Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

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

The Baccalaureate Service will be in the Amana Church Sunday, May 18, 2022, starting 10:00AM with Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Schaffhausen, November 3, 1719

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27,
Psalm 121

Hymns: "Take My Life And Let It Be" No. 267
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" No. 1 in the Sunday School hymnal

Song Sheets will be provided.

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.

CONGREGATE MEALS

If you would be interested in attending a congregate meal at the Amana fellowship hall once a week (historically Monday), please contact Elly at 319-622-6155. There are no age requirements to attend the meals.

We cannot resume them until we have at least 10 people who commit to attending.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

TOMATOES, PEPPERS AND MORE!

The 2022 Iowa County Master Gardener plant sale will be held this Friday, May 13, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Marengo.

Iowa County Master Gardeners have been busy growing more than 30 varieties of tomatoes, 18 varieties of peppers and many vegetables, herbs and flowers. They will be on sale at the low prices unchanged from past years. Rain barrels in a selection of colors and organic mosquito repellent will also be available for purchase. Master Gardeners will be ready to answer any gardening questions you might have and door prizes will be awarded. Hope to see you there!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Are you superstisious? If you are here is a question about the horseshoe.

It seems that an Abbot/blacksmith by the name of Dunstan had an encounter with the Devil no less.

Dunstan was confronted by the devil who threatened to destroy some new houses in the village so Dunstan pinched the devil's nose with his tongs.

The devil was forced to make a promise not to go into any house with a horseshoe hung over the door, then Dunstan went before the devil and hung horseshoes in every house.

Dunstan became a saint and the devil left the village alone.

Now comes the question. Does one hang the horseshoe like a "U" over the door so it will hold good luck, or does one reverse the horseshoe so the good luck pours out over those who live in the house?

No one really knows the answer.

There is another thought to ponder - the rabbit's foot.

According to North American tales it must be the hind left foot and have been shot in a cemetery on a full or maybe new moon on a rainy Friday.

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AMANA SOCIETY 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Amana Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society has awarded the 2022 Amana Society, Inc. scholarships to Ella Marie Stephens of Brooklyn, Iowa, Braxton McGrath of Middle Amana, Iowa, and Brody Ward of Marengo, Iowa. All applicants are to be commended for their hard work and wonderful academic records. Congratulations and best wishes to all graduating seniors!

Thank you. Amana Society, Inc.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Poetry Night Amana Arts Guild

It' back! The Amana Arts Guild Poetry Night is happening Saturday, May 14 at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana, 1210 G. Street, at 7 p.m.

Readings of poetry created by local residents, including the winners of the AAG Poetry Contest, plus poetry and short pieces of prose written about the Amanas in the 20th century will be read by Amana residents.

Busy Month at CCA
Snow Make up Days, Steel Drums and Graduation Planned

The last full day of school will be Friday, May 27 in the Clear Creek Amana School District. Two days have been added to the May school calendar, May 25 and May 27 to make up for cancelled class days due to snowfall or ice this past winter.

High School graduation will be Friday May 27 at 7 p.m. in the football stadium should weather allow. If it looks like rain they will move it to the High School Auditorium in Tiffin.

Also this month on Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. the Clear Creek Amana FAME is presenting Iowa Steel Pan on the patio outdoors at the CCA Performing Arts Center at the High School. Bring your own lawn chairs, snacks and blankets though MooMoo ice cream will be available for sale.

Music Plays on at Hotel Millwright

Need to unwind after work? Need a little music for your soul? Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 6 p.m. come for live music on the patio (or indoors) at Hotel Millwright's Electric Thread.

Here's the lineup for the rest of May and early June

Thursday, May 12 – Cole Thomas
Saturday, May 21 - Brook Hoover
Saturday, May 28 – Brook Hoover
Thursday, June 2 – Steve Kalmes
Thursday, June 6 – Justin Goodchild
Thursday, June 16 – Nick Stika

Tickets on Sale Now for Live Theatre in the Amanas

It's "Weekend Comedy"

Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy are making history here as the theatre returns to the Amana Colonies for "Weekend Comedy" after a COVID hiatus that lengthened into something else altogether when the Old Creamery closed for good this past winter.

With a song in their hearts and the soul of dreamers, Milligan and Kennedy got to work and yes, there's comedy coming up at the Amana Colonies Performing Arts Center May 20 – 21 at 7:30 p.m.

By Sam Bobrick and Jeanene Bobrick, this funny, perceptive and ageless comedy about the generation gap, love and marriage is written by the same guy who wrote for "The Andy Griffith Show," "Bewitched" and "The Flintstones" before heading to Broadway. Imagine Andy and Helen after years of marriage spending a long weekend with a young Ron Howard and his bride and then re-tune for 2022 and you'll understand why this winsome, witty play is an entertaining charmer.

