Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Board of Trustees has been monitoring the local COVID risk levels and updated information from the CDC. At their March 8 meeting, the Trustees unanimously approved the following:

· *Masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings.*

· *Funerals and funeral visitations resume in the Middle Amana meeting house.*

The Trustees remind all of us to respect the choice of others to wear masks, even if we choose to not mask.

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

Opening Hymn: "Pflichtmässig gelebt" No. 874 Seite 892

Testimony: Christian Metz, Kapply, Switzerland, August 31, 1834

Scipture: 1 Timothy 3:16
2 Timothy 2:14-26
Psalm 37: 1-11

Closing Hymn: "I Ich will Dich lieben" No. 490 Seite 486

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

Opening Hymn: "Christians, Come in Sweetest Measure" No. 204

Closing Hymn: "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" No. 46

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 SOCIETY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that Howard Hagen, Kirby Schaefer, Mike Schanz, and Eleanor (Elly) Hoehnle will be on the ballot for the 2022 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 16th, 2022. Absentee ballots and candidate information will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

RV PARK OPEN APRIL 1

The Amana RV Park & Event Center will open April 1st for the 2022 camping season and LP sales may begin on Monday, March 28th. Please call 319-622-7616 if you have any questions

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

By the time you read this I will be a year older and unfortunately not any wiser.

I thought that this year I would bake my favorite cake. I've never baked it before because it was my mother's cake that she would create for me as a special treat, but she has been gone now over twenty years, and had not baked it for thirteen years before, so pardon me if my taste buds are going into overdrive.

Luckily for my sister and me our mother wrote up some of her favorite recipes. Unfortunately it took awhile to find the book, not to mention the comments Charlemagne made about my numerous cookbooks and why I didn't use them. (We will use those comments to your imagination.)

Then the shelf where the cookbooks are kept collapsed dumping the books on Charlemagne's head. Needless to say more comments came forth.

I guess having three Homestead cookbooks is a little much, but one was my grandmother's , the other my mother's and finally mine all with notations. (None of us could get the chocolate pie to firm up so if you can produce this miracle let me know how you did it.)

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Sign Up Now for Take a Bite Dinners

Amana's Take a Bite is April 8 – 10 but there are dinners and events you should sign up for right now. For information about all Take a Bite activities go to the Amanacolonies.com events page or pick up a brochure at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center. Here's a rundown of those events for which you should sign up now:

• Die Heimat Weekend Stay and Kalona Meal – Reserve your room and sign up for a dinner in a Kalona Amish farm home. Marc and June will arrange for you to dine with a Kalona Amish family the evening of Friday April 8. . Then of course Die Heimat will be serving their own delicious, full hot breakfast (always an attraction at Die Heimat)for you for breakfast during your stay.

• Amana Heritage Society – Communal Kitchen Carryout Meal. Teaming up with the talented cooks at the Amana Meat Shop, the AHS will be serving a carryout dinner Friday, 5 p.m. at the Communal Kitchen that will beef tongue, crumbed potatoes, creamed spinach, cooked horseradish, cabbage slaw, and 2 Easter bunny cookies! Prepayment required. Call 319-622-3567 to reserve your meals.

• Vintner's Dinner Ox Yoke Inn – Saturday April 9, at 6 p.m. "When in Rome!" A five course meal featuring Italian cuisine. Each course paired to White Cross Cellars wines. Check out the fun menu on the Ox Yoke Inn or White Cross Cellars website. Call 319-622-3409 to make your reservation.

• Millsteam Brau Haus Wine and Beer Dinner – On Sunday, April 10, a specially planned four course meal during which you'll learn how/ why each wine/ beer was paired to each course. A lot of delicious fun! Call 319-622-7332 to make your reservation.

• Wine tasting at Ackerman Winery. It's a "popcorn and wine" pairing event Saturday, April 9. Go to the Ackerman Winery website to learn all about this tasty event or call 319-622-3379 to reserve your seating.

CCA receives Iowa Leaders in Ag Award

The Clear Creek Amana School District was recognized by the State of Iowa's Department of Agriculture for promoting and serving locally produced foods at CCA schools at the Iowa Ag Leaders Banquet in Ankeny March 8

A release from the Iowa Ag Secretary reads, "Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recognized organizations and entities making exceptional contributions to the state's agriculture community. Naig presented the awards to the City of Cedar Rapids; Country View Dairy; Clear Creek Amana Community School District - Field to Family' the Mighty Howard County Fair; Bill Northey and Craig Hill during the 10th annual Iowa Agriculture Leaders dinner held at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny on March 8.

