

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

In order to best care for each other, masks are required in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 27, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Fort ihr Glieder, lasst uns gehen" No. 284 v. 1-4 Seite 276

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, March 17th, 1715
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Psalm 4

Closing Hymn: "Fort ihr Glieder, lasst uns gehen" No. 284 v. 12-15 Seite 277

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "O How Shall I Receive Thee" No. 151

Closing Hymn: "Follow Me, the Saviour Cal-leth" No. 24

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.

Amana Church VBS Volunteers Needed

The recent 50-degree, sunshine-filled days got us all daydreaming about Spring and Summer, and that means the Amana Church Youth Activities Committee is starting to daydream about (and plan) Vacation Bible School! There are three ways (so far) that we could use help.

1) We would appreciate some extra "Helpers" who are able to attend from 8:30-11:30 to help at the activity stations. Helpers will not be responsible for planning or leading activities but will assist the children in the activity that the Lead Teacher is instructing. Helpers are also essential in helping younger kids find the restroom, providing occasional TLC after a collision during games, and cleaning up small messes. Helpers can volunteer for one day or numerous days. Helpers need to be in middle school (have completed 6th grade) or older. There is no maximum age!

2) We need some "Babysitters" who are available to supervise children from 8:30-9:00 (before VBS starts) in the morning. Each morning, the Lead Teachers and Helpers meet to discuss the lesson for the day and complete a brief devotional; this leaves several children of Lead Teachers and Helpers unattended! Additionally, VBS attendees begin to trickle in around 8:45. Babysitters would supervise the children in the main Saal of the Amana Church, and supplies to entertain the children (colors, music, etc.) would be provided. Babysitters can volunteer for one day or numerous days. They need to be in high school (have completed 9th grade) or older (again, no maximum age!).

3) We are looking for new or used 4-inch Terra Cotta pots to use for a craft that each child will complete. We will need at least 60-70 pots in all.

Please contact the church administrator (email mchurch@southslope.net or call 622-6155) if you can assist with any of these needs. We are so excited to spread Christ's Love to the many young hearts that will attend VBS this Summer, and we know that the more people that help, the more love we can spread!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Library is having an ongoing Used Book Sale in the periodical room: Monday 8-3, Tuesday 8-3, Wednesday 8-12:30, Thursday 8-3, Friday 8-3. There are alot of great books to choose from - cook books, gardening, fiction, non-fiction, kid's books. We would like to thank everyone who has donated books to our sale. If you have any books to donate, they may be dropped off during the above hours. If you have any questions, call 319-622-3192.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

A Eulogy for Old Creamery Theatre

We gather today to mourn the passing of a dear friend and a legend in the tapestry of Iowa culture for 50 years: The Old Creamery Theatre Company. In early February, 2022 an announcement quietly appeared on the Old Creamery website telling us she had died from "COVID."

Those of us who knew her best, don't accept that convenient explanation. We call into question the decisions made by the handful of remaining board members who retained ultimate power over her life or death and chose to pull the plug. We had begun to fear for Old Creamery's health and well-being in recent months when we saw her worldly possessions (costumes, sets, props, equipment, vehicles, and even her cast house) being sold off and/or donated. We began to wonder what would become of the nearly half a million dollars in COVID relief grant funding she had been awarded.

We question why, while other theatres fought to stay relevant, visible, and connected to audiences during the pandemic, that the Old Creamery's Board of Trustees kept her virtually silent. Why have recent public statements made by the organization's board place the final production in March of 2020 when the dedicated theatre staff worked diligently to continue producing streaming shows and, as the weather warmed, in-person outdoor productions through June? Was it really a prudent decision to unceremoniously fire every single member of the Artistic staff in early July of 2020, especially when there were already outdoor performances and youth camps booked throughout the remainder of the summer that had to be cancelled? Are we really to believe the Trustees wanted to see Old Creamery recover? Whatever the reason for her passing, she is gone. Today we celebrate her life and legacy.

The Old Creamery Theatre was conceived by Thomas P. Johnson, an educator at Iowa State, and a small group of his visionary students who served as founding members. She was born in Garrison, Iowa in 1971 and moved permanently to Amana in 1996 where she lived out the remainder of her full and artistic life.

Her influence over 50 years is undeniable. For the thousands of artists who worked on and behind her stages, the Old Creamery was a muse; a place to create, thrive, and grow as a professional. For her patrons, Old Creamery was a place to meet, to laugh, and to challenge their minds. For children it was a magical place to engage their imaginations and nurture their talents.

Despite the name, Old Creamery was never just a building. She was never a single person or group of people. She was a spirit; an essence; an ever-changing, always aspiring, live theatrical experience. Old Creamery is survived by thousands of theatres across the country, her loving family of dedicated volunteers and professional artists, and you: the hundreds of thousands of patrons who made her existence possible. You were her true life's blood. You thought of her as family and you told her so. She thought of you the same way.

It is the duty of all of us, whose lives were touched in some way by Old Creamery's far-reaching achievements, to honor her memory. Please support all of the incredible area theatre companies who are overcoming the challenges of COVID and are emerging to entertain and fulfill their missions once more. Rest in peace, Old Creamery Theatre Company. You may be gone, but you will not be forgotten. Thank you for the wonderful memories. We will treasure them...and you...forever.

