thriving, though. I'm debating, do I want to mow and have a really dead looking yard. Or do I want to look at clover?

I guess right now it's plenty warm to mow anyway.

I've been watering the garden regularly. Sometimes I use the hose and soak everything, including myself. The nozzle seriously leaks and doesn't shut off half the time.

Sometimes I use buckets and pull them around with my mom's little red wagon.

That's how I water my flowers. I don't like to pull the hose all over the place. Last night I only watered the flowers. I wanted to trim back some roses. They looked awful, hardly had any leaves. I don't know was it a disease

or insects. I sprayed them last week and some actually had new growth.

Anyway, I needed the wheelbarrow to put my trash in.

I was kind of naughty. We have pigeons that roost in the barn and really make a mess. Two pairs were sitting outside the barn, just waiting until I opened the door. I decided they can roost in the shed behind the barn. But how will I get the wheelbarrow out without them flying in when I open the door?

I slipped in the walk-in door. They almost crashed into the door, trying to get in. I snuck out the back door into the lot. Then I had to go through a gate to get out.

Diamond thought he wanted to get out to forage on the grass. I told him it's probably not good anyway, it's too dry and brittle. He wanted to be the judge of that.

Diamond Rio Heads the Entertainment for the 91st Moultrie-Douglas County Fair

Doris Elmore
 Staff Writer

Ninety-one incredible years of fun awaits you at the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair July 5-9 at the fairgrounds in Arthur. It is earlier this year, and follows on the tail of July 4 celebrations, but it just means the festivities just keep on coming.

With much excitement, the Moultrie-Douglas Fair Board is proud to welcome Diamond Rio in concert on Saturday, July 9. They will be on stage at 8:30 p.m. We have known of Diamond Rio for many years, and now we will see them in person, gracing our very own stage. Diamond Rio is an American country music band. They were founded in 1982 as an attraction for the Opryland USA theme park in Nashville, TN, and were originally known as the Grizzly River Boys, then the Tennessee River Boys.

In 1991, Diamond Rio became the first band to top the US country charts with their debut single, the love ballad 'Meet In The Middle'. Their first album went platinum and yielded several more hit singles. They added a powerful rhythm section for their second album, an unusual move for country music. In 1997, Diamond Rio won a Country Music Association

Award for vocal group of the year, a deserved accolade as they blend state-of-the-art modern country rock with high harmonies and bluegrass instruments. This will prove to be an evening of fun, get your tickets today. Advance and online sales are \$20 and \$25 day of the show. The local popular Feudin' Hillbillies will open for Diamond Rio at 7 p.m.

Due to Monday being July 4, the fair will officially begin on Tuesday, July 5. The schedule of events appears in this week's newspapers, and also posted around local towns. This will give you a day-to-day listing of the many events. Don't forget the POP Nights for the rides, it will make you dizzy with fun.

A new Miss Moultrie-Douglas Queen and Little Miss will be crowned on Tuesday, at 7 p.m. and the Junior Miss will be crowned on Wednesday. This pageant also begins at 7 p.m. There are so many other events scheduled throughout the week. Remember to dress up your beautiful babies and enter the baby pageant on Saturday morning, July 9. It is a hard choice to pick winners, there are so many cute children.

Some of the best livestock in the area will be on exhibit, the ITPA tractor pull will attract

tractor lovers from all over, and other entertainment will provide loads of fun. The 4-H members always work hard with their animals and other projects. Please come and support them.

A special thank you to all former board members for their endless hours of labor & dedication to make Mo-Do Fair a great place to enjoy, a summer must. We would like to mention all the names of these board members, but don't want to unintentionally leave someone out. Some of them are no longer with us, but the memories of their past achievements will live on forever.

Thank you all, directors and fair goers, for your support of the Mo-Do Fair. Also, thanks to the present board members for the time and effort they put into having the fair. This is a year around planning event, for one week of the fair.

What more would you want in a county fair than fair food, entertainment, tractor pull, livestock shows, rides and more? The bright lights of the rides will light up the night sky on July 5 and continue through July 9 welcoming you to the 91st year of the fair. For more information, visit the web site at www.moultrie-douglas-county-fair.com.

Sidney American Legion Discusses Boys State, Post Offices and County Election Officers cont'd from pg. 1

Ann Rhoton attended the Saturday, June 4 Flag Day program at the Savoy United Methodist Church.

Mr. McLane reported that Ann Rhoton received the Daughters of the American Revolution (Alliance Chapter) Flag Award and that Susan and he received an Historic Preservation Award for their work on the American Veterans Memorial Display set up at American Legion Post 433.

Post 433 Adjutant Bill McLane reported the post has 62 members.

There was no Sick Call, Relief, and Employment or Service Officer's report.