"Weekend Comedy" stars Fisher Williams and Samantha Scheetz, Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan. You may recall that Williams and Scheetz are Clear Creek Amana High School graduates whose stand out work in CCA productions prepared them for university and college productions. Scheetz is currently performing with City Circle Theatre Co. and is "Serena" in the upcoming production of "Legally Blonde" at the Coralville Performing Arts Center, City Circle Theatre.

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IOWA 1855 AMANA MEAT SHOP & SMOKEHOUSE

Do you want to work in a friendly environment with fun coworkers? Are you interested in meeting new people as they shop at a great local business?

If so, the Amana Meat Shop is the place for you! Come join our team and help customers find quality food right here in Amana.

Part Time Retail Associates are needed for Saturdays and Sundays. Stop in for more information or call Laura Sue at 319-622-3953.

Garage Sale at
Price Creek Event Center
May 27 and 28.

You are invited to sell your no longer wanted items. ~ tables for your displays $15 each
~ plenty of parking ~ set up
Wed 10am - 8pm & Thurs 10am - 8pm
~ BBQ and beverages.
For more details call 319-622-5254

FOR RENT: Graduation Parties, Reunions, social gatherings, meetings

The Homestead Welfare Club (4215 V St. Homestead), offers an exceptional 1100 sq. ft. meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a ½ acre private, beautifully shaded back yard with picnic tables and small shelter, perfect for outdoor activities. Rental is $75/day. An additional 500 sq. ft. full-service kitchen is available for an additional $25.

Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.

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Feathers *from page 1*

I just am borrowing from Rebecca Greig's essay in the magazine History of Forklore, Fairy-tales, & Monsters.

Beware of me being in a bookstore or library - that is "good luck" for the owner, but bad luck for Charlemagne's back since he gets to carry the books home.

B.S.H.

CHOOSE LOCAL CAMPAIGN CONNECTS IOWANS TO LOCAL FARMERS AND FOOD

Iowa Valley RC&D has launched a statewide Choose Local marketing campaign to connect Iowans to local farmers and producers. Iowa has a rich farming history but in today's busy world, many consumers find it difficult to connect with available resources and knowledge on how to support their local fruit and vegetable growers.

The Choose Local campaign consists of seven high-quality videos that feature the most common ways of accessing local, speciality crops in Iowa. The videos include: A CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture; farm-to-table restaurant; farm stand; local farmers' market; on-farm special events; and a flower farm. Each video highlights a unique Iowan small business.

The Choose Local campaign will run February-August, representing the time period from when consumers typically sign up for annual CSA shares, to the height of farmers markets and on-farm events in Iowa. A new video will be released each month.

"Iowa is blessed with a large diversity of local food opportunities in Iowa from a wide range of farmers and producers. We are excited to celebrate this diversity with Iowans and highlight some of the amazing farms across the state," says Jason Grimm Iowa Valley RC&D Executive Director.

For more information about Choose Local, visit our Choose Local webpage or contact Julia DeSpain, Iowa Valley RC&D Creative Coordinator at julia@ivrcd.org. Subscribe to the Iowa Valley RC&D YouTube channel to view the Choose Local videos as they release, and follow Iowa Valley RC&D on social media.

Iowa Valley Resource, Conservation & Development (Iowa Valley RC&D) is a non-profit based in Amana, Iowa that works to grow local economies, strengthen food systems, foster protection and enhancement of natural resources by providing technical assistance, connectedness, and strategic project implementation for local Iowa producers.

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Benefits of a VA Home Loan

The VA home loan program is more important today than ever before and is one of the most powerful loan options on the market for active military and veterans. The increasing popularity has stemmed from the main benefits of VA loans.

Here are the eight biggest benefits of VA mortgages:

- 1: No Down Payment
- 2: No Mortgage Insurance
- 3: Competitive Interest Rates
- 5: Closing Cost Limits
- 6: Lifetime Benefit
- 7: No Pre-payment Penalties
- 8: Foreclosure Avoidance

VA loan have been the safest loan on the market for most of the last eight years. That's pretty remarkable considering that about 8 in 10 homebuyers don't put any money down. The VA mortgage program has emerged as a safe harbor for several reasons, including the VA's residual income guidelines.

For information: https://www.veteransunited.com/valoans/8-unbeatable-benefits-of-va-home-financing.

As always I encourage veterans residing in the local community to contact our office to inquire about possible benefits from your active duty service. Please contact us at 319-642-3925 or email jolson@co.iowa.ia.us for additional information or to schedule your appointment.