"Over the 10 years of the Iowa Agriculture Leader Awards, we have recognized people and organizations that are making a difference for our farmers and rural communities," said Secretary Naig. "I am proud to continue that tradition this year by recognizing outstanding leaders who champion conservation, build new markets for Iowa products and engage the next generation of agriculture leaders."

Debbie Klein, Nutrition Director at Clear Creek Amana Community School District was there to receive the award for Leadership in Market Diversification on behalf of the CCA District.

The award recognized the work being done at Clear Creek Amana CSD to incorporate locally-produced or grown food into the school menus while supporting local agriculture. CCA serves yogurt and other products from local sources. They are working directly with Country View Dairy in Hawkeye, Iowa, a 250- head diary that produces its own yogurt, "Field to Family." Clear Creek Amana shares this award with Field to Family and Country View Dairy for Leadership in Market Diversification.

A video about the locally produced foods program at CCA is on CCA's website under "Community News."

Bird Watch Amana

The past couple of weeks have seen a large uptick in the number of birds in the Amanas as the spring migration is on. Thanks to birdwatchinghq.com and my own bird books for this information about observations.

Birds we are seeing these days in these parts:

• About 15 species of duck.

• Herons have a smaller population hence are seen in small numbers, but they are back or moving through Iowa now. Great blue herons and the hard to see but common, black crowned, night heron, have been spotted.

• Canada geese of which there are greater numbers than ever in the middle west. Canada geese, well adapted to modern North America, are in here in abundance.

• Snow geese. These have white to grey bodies, but have blackish wing feathers.

• Ross's goose. A Ross's goose looks like a snow goose, but has a stubby bill, smaller head and black rear tail feathers with a white belly.

• The cackling goose which looks just like a Canada goose but has a stubby head, shorter bill and shorter neck.

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Part Time Teller

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Part-time hours will vary. Average 25 hours/week.

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• The greater white fronted goose – which has a mostly grey to brownish colored body with a white patch on the front of his face above his orange/ gold bill and white on the bottom/ rump area. They have a shorter neck than the Canada goose. They aren't native to the midwest but do move through Iowa this time of year.

• The tundra swan which looks very like a trumpeter but is a bit smaller in size and has a small, yellow patch below/ in front of their eyes. These migrate through Iowa, but don't live here generally. They are known to make a sort of "whistling" noise when they fly so are often called "whistling swans."

• The mute swans. These are very large birds, have long necks and orange bills. They are not mute and they are not native to Iowa. They were originally imported from Europe and are the graceful swans we generally associate with ponds in pretty parks.

• The trumpeter swan. The trumpeter swan is the largest native bird in Iowa and is the only swan native to Iowa. They have a black bill and black facial "hair" from bill to eyes. They have black to grey colored feet and legs.

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FOR RENT

1 bed room Apartment for rent South Amana. No smoking, references required, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351 Also have a room for rent, shared bath and common area.

QUILT AMANA APRIL 1-3, 2022

Join Heritage Designs Quilting & Needlework at Price Creek Event Center for QUILT AMANA 2022! This second annual event will feature over 200 quilts on display, with over 100 offered for sale. A number of vendors and guest artists will be at the event, and wonderful quilting demos and exhibits will be showcased.

New to the show this year is a very exciting quilt exhibition, "Found". "Found" features quilts discovered in various states of completion and wear, which were then completed and/or reproduced. Enjoy discovering the history and journey of these beautiful pieces, no longer lost to time.

Other vendors and demos include: fiber artist Sue Kluber, handcrafted hardwood quilt displays from Schanz Furniture, Primitive Quilts & Projects (PGT) Designs, fabric rep swatch sale, and traditional Amana Quilting demo.

Safe Haven of Iowa County animal rescue will also have their raffle quilt on display with tickets for sale.

Weekend passes are only $5.

Heritage Designs Quilting & Needlework is located at 614 46th Avenue, Amana, IA 52203. Call 319-622-3887 or email heritagedesignsquiltshop@gmail.com for more information.

Contact the Amana Colonies Visitors Center at 319-622-7622.

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Going through mom's recipes brought back so many memories. I suppose cooking is a diary.

I thought back to something Erna Fels once said when I went into one of my rants. She said that giving food was often an expression of love when words fail us.

I remember Tante Alma Ehrle who seemed to "always" make chicken rice soup to be served for "lunch" before an afternoon funeral. (That reminds me that funerals always seemed to be in the afternoons. When did all that change?)

Then there was "Tanta Heina' who would bring "Scharzwurzel" all cleaned and prepped.

I look back and wonder did we thank these people enough? Did we tell them how much we loved them? Will God allow us the privilege of being reunited with them? Will we remember to thank them then?

I wonder if I'll ever get around to baking that cake? Frankly looking through the cookbook has brought back so many memories that I'm more then a little choked up. They are all memories filled with love.

I feel blessed to have live in such a tiny community with all its quirks. I'm grateful for the numerous cookbooks, but most of all I am grateful for the cooks who make cakes for birthdays, weddings, graduations, funerals, etc. all from "scratch."

If only just one had taught me how to frost the sides of a cake, I would would have appreciated it.

By the way THE CAKE recipe was found and baked by Charlemagne. He announced that he would not enter it in the Iowa State Fair. It might not have looked terrific, but it tasted wonderful, even with his his improvisations.

B.S.H.

P.S. To Ron Goltz, we have a fire truck sitting next door, but because of your warning no candles were put on the cake. Please remember you are older the me.

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HAHN BAKERY SEASONAL HOURS
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OBITUARY

Mary Lou Dickel, 88, reached her eternal resting place on March 21, 2022, at Rose Haven Nursing Home in Marengo. Funeral Service will be in the Middle Church on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with Br. Jon Childers officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m., until service time. Burial will be at the Middle Amana Cemetery. Memorials may be contributed in Mary Lou's memory to the Iowa County Fair and Safe Haven of Iowa County. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband Willard; five children, Sharon (Terry) Roberts of Marengo; Dean (Mary) Dickel of Mineral Point, WI; Joan (Russ) Jones of Williamsburg; Chris (Donna) Dickel of Green Castle, MO; and Danny (Mandy) Dickel of Marengo; in addition to 16 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, William, Albert and John; and two sisters, Janet Aiken and Edna Michalek.

Mary Lou Aiken was born August 1, 1933, in rural Victor, the daughter of Ralph and Jesse (Shine) Aiken. The family moved to a smaller farm west of Marengo during The Great Depression. Mary Lou graduated from Marengo High School in 1952 and later received a teaching degree from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls (now the University of Northern Iowa). She married Willard Dickel in Marengo on Oct. 23, 1954. Willard and Mary Lou purchased the Aiken Farm in 1957. They lived there until Willard's father died in 1961, at which time the family moved to the Dickel house in Middle Amana. The family moved back to the Marengo farm about 1967 and all five children received much of their education at Iowa Valley Schools.

Mary Lou loved farm life and always a had a large garden that provided a bounty of potatoes, tomatoes, corn and other staples. Flowers were her passion. Stray animals somehow sensed they would never be turned away if they found their way to Mary Lou.

Around 2000 Willard retired from farming and he and Mary Lou moved back to Middle. Willard took over the gardening when Mary Lou's health started to fail.

Online condolences may be left at www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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FREE SEEDLINGS AT GATEWAY PARK ARBORETUM TREE WALK

A guided Spring Tree Walk in conjunction with a distribution of free tree seedlings will take place April 23rd at 2 pm. at Gateway Park Arboretum located on the north edge of Marengo. There will also be a tree planting demonstration and door prizes.

Gateway Park Arboretum, has been awarded a Level I Accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum, for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism. Gateway Park Arboretum is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, (http://www.arbnet.org/morton-register-arboreta) a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

Gateway Park Arboretum was created in 2004 with a grant that was used to purchase 70 trees. A collection of conifers was donated and planted that same year. Today there are 36 different species of identified trees and shrubs including 10 species of oaks and 12 species of conifers.

A walking trail runs through the arboretum and continues around a 41-acre lake that is part of Gateway Park and Preserve. A meditation garden provides space for trail walkers to pause and rest or reflect. Guided tree walks and educational activities are organized by Iowa County Master Gardeners and Iowa County Conservation Naturalists.

Arboretum accreditation is an important step toward achieving the goal of educating the public about the importance and the beauty of trees and their place in the natural world.

Gateway Park Arboretum encompasses 7.5 acres of trees, shrubs, and perennial gardens. It is nestled within Gateway Park and Preserve, a 131-acre property owned by Iowa County Conservation. More information and a map of trees at the arboretum can be found at this link: https://iowacountyconservation.org/things-to-do/our-properties/gateway-park-and-preserve/