Commander Hensch reported that he had received a phone call from an officer of the American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion asking the Sidney American Legion Post 433 to again host their June meeting at which they have their election of officers on Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Commander Hensch noted that the Post Home will need to be open and set up to host the meeting and that the post will need to provide refreshments for the meeting. Commander Hensch stated he will take care of getting the refreshments and asked

Post 433 members to attend and help serve refreshments.

Legionnaires in attendance then discussed the providing military rites at Sidney's Mt. Hope Cemetery on Sunday, June 26.

Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch reported under New Business that the Post 433 Executive Committee had met and decided that they want the new Executive Committee to include the following officers: Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, and Judge Advocate.

The decision of the Sidney American Legion Post 433 Executive Committee concerning what officers should sit on the committee was approved following a motion from Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch and a second to the motion by Post 433 legionnaire David Dillman.

Continuing under New Business, Commander Hensch asked for a three-member committee to nominate new officers for the 2022/2023 American Legion year. Officers needing to be nominated for the committee to bring to the Monday, July 18 meeting for consideration are for Commander, First Vice Commander, and Second Vice Commander.

Other offices are appointed by the newly installed Post Commander.

Second Vice Commander Glen Dillman, Post 433 Historian Rollo Katterhenry, and legionnaire Michael Schumacher will serve on the nominating committee.

The Post 433 raffle currently under way was discussed under Old Business and legionnaires in attendance reported that the drawing for the raffle will take place immediately after the car show awards at the Sidney Fun Daze on Saturday, July 30.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch brought the meeting to adjournment at 6:55 p.m. following a motion from Post 433 Adjutant Bill McLane, a second to the motion by Post 433 legionnaire Michael Schumacher, and closing ceremonies and a prayer from Post 433 Chaplain Fred Olds.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. Prospective new members are always welcome and encouraged to attend and all monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held at the Post Home.

Anyway, he didn't get out. The pigeons were sitting in front of the barn, wondering when the door will open.

When I was done, I decided the wheelbarrow doesn't have to be in the barn for the night. I left it on the outside.

And yes, this morning when I went out to roll the buggy out to go to work, there were the pigeons, ready to fly in. They almost took my head off going in!

Since the garden doesn't need much attention right now and mowing is kind of at a standstill, I figured I could get some inside work done.

The sewing room is desperately needing attention. Too often, I just look in there, then cower in a corner and whimper! It is so cluttered, I have so much stuff. Am I a packrat, a hoarder, unorganized? Yeah, all of the above!

I did clean out, sort of two drawers of the file cabinet yesterday, packed stuff in boxes

and put it out in the storage shed.

So now, maybe when I get this chore out of the way, I can have more mood to see if I can do something about the clutter.

In closing--Greet each day with a smile. It costs nothing to give, but, like the morning light, it scatters the darkness and makes the day worth living.

With this heat, I thought you might want to try these refreshing drinks.

Caramel Mocha Iced Coffee
 2 cups boiling water
 1¼ cups evaporated cane sugar
 ½ cup instant coffee
 ¼ cup DaVinci caramel syrup, if you prefer you can use sugar free
 1½ tsp. vanilla
 Ice cubes
 Milk
 Cool Whip, for garnish, optional
 Caramel syrup, for garnish,

optional
 Dissolve sugar and coffee in boiling water. Add caramel syrup and vanilla. Cool to room temperature, then refrigerate. This will be your iced coffee base.

To make 1 cup iced coffee add:

¼ cup iced coffee base
 1½ cup milk
 Ice cubes

**If you use regular sugar, you may want to add more sugar.

Caramel Mocha Freeze
 Iced coffee base
 Frozen milk cubes
 Optional:

Cool Whip and caramel syrup for garnish

Blend together milk cubes along with desired amount of iced coffee base

Pour into glasses and garnish with Cool Whip and syrup, if desired

**Best if you drink it immediately

Cramer Talks About His Booming Career in Fireworks

By Tony Hooker
 Staff Writer

Before his retirement last fall, Winn Cramer had produced award winning fireworks shows all over the world, including right here in Villa Grove. I recently caught up with Cramer, the former Event Producer for Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., to discuss how his 3-decade career in the industry came about, the sale of the company which he worked for, and many other things.

Mr. Cramer, where did you grow up?

I grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago.

When you were growing up in the south suburbs, were you that kid that was always stringing together two or three M80's and trying to make a bigger boom?

I couldn't have been more different from that than you would think. I was never playing around with that sort of thing in the back yard. It never really interested me.

Really? That's fascinating to me.

I was fifteen years old when I went on my first show. I wasn't allowed to shoot fireworks or anything like that. All I was allowed to do was the grunt work like digging holes for mortars and stuff like that.