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Interesting fact. Both couples are real-life couples who met on the stage. Like Milligan and Kennedy whose "meet cute" should be its own romantic stage show, Fisher and Scheetz met in first grade (on the bus of course) and again at high school show choir auditions. Love blossomed at show choir. They have worked together in four shows and hope to equal Milligan and Kennedy whose intertwined resumes are a love poem of joint professional respect, passion for the arts and yes, we can say it, one another.

Come early and enjoy locally sourced treats including Millstream rootbeer, Fireside wines, Ox Yoke Inn pie and more. Tickets are $20.

To purchase tickets call Deb Kennedy directly at 319-899-3799, or you may use these websites:

Tickets for Friday, May 20th: *http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ej3cmn2cbd1701fd&llr=hhlcmoebb*

For Saturday, May 21st: *http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ej4vxrpid56cc904&llr=hhlcmoebb*

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE/RENT

For Sale: 2BR, 2 Bath, Single Dwelling Unit with 2 stall garage for sale located on Amana Retirement Community Campus. Must be 55 years of age or older. Please contact Tanya Strong at (319) 622-3551 for details.

Amana Golf Course Condo **For Sale or Rent:** On fairway #9, one bedroom, two bath, two levels with vaulted ceiling, screened porch, washer and dryer, refrigerator, remodeled kitchen, fireplace. Call 319-551-4044.

For Rent: room with shared bath and common area South Amana. No smoking, references, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

GARAGE SALE

Walford City-Wide Garage Sales Saturday, May 14TH Some may be held on Friday.

SERVICES

Spring Lawn Clean-up; Lawn Aeration; Lawn Thatching; Lawn Mowing; Lawn Rolling: Spring Garden Tilling. Call Robb Jeck at 319-622-3308

HELP WANTED

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WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP

The area commonly referred to as the South Dump, is private property and **only** for the use of Amana Society stock holders living within the Amana Colonies, and may be under 24 hour photo surveillance.

Absolutely No burning is permitted at the South Dump. Burning is dangerous and not compliant with DNR Regulations.

Only organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, and users **must** remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

OBITUARY

Dr. Ralph Herman Ruedy, 78, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Staunton Virginia at Brightview Baldwin Park.

Ralph was born to a communal German pietist immigrant community in the Amana Colonies, Iowa. As a charter member of the Amana Heritage Society, which was established to preserve the history of the community, Ralph's kind heart never left home during his larger-than-life travels. His beautiful family home was built approximately in 1870 and is considered a National Historic Landmark, with the communal kitchen wing of the building leased as a museum.

After he graduated from Iowa State University, Ralph embarked on an extraordinary Naval career, where he was decorated with the Navy Achievement Medal for his service in Vietnam. Concluding his service, Ralph was promoted to lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves, later receiving a commission as major in Air Force Intelligence. He went on to achieve his PH.D. in English from Duke University. In fact, Ralph's dissertation, "Ford Maddox Ford and the English Review, 1908-1909," can still be found online on Brown University's "Modernist Journals Project" website.

It was at Duke he met his future wife. Still the love of his life to this day, Ralph married Shirley Eloise Wallace in the Duke University Chapel fifty-two years ago. They have three children: Carolyn Eloise Ruedy, Elizabeth Marie Ruedy, Daniel Ralph Ruedy, and granddaughter Imogen Marie Townes.

When in the foreign service of the United States Information Agency, Ralph and his family traveled to Tehran, Iran; East Berlin, then of the German Democratic Republic; Bonn, then of the Federal Republic of Germany; Russia; and Washington, D.C. He witnessed the fading of the Shah, saw Russia following the collapse of the Soviet Union, witnessed German reunification, and helped build new diplomatic relationships in a transformed Europe. A fluent German speaker, Ralph's favorite location was Germany.

Ralph's service to country was continued into retirement when he was often called upon to consult for the U.S. Department of State. His duties included serving as interim Deputy Office Director for the Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, which sent him to Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo. Ralph served as an election observer, carrying him to Montenegro, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Ukraine. As an ordained elder within the Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, VA, Ralph has participated in outreach that included international mission trips to Mexico, Kenya, and Honduras. As a member of Trinity Episcopal Church here in Staunton, he traveled on mission trips to Honduras. He was also a member of Trinity's Outreach committee, the Augusta County Historical Society, Kiwanis, and Forum Club.

It's unbelievable he ever had time for other pursuits, along with his ample professional and community service, but Ralph carved out room for reading, fishing, and hunting, reciting poetry, and being a good grandpa.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton with Reverend William "A.J." Heine officiating. A memorial service will be held in Amana at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Amana Church (PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307) for "Restore – Revive – Renew."

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