Sean McCall

SPECIAL CCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

The Clear Creek Amana CSD Special Election that will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Please note the polling hours for this election will be from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

The following is the polling place for the Clear Creek Amana CSD Special Election:

**Lenox/Hilton/Pilot: Fire Station
2725 K St. Middle Amana**

Election Day Registration took effect on January 1, 2008. This means you may now register at your precinct on Election Day if you have moved. If you plan to register on Election Day, you will need to provide proof of identity (photo ID), proof of residency (your current address in the precinct), and sign an oath. This process will take extra time at the polling place. Voters are still encouraged to pre-register by Friday February 14, 2022 by 5:00 P.M. in the auditor's office if your residence has changed.

Voters are required to **provide an approved form of identification** at the polling place before they may receive and cast a ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered or who have changed precincts also may be required to provide proof of residence. Any voter who cannot show ID may have their identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct who has proper ID. Starting January 1, 2019, all voters will be required to present an approved form of identification. For additional information about voter identification visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 319-642-3923 Option 0. (Valid forms of ID: Iowa Voter Identification Card; Iowa Driver's License; Iowa Non-Operator ID; U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID; U.S. Passport; Tribal ID Card/Document.)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET						
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023						
District Name: MIDDLE SANITARY SEWER						
The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year						
Meeting Date: 3/8/2022 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Middle Amana Sewer District Office - located east of main entrance of Whirlpool.						
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk						
Contact Name: Tony Berger Contact Telephone Number: (319) 361-8459						
FUND	FYE 6-30-2021 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2022 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2023 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	Estimated July 1, 2022 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	5,351	5,187	7,020	79,573	79,582	7,011
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	5,351	5,187	7,020	79,573	79,582	7,011
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.21500						

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Am I the only one or are you like me too? The things I like doing best (needlework and reading) are things I rarely get as gifts.

My mother was a good example. She cooked and baked for others, but never was she invited to a meal in our house (We had 3 families living in our house when I was growing up).

I know how thrilled she was when Tanta Catherine Moershel would send her a birthday cake. Tanta Lina Rettig would give her 2 New Year's "pretzels" and she (mom) would give Tanta Lina two in return.

There is something about giving someone something they do because you figure you cannot do as well.

Well last Saturday I got a box from Marion Selzer Emge Ernge Eirge full of items her Oma had made over the years.

Talk about being in "hog heaven." I really wallowed in these treasures of crocheted doilies, filet tablecloth, cross-stitch sampler, etc.

All I could think about is why did I not learn some of these crafts before? I mean who does filet anymore? I think I know the basics, but that is not enough.

Crocheted or knitted doilies (to me) are works of art, but one wrong stitch and you either start over or give up.

I love doing needlepoint, but I'm a real snob about it. I have to have the right yarn and then just filling in the background takes forever although I have to admit it can be relaxing.

I so would like to do handwork again, but there are only so many pillows one can make. I've done some knitting and crocheting, but I need people to inspire me like Susan, all those "aunts," Esther, Mrs. Moershel, etc.

I know that there are people who do handcrafts, but where are you hiding?

Maybe this box of treasures will inspire me again. I've made Christmas stockings for everyone, be me - now that's an idea.

B.S.H.

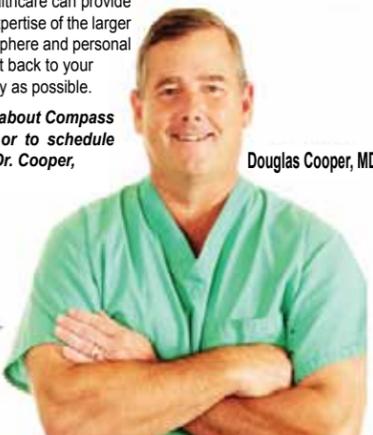
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Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?

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Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting February 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium and via Zoom

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve January 2022 Minutes
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit application(s) in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2022-012. Amana Society Inc., current agricultural land east of the Amana Furniture Shop. ACOS. Application for a Rezoning Permit. Wish to change zoning from ACOS to ACOS-NA. For a Disc Golf Course.
 - b. 2022-013. Amana Colonies Bakery and Popcorn/Victoria Kirby/agent ServPro of Cedar Rapids, 4522 220th Trail Amana. HP-C. Had fire in upstairs and attic of building. ServPro to replace shingles on roof due to fire damage. Also replace quantity two (2) one pane attic windows.
 - c. 2022-014. Amana Colonies Bakery and Popcorn/Victoria Kirby/agent ServPro of Cedar Rapids, 4522 220th Trail Amana. HP-C. Want to install a treated wood staircase on SW side of house. Existing 34" x 61" window/frame would be removed and replaced with new 3' x 6'-8" six panel solid wood core/steel clad door at top of second floor stair landing.
 - d. Grant Application – Monys Hagen – 1007 26th Ave Middle Amana – Wishes to receive HP Grant money in regard to repairing and stabilizing an outbuilding which was previously a washhouse/woodshed/out-house. The HP Grant Review Committee reviewed this request on 2/8/22 and recommended forwarding to the HPC. Potential grant amount of \$2433. Request was in before the 2/15/22 deadline.
- VI. Other Business:
 - a. Update on a potential Photography Contest in 2022.
 - b. Update on grant application for the federal Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grant.
 - c. Set aside time to review HPC work on updating various section(s) of the Zoning Ordinances.
- VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
- VIII. Adjourn

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