How many years did it take

before they let you light the fuse?

Probably when I was 18.

How did you come to be the event producer, putting on these magnificent shows?

The business was more geographically located up north, being out of northern Indiana. We worked in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, northern Illinois and a little bit in Iowa. We didn't get involved in Southern and Central Illinois until 1991, when I first started selling there.

You grew up with the person who ran the company, and he asked you to come and help him out?

Yeah, his dad had started the company, and when he passed away, my friend started over, basically from scratch when he was 22 years old. For the first six years that he was in business, he would drive a truck and then quit two or three months before the fourth of July because he couldn't financially support himself. Then, about 6 years into it, the company just took off and grew exponentially, really. He and I were a couple of months apart in age, we met when we were 12, and we're 64 now, so....

How did you come to enter competitions?

The first time we ever competed was in 2006, in Montreal, which is considered the most prestigious competition

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT URBANA, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THOMAS E. SANDERS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. SANDERS, DECEASED AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THOMAS E. SANDERS, DECEASED, Defendants.

CASE NO. 22FC52 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1403 DAWN RD URBANA, IL 61802

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Thomas E. Sanders, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Thomas E. Sanders, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Thomas E. Sanders, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 1403 Dawn Rd, Urbana, IL 61802, more particularly described as:

i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
 ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
 iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Thomas E. Sanders, deceased
 iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The North 135.17 feet of Lot 4 in Schiff's Subdivision, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book "M" at Page 8, situated in Champaign County, Illinois.
 Permanent Index Number: 30-21-04-327-005
 v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 1403 Dawn Rd, Urbana, IL 61802
 vi. An identification of the mortgage

sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Names of the Mortgagors: Thomas E. Sanders, a single person

Names of the Mortgagee: Summit First Financial, LLC

Date of the Mortgage: August 16, 2010

Date of the recording: August 23, 2010

County where recorded: Champaign County

Recording document identification: Document No. 2010R018438

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation Pre-Conference on July 15, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Champaign County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, First Floor, 101 E Main Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801. A mediation coordinator will be present to discuss options that you may have and to assist you with a potential mortgage modification.

YOU MUST APPEAR FOR THE PRE-MEDIATION CONFERENCE OR YOUR RIGHT TO MEDIATION WILL TERMINATE.

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Champaign County Courthouse, 101 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801 on or before July 15, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

CLERK OF THE COURT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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in the world. Only 8 companies (one American) are invited every year. It's your body of work that you have to submit to even be considered, and the first year that we were there, we actually won the gold. We proceeded to participate two other times in that competition.

How much has technology changed the industry over the years?

For years, it was hand loading mortars and using fuzes to light them off. Then electronics came around and we jumped right into that so that we could choreograph musical shows with them. It's not just going out there lighting shells willy nilly. We basically have a script and we set it up off of that. You have a soundtrack and then you're literally pressing buttons over a headset. In fireworks, you have different tempos with your music, so you have to have different tempos in your fireworks, as well. You can't have all slow songs or all fast songs because of the different types of shells we have. With slower songs, you want to have shells that have longer durations in the sky.

There really is an art to it, isn't there?

For sure. It took us a few years, but we got to the point where there was no hand firing any more. Everything is scripted and pre-loaded. The shows are so much better because of the timing and everything.

What's the biggest show you've ever done?

The biggest show I've ever done, in fact I've been doing it for 25 years now, is the biggest show in the state of Illinois, in Itasca. We've participated a couple times in a fireworks competition in the Philippines, in South Korea in China. We really became global.

And it all started with a guy who had to work part-time as a truck driver?

The one thing I attribute to our success is that it didn't matter if it was a huge show or one of the smaller shows we did, we treated them with the same attention and preparation. The way you get to be a big company is

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Village of Sidney, Illinois, is accepting 3 separate bids for tree and stump removal and pruning of Village trees. There are 18 trees for removal; 23 trees that need pruned; and 21 stumps that need to be ground down or removed. Stumps may be filled in with backfill. All bids will need to include removal and cleanup of all debris.

Any or all of the lists can be obtained by calling Maggie Fish at 217-688-2225 or e-mailing admin@villageofsidney.com.

Bids will need to be sealed and hand delivered to 211 East Main Street, Sidney between 9am-noon Monday-Friday or mailed to Village of Sidney, P. O. Box 77, Sidney, Illinois 61877, attention: Maggie Fish. Please mark on envelope whether the bid is for tree removal, pruning, or stump removal. Bids must be received by 10am on Friday, July 15th. Bid opening will begin at 10:01am on July 15th at 211 East Main Street, Sidney.

If awarded the bid, bidder must have proof of bond and insurance. Removal will need to be completed by November 1st, 2022